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Dear Theatre Colleagues,

Having produced a staged reading of Colin Speer Crowley's FIFTEEN MEN IN A SMOKE-FILLED ROOM for the Villagers New Playwrights Series 2011, I can wholeheartedly recommend this play to any theatre interested in producing it.

The play's historical subject is meaty without being dry, and the themes of the personal tragedies behind public lives are timeless. Our community theatre audience was engaged in the action throughout, and they had a lively discussion with the playwright afterward.

The script provides several well-drawn, multi-faceted roles for actors, with a nice balance between male and female roles. Almost all of the action takes place in a single interior space, with one scene at a dining table that could easily be placed downstage in a spotlight or in front of the proscenium curtain. The play is a good fit for both community and professional venues.

I believe "Fifteen Men In a Smoke-Filled Room" would be an excellent addition to any theatrical season.

Sincerely,

Catherine Pherson, Producer
Villagers New Playwrights Series