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### The Project



The DNA Trail grew out of the [Silk Road Theatre Project](#). Jamil Khoury, artistic director, conceived the idea for The DNA Trail, and explains the rationale behind it in an article entitled, "[The DNA Trail: From Swab to Stage](#)" (World Literature Today 84:2 (2010): 23-26).

Another of the featured playwrights, Velina Hasu Houston, discussed the DNA Trail project in an article entitled, "[Hiking the DNA Trail](#)" (American Theatre 27:3 (March 2010):40-43).

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Shishir Kurup is a founding member of the [Cornerstone Theatre Company](#)

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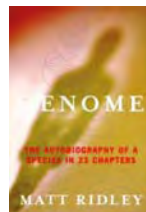
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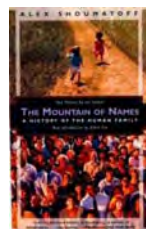
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