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## **Pioneer Drama Service Purchases Meriwether Publishing and Contemporary Drama Service**

*Denver, CO - October 15, 2014:* In an exciting development for theatre publishing, Denver's Pioneer Drama Service has purchased Colorado Springs' Meriwether Publishing as of August 1, 2014. This acquisition includes the rights to over 150 titles that Pioneer Drama Service will now sell in both the wholesale and the retail markets.

Pioneer Drama Service, the nation's largest full-service play publisher catering exclusively to the educational and community theatre markets, has been a trusted source for theatre resources and family-friendly plays for over 50 years. This purchase marks their entrance into the world of book publishing.

Pioneer will continue to publish textbooks under the name Meriwether Publishing, now a division of Pioneer Drama Service. They plan on releasing new and innovative titles within the next year and are actively seeking new submissions.

Publisher Steven Fendrich is excited to launch Pioneer Drama Service into the book publishing world. "We've acted as a distributor for Meriwether's books for almost 20 years, so Pioneer was the most natural company to acquire their business. We are thrilled to now be the publisher of these many fine works and are excited to expand the number of titles offered."

In this same acquisition, Pioneer Drama Service also purchased the secular division of Contemporary Drama, bringing the number of play and musicals that Pioneer Drama Service publishes and licenses to over 1300.

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