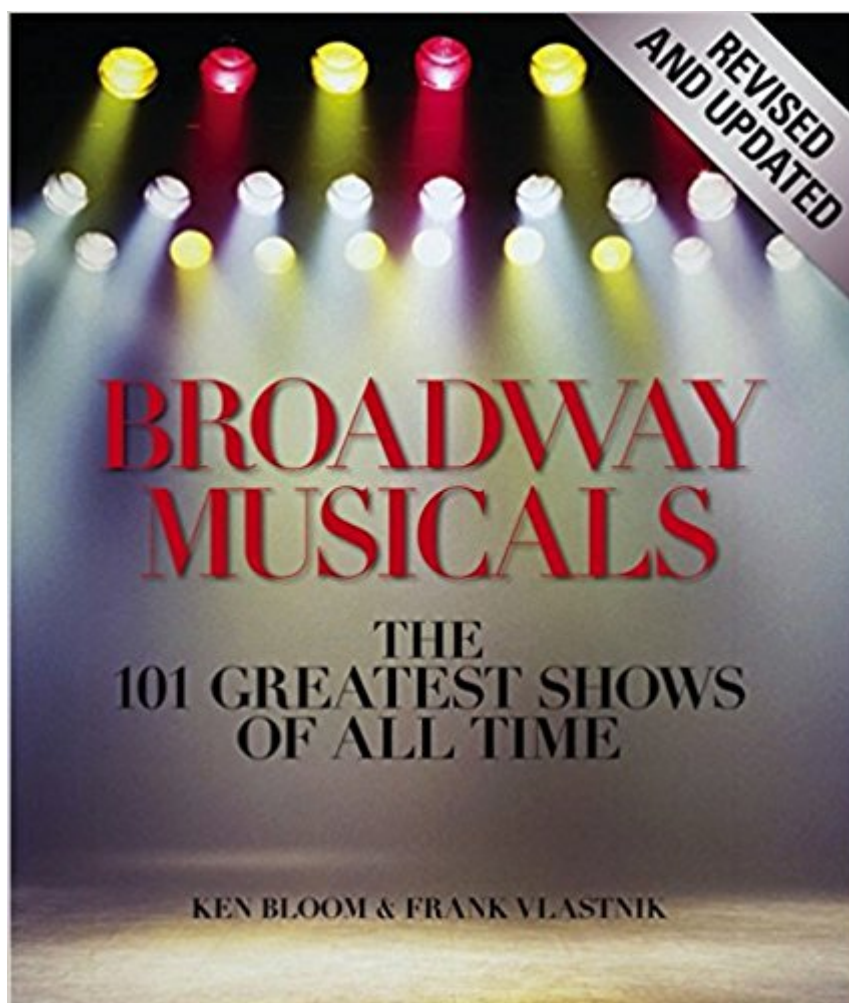


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# Broadway Musicals, Revised And Updated: The 101 Greatest Shows Of All Time



## Synopsis

A fully updated edition of the acclaimed and bestselling Broadway Musicals, now featuring an expanded off-Broadway section— Broadway Musicals is a richly illustrated, and information-packed celebration of the most popular and enduring Broadway shows of all time. Each show is featured in a detailed, photo-filled chapter that includes expert commentary, special features on the creators and performers, plot synopses, cast and song lists, production details, and backstage anecdotes. Also included are sidebars on Broadway flops, advertising posters, the greatest scores, and more. This edition includes several shows not in the original hardcover edition such as Avenue Q, The Drowsy Chaperone, and Wicked. An expanded off-Broadway section showcases beloved shows such as I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change and Little Mary Sunshine. Praise for Broadway Musicals: "This book is a joy from cover to cover." —Dallas Morning News "This book is a must for fans of musical theater." —Hartford Courant "A nostalgic treasure trove." —Seattle Times "For any theater fan or musical buff it is a perfect abridged education." —Minneapolis Star Tribune "Broadway Musicals is a visual delight." —Palm Beach Post

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## Customer Reviews

Ken Bloom and Frank Vlastnik are the co-authors of Sitcoms. Bloom is the author of The American Songbook: The Singers, the Songwriters, and the Songs; Jerry Herman: The Lyrics; and a two-volume history of Twentieth Century-Fox music, among other books. He lives in New York City. Frank Vlastnik and Ken Bloom are the co-authors of Sitcoms. Vlastnik is an actor who

appeared in the original casts of the Broadway musicals *Big, Sweet Smell of Success*, and *A Year with Frog and Toad*. He lives in New York City.

I bought this book as a gift for a friend's niece who is an aspiring singer and actress. She loved the book. Most of the plays she's performed in during high school and outside venues detailed in this book. She really enjoyed reading the behind the scenes info she did not know. I would highly recommend this book.

Some readers moaned about certain shows being omitted from this "greatest of all time" list. But the authors state their criteria up front and admit that some really great shows will not make their list for this-and-that reason, but that it doesn't mean they don't hold those shows in high regard. But this "greatest" list, or ANYONE'S "greatest" list for that matter, is not an absolute measurement. To complain is to miss the point, and to miss the joy of this book. The book is packed with great pics, interesting trivia, and production details and credits that are often overlooked or forgotten as the years roll by. If you're a fan of musical theater (and are secure enough in your own opinions to not take the "Greatest Shows of All Time" tag too seriously) then you will certainly get hours of enjoyment out of this book. It's fun to look back at some of the older shows and see the no-names who went on to become bigger names, either in the theatre world or elsewhere. Recommended.

EVERY MUSICAL YOU HAVE EVER SEEN, HEARD ABOUT, THOUGHT ABOUT OR COULD CARE LESS ABOUT. THE AUTHOR GIVES INTERESTING DETAILS ON EACH AND THIS WILL MAKE A GREAT COFFEE TABLE AND CONVERSATIONAL BOOK. I RECOMMEND IT FOR ALL LOVERS OF BROADWAY.

I purchased this as a birthday present and the feedback I got was very good. It is filled with many interesting tidbits of history and brought out what was going on behind the glitter. I have read through some of the information on some of the plays and find it very good. Lots of interesting pictures that enhance the narrative.

A book on the wish list of a friend who loves Broadway Musicals. A nice addition for anyone who loves musicals.

My granddaughter goes to a performing arts high school. She dream is to be on Broadway, this

book was a great gift to her!

Fabulous pictorial look at 101 Broadway musicals, from the early 20th century to the early 21st !  
Many rare photos abound. An absolute MUST for the musical aficionado !!!

I bought this for my niece. She absolutely flipped out when she saw it. Great present for anyone who loves Broadway.

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