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PRESS RELEASE

Truant Company Care Takers by Billy Cowan



In a gripping and powerful drama from award-winning playwright Billy Cowan, those who stay, aren't the ones who care

Ms Lawson, a new teacher at Newall South High School, believes Jamie Harrow is being bullied because he's gay. She wants to help but a bigger bully in the form of Deputy Head, Mrs Rutter, stands in her way. **Care Takers** was first produced in 2009 and premiered at the Dublin Gay Theatre Festival where **Penelope McDonald** was nominated for Best Actress for her portrayal of Mrs Rutter. The play was selected by The **Library Theatre Manchester** as one of the best studio plays of 2009 and was reproduced for their prestigious festival **Re:Play** in 2010. This new version is published by Aurora Metro Books.

Truant Company formed in 2003 when director **Natalie Wilson** was teamed up with writer **Billy Cowan** for a rehearsed reading of Billy's first play *Smilin' Through*, which won the 2003 **Writing Out Award** for Best New Gay Play organised by the **Finborough Theatre**, London. The play went on to be produced by **Contact** and was nominated for **Best New Play 2005** by the Manchester Evening News. Truant's other work include: *Daddy* (2004), *Heart is a Lonely Hunter* (2004), *Stigmata* (2006), *The Right Ballerina* (2012), and *Still III* (2014).

As a playwright **Billy Cowan** has continued to win awards; 2010 **Warehouse Theatre's** international playwriting competition with *Transitions*, later produced as *Still III*. He has also received two special commendations at the **Verity Bargate Award** as well as being one of the winners of **M6 Theatre Company's** Small Change monologue competition for Web Pal.

'Tight and powerful... hits home with a punch' ★★★★★ *WhatsOnStage.com*

'A great piece of writing... fiery and quick. Go see it' ★★★★★
RemoteGoat.com

'Insightful, provocative and plausible' *Manchester Evening News*

www.TruantCompany.com

Listings Information

Venue	C, venue 34, Edinburgh Festival Fringe
Dates	3-29 Aug (not 15 Aug)
Time	18:35 (1h05)
Ticket prices	£9.50-£11.50 / concessions £7.50-£9.50 / children £5.50-£7.50
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Fringe box office	0131 226 0000 / www.edfringe.com

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