

Beating Broadway How To Create Stories For

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “ A world of invention and skulduggery, populated by the likes of Edison, Westinghouse, and Tesla. ” —Erik Larson “ A model of superior historical fiction . . . an exciting, sometimes astonishing story. ” —The Washington Post From Graham Moore, the Oscar-winning screenwriter of The Imitation Game and New York Times bestselling author of The Sherlockian, comes a thrilling novel—based on actual events—about the nature of genius, the cost of ambition, and the battle to electrify America. New York, 1888. Gas lamps still flicker in the city streets, but the miracle of electric light is in its infancy. The person who controls the means to turn night into day will make history—and a vast fortune. A young untested lawyer named Paul Cravath, fresh out of Columbia Law School, takes a case that seems impossible to win. Paul ’ s client, George Westinghouse, has been sued by Thomas Edison over a billion-dollar question: Who invented the light bulb and holds the right to power the country? The case affords Paul entry to the heady world of high society—the glittering parties in Gramercy Park mansions, and the more insidious dealings done behind closed doors. The task facing him is beyond daunting. Edison is a wily, dangerous opponent with vast resources at his disposal—private spies, newspapers in his pocket, and the backing of J. P. Morgan himself. Yet this unknown lawyer shares with his famous adversary a compulsion to win at all costs. How will he do it? In obsessive pursuit of victory, Paul crosses paths with Nikola Tesla, an eccentric, brilliant inventor who may hold the key to defeating Edison, and with Agnes Huntington, a beautiful opera singer who proves to be a flawless performer on stage and off. As Paul takes greater and greater risks, he ’ ll find that everyone in his path is playing their own game, and no one is quite who they seem. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE WASHINGTON POST AND THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER “ A satisfying romp . . . Takes place against a backdrop rich with period detail . . . Works wonderfully as an entertainment . . . As it charges forward, the novel leaves no dot unconnected. ” —Noah Hawley, The New York Times Book Review

Based on twenty-five years of clinical experience and groundbreaking research on more than 1,000 individuals, Feeling Good Together presents an entirely new theory of why we have so much trouble getting along with each other, and provides simple, powerful techniques to make relationships work. We all have someone we can ’ t get along with—whether it ’ s a friend or colleague who complains constantly; a relentlessly critical boss; an obnoxious neighbor; a teenager who pouts and slams doors, all the while insisting she ’ s not upset; or a loving, but irritating spouse. In Feeling Good Together, Dr. David Burns presents Cognitive Interpersonal Therapy, a radical new approach that will help you transform troubled, conflicted relationships into successful, happy ones. Dr. Burns ’ method for improving these relationships is easy and surprisingly effective. In Feeling Good Together, you ’ ll learn how to: - Stop pointing fingers at everyone else and start looking at yourself. - Pinpoint the exact cause of the problem with any person you ’ re not getting along with. - And solve virtually any kind of relationship conflict almost instantly. Filled with helpful examples and brilliant, user-friendly tools such as the Relationship Satisfaction Test, the Relationship Journal, the Five Secrets of Effective Communication, the Intimacy Exercise, and more, Feeling Good Together will help you enjoy far more loving and satisfying relationships with the people you care about. You deserve rewarding, intimate relationships. Feeling Good Together will show you how.

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING PHENOMENON From Beth Kery, the national bestselling author of Explosive, comes a red-hot romance like no other—where the rules of attraction are broken with that first electrifying touch. Meet Francesca and Ian. The fantasies of what ’ s to come begin... Because You Are Mine, Part I Because You Tempt Me It starts with that first look, when you know you have to have him... Francesca Arno has been commissioned to create a grand centerpiece painting for the lobby of Ian Noble ’ s new skyscraper. It ’ s at a cocktail party in her honor that she first meets him—and the attraction is immediate for Francesca. It ’ s also bewildering. She ’ s not used to such a wholesale sexual response to a stranger. Enigmatic, darkly intense, with a commanding presence, Ian completely unnerves her. And she likes it. For Ian, she ’ s the kind of woman he can ’ t resist—one that comes all too rarely: a true innocent. But he can sense in her a desire to open up, to experiment, to give herself to the fantasies of a man in control. The first kiss, the first caress, the first challenge for a woman who craves what she ’ s never had—a man who gets what he wants. More to come. Don't miss Because You Are Mine, Part II, available 8/7

There are stories that can reach into our hearts and tear at them with an unrelenting force and there are others, which delve deep into our subconscious and leave an indelible mark on it. Sometimes these stories come with an unremitting feeling of hopelessness and a sadness that knows no end, while others deliver nuances of anticipation that there is still some good in the world. Beating The System: My Life in Foster Care, is the story of Marquis Williams and his turbulent childhood, as he tried desperately to figure out society while never knowing his father and having to deal with the consequences of violent outbursts from an unpredictable mother. Torn from his siblings and grandmother at the age of eight, then continuously relocated from one foster home to another, Marquis found his life almost echoing that of his wayward mother, with only the joy of the game of basketball to soothe the agonies and confusion he endured. Read his story, from being an introverted kid who just wanted to have a normal life, to developing into a well-adjusted adult making the right decisions. Beating The System: will challenge us all to take a deeper look at underserved children, and reflect on what we can do to help make a difference in others' lives, all while simultaneously changing our preconceptions of the Foster Care System.

Acting in Musical Theatre remains the only complete course in approaching a role in a musical. It covers fundamental skills for novice actors, practical insights for professionals, and even tips to help veteran musical performers refine their craft. Updates in this expanded and revised second edition include: A brand new companion website for students and teachers, including Powerpoint lecture slides, sample syllabi, and checklists for projects and exercises. Learning outcomes for each chapter to guide teachers and students through the book ’ s core ideas and lessons New style overviews for pop and jukebox musicals Extensive updated professional insights from field testing with students, young professionals, and industry showcases Full-colour production images, bringing each chapter to life Acting in Musical Theatre ’ s chapters divide into easy-to-reference units, each containing group and solo exercises, making it the definitive textbook for students and practitioners alike.

The Secret Life of the American Musical

Feeling Good Together

Because You Tempt Me

The Troubled Lives and Enduring Soul of the Temptations

The Chosen and the Beautiful

The Daily Show (The Book)

An Oral History as Told by Jon Stewart, the Correspondents, Staff and Guests

An Instant National Bestseller! An Indie Next Pick! A Most Anticipated in 2021 Pick for Oprah Magazine | USA Today | BuzzFeed | Greatist | BookPage | PopSugar | Bustle | The Nerd Daily | Goodreads | Literary Hub | Ms. Magazine | Library Journal | Culturess | Book Riot | Parade Magazine | Kirkus | The Week | Book Bub | OverDrive | The Portalist | Publishers Weekly A Best of Summer Pick for TIME The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel | Goodreads | Bustle | Veranda Magazine | The Week | Bookish | St. Louis Post-Dispatch | Den of Geek | LGBTQ Reads | Pittsburgh City Paper | Bookstr | Tatler HK A Best of 2021 Pick for NPR “A vibrant and queer reinvention of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s jazz age classic. . . . I was captivated from the first sentence.”—NPR “A sumptuous, decadent read.”—The New York Times original.—Kirkus Reviews, starred review Immigrant. Socialite. Magician. Jordan Baker grows up in the most rarefied circles of 1920s American society—she has money, education, a killer golf handicap, and invitations to some of the most exclusive parties of the Jazz Age. She’s also queer and Asian, a Vietnamese adoptee treated as an exotic attraction by her peers, while the most important door-dazzling illusions, lost ghosts and elemental mysteries. In all paper she is fire, and Jordan can burn the cut paper heart out of a man. She just has to learn how. Nghi Vo’s debut novel, The Chosen and the Beautiful, reinvents this classic of the American canon as a coming-of-age story full of magic, mystery, and glittering excess, and introduces a major new literary voice. At the Publisher’s request, this applied.

The local and regional shows staged throughout America use musical theater’s inherent power of deception to cultivate worldviews opposed to mainstream ideas. Jake Johnson reveals how musical theater between the coasts inhabits the middle spaces between professional and amateur, urban and rural, fact and fiction, fantasy and reality, and truth and falsehood. The homegrown musical provides creating opportunities to expand what is possible in the current one. Whether it is the Oklahoma Senior Follies or a Mormon splinter group’s production of The Sound of Music, such productions give people a chance to jolt themselves out of today’s post-truth malaise and move toward a world more in line with their desires for justice, reconciliation, and community. Vibrant and strikingly original, taking place in the hoping, beating hearts of Americans.

The Ultimate Musical Writer’s Planner is an all-in-one workbook to help you brainstorm, develop, plan and calendar your new musical. You’ll find guides on outlining story structure and character development, charts for determining vocal ranges and rhyme patterns, checklists for readings and marketing, goal planning sheets, a monthly planning calendar, and much, much more. It’s a 240+ page musical writer’s manual. Include: Getting Started, The Book & Story Structure, Character Development, Writing the Script, Music & Songwriting, Development & Readings, Submissions & Marketing, Setting Goals, Monthly Planner, Contacts & Important Info, Recommended Resources, and Notes & Brainstorming. Writing a musical isn’t easy, and it can take years of work to successfully move it from idea to stage. This workbook includes important ideas. It may even one day become a treasured memento of the journey.

Though Meredith Willson is best remembered for The Music Man, there is a great deal more to his career as a composer and lyricist. In The Big Parade, author Dominic McHugh uses newly uncovered letters, manuscripts, and production files to reveal Willson’s unusual combination of experiences in his pre-Broadway career that led him to compose The Music Man.

The popularity of musicals has reached an all-time high leading to the development of numerous original shows. In this comprehensive new guide, Beating Broadway: How to Create Stories for Musicals That Get Standing Ovations, written by veteran storyteller and successful creator of musicals Steve Cuden, readers learn how the plots and stories behind musicals are developed and honed. With advice for building winning musical stories. Cuden, who has been there, done that, offers writers the know-how and encouragement to construct brilliant, attention-grabbing musical storylines. Beating Broadway provides readers with practical, down-to-earth advice for crafting successful musical theater stories that will reach audiences everywhere. This complete, two-part manual also guides authors and producers. By showing writers the ins and outs of storytelling required for today’s commercial musical theater, Beating Broadway places success firmly within grasp. Readers also gain insight into how stories function in forty of the world’s most beloved stage and movie musicals as Cuden breaks down each one into key narrative beats and plot points. “Beating Broadway is a take-you-by-the-hair-of-the-dog manual. This book feeds your mind with how stories for musicals are made. If you are interested in creating or producing a musical, Steve’s insights will be helpful and inspiring to you.JEFF MARX, Tony winning Composer/Lyricist of Avenue Q “Beating Broadway digs deep to the core of how stories for successful musicals are created. This is a must-have book for anyone who wants to write exceptional musicals. Hairspray and Co-Lyricist and Executive Producer for the Hit TV Series, Smash “Beat-by-beat, Steve Cuden breaks down story, structure, and song spotting so you can beat the Broadway musical before it beats you!”CHERI STEINKELLNER, Emmy-winning Writer/Producer of Cheers and Teacher’s Pet, Tony-nominated Writer of Sister Act Aint’ Too Proud to Beg

Writing & Staging a New Musical

How to Beat Your Wife

The Big Parade

How Broadway Shows Are Built

Lying in the Middle

This critically acclaimed play by Luis Valdez cracks open the depiction of Chicanos on stage, challenging viewers to revisit a troubled moment in our nation’s history. From the moment the myth-infused character El Pachuco burst onto the stage, cutting his way through the drop curtain with a switchblade, Luis Valdez spurred a revolution in Chicano theater. Focusing on the events surrounding the Sleepy Lagoon Murder Trial of 1942 and the ensuing Zoot Suit Riots that turned Los Angeles into a bloody war zone, this is a gritty and vivid depiction of the horrifying violence and racism suffered by young Mexican Americans on the home front during World War II. Valdez’s cadre of young urban characters struggle with the stereotypes and generalizations of America’s dominant culture, the questions of assimilation and patriotism, and a desire to rebel against the mainstream pressures that threaten to wipe them out. Experimenting with brash forms of narration, pop culture of the war era, and complex characterizations, this quintessential exploration of the Mexican-American experience in the United States during the 1940’s was the first, and only, Chicano play to open on Broadway. This collection contains three of playwright and screenwriter Luis Valdez’s most important and recognized plays: Zoot Suit, Bandido! and I Don’t Have to Show You No Stinking Badges. The anthology also includes an introduction by noted theater critic Dr. Jorge Huerta of the University of California-San Diego. Luis Valdez, the most recognized and celebrated Hispanic playwright of our times, is the director of the famous farm-worker theater, El Teatro Campesino.

THE STORY: On the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the

While rehearsing what may be the last show in the Ethel Merman Theater, twelve-year-old Monica Garcia and other cast members are locked in and must try to appease a ghost and reverse a curse.

In this volume of 15 articles, contributors from a wide range of disciplines present their analyses of Disney movies and Disney music, which are mainstays of popular culture. The power of the Disney brand has heightened the need for academics to question whether Disney’s films and music function as a tool of the Western elite that shapes the views of those less empowered. Given its global reach, how the Walt Disney Company handles the role of race, gender, and sexuality in social structural inequality merits serious reflection according to a number of the articles in the volume. On the other hand, other authors argue that Disney productions can help individuals cope with difficult situations or embrace progressive thinking. The different approaches to the assessment of Disney films as cultural artifacts also vary according to the theoretical perspectives guiding the interpretation of both overt and latent symbolic meaning in the movies. The authors of the 15 articles encourage readers to engage with the material, showcasing a variety of views about the good, the bad, and the best way forward.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, as told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers-including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics-a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, The Daily Show has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows.

The Play of Daniel Keyes' Flowers for Algernon

The Psychosocial Implications of Disney Movies

How a Friendship Pact Led to Success

Acting in Musical Theatre

Beating Hollywood

A Comprehensive Course

Facing the Music

During the summer of 1899, a ragtag band of newsboys stood up against the most powerful newspaper publishers in New York City to demand a fair shake. In the spring of 1992, Disney released a live-action musical film based on these historical events. Newsies inspired a generation of musical-theater performers and fueled a fervent, almost cultlike, fan base that ultimately demanded that this story be brought to the stage. However, it wasn't until two decades later, after beating countless odds, this musical about a very unlikely triumph achieved by youngsters landed on Broadway and became a veritable hit. Newsies: Stories of the Unlikely Broadway Hit features more than one hundred first-person accounts of the creation and impact of Newsies--from historical research, film, production, and stage development through the musical's first anniversary on Broadway.

These are the thoughts from my heart, so tired of beating. The darkness that loomed in every ounce of my being, weighing me down. Many people experience that darkness, while others cannot comprehend the inner thoughts that eat at someone overwhelmed with depression. These are first hand thoughts from my darkest times, as well as the times I could feel light. These pages are written to share that light, understand the darkness, and allow those suffering to know they are not alone.

A guide to investing for retirement provides advice on how to construct investments, warnings about common investment obstacles, and real-life examples

The first and only definitive biography of legendary Motown group, the Temptations The Temptations are an incomparable soul group, with dozens of chart-topping hits such as My Girl and Papa Was a Rollin Stone. From the sharp suits, stylish choreography, and distinctive vocals that epitomized their onstage triumphs to the personal failings and psycho-dramas that played out behind the scenes, Ain't Too Proud to Beg tells the complete story of this most popular—and tragic—of all Motown super groups. Based on in-depth research and

interviews with founding Temptations member Otis Williams and many others, the book reveals the highly individual, even mutually antagonistic, nature of the group's members. Venturing beyond the money and the fame, it shares the compelling tale of these sometime allies, sometime rivals and reveals the unique dynamic of push and pull and give and take that resulted in musical genius. The first book to tell the whole story of Motown's greatest group, with all-new interviews and previously undiscovered sources and photographs Gives the last word on enduring Motown mysteries, including the deaths of Paul Williams and David Ruffin and the truth behind Ruffin's tumultuous romance with Tammi Terrell Reveals the secret "can't miss" formula behind the Temptations' thirty-seven chart hits Draws on more than one hundred interviews with the group's associates, industry figures, family members, and most importantly, founding Temptation Otis Williams Ain't Too Proud to Beg takes a cohesive and penetrating look at the life and enduring legacy of one of the greatest groups in popular music. It is essential reading for fans of the Temptations, music lovers, and anyone interested in the history of American popular culture over the last fifty years.

The Heinemann Plays series offers contemporary drama and classic plays in durable classroom editions. Many have large casts and an equal mix of boy and girl parts. This play is a dramatization of Daniel Keyes's story about a retarded adult who desperately wants to be able to read and write.

Beating Broadway

Musical Theater and Belief at the Heart of America

My Life in Foster Care

THE NOVEL

Dear Evan Hansen

Fearless

Tips for Creating Unforgettable Screenplays

(Limelight). The lyricist/librettist of The Fantasticks , the longest-running show in the history of the American theater, takes on a new role as your guide through the magical world of the stage musical.

Steve Cuden’s Beating Hollywood examines, piece by piece, how writers, directors, and producers create stories for extraordinary movies by breaking down forty classic films into narrative beats, plot points, and movements to uncover how magic was made. More than a simple look at what others have done, this book also serves as a comprehensive guide to how you, too, can craft a memorable story for the screen. From Cuden’s 150 invaluable tips, you’ll learn how to: Master storytelling fundamentals Create unforgettable characters, dialogue, and scenes Build solid story structure Develop plot Break your story into what Cuden calls eight essential chapters Cultivate a unique voice Think like a businessperson who can sell your writing, not merely a creative artist This is a must-read for anyone who writes screenplays-new writers and seasoned pros alike-as well as an invaluable resource for film teachers and movie buffs. "...so comprehensive, so well organized, so accessible and useful for writers at any stage of their career, I want to quote the whole damn thing... This is one gigantically valuable asset to the screenwriting community." -Hal Ackerman, Screenwriting Co-Area Head, UCLA School of Theater, Film, Television and Digital Media "If you're a lover of cinema, read it and be the smartest guy in the room at your next film society gathering." -David Wise, Developed/Executive Story Editor/Writer, The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; Story Editor/Writer The Mighty Ducks "Cuden's text is a masterpiece of insight delivered with the ease and wit of a conversation with good friend, who just happens to be a life-long craftsman at the top of his game." -Rick Hawkins, Emmy-winning Writer, The Carol Burnett Show, Mama's Family, Major Dad, Sister, Sister "Steve has demonstrated by his own writing and through this book that he understands the complexities of screenwriting, and his analysis of what makes certain films unforgettable is enlightening. This book is, above all, useful." -Howard Suber, Professor at UCLA's film school for 50 years, Author, The Power of Film and Letters to Young Screenwriters "Talk about the tools of the trade! After absorbing this amazing book, you may never watch a movie the same way again-and you will certainly be inspired to write one of your own." -Phil Proctor, Firesign Theatre "If you want to learn screenwriting, you could spend \$120,000 dollars on graduate school or just buy Steve Cuden's book."

Writing & Staging A New Musical is a brand new instructional manual for anyone eager to create and premiere their own original piece of musical theatre. It is a practical guide filled with useful tricks, tips and templates designed to reduce the workload for creators and producers alike.

Musical Director and arranger David Loud, a legendary Broadway talent, recounts his wildly entertaining and deeply poignant trek through the wilderness of his childhood and the edge-of-your-seat drama of a career on, in, under, and around Broadway for decades. He reveals his struggle against the ravages of

Parkinson's and triumphs repeatedly. This memoir is also a remarkable love letter to music. Loud is the 'Ted Lasso' of the theater business, ever the optimist! "Music has consequences,' a wise teacher once told a young David Loud: so does a story well-told and a life fully-lived. I lost count of how many times I

laughed, cried, and laugh-cried reading this wonderful, wry, intimate, and inspiring book. David wields a pen like he wields a baton, with perfect timing, exquisite phrasing, and enormous heart." — David Hyde Pierce, actor, Frasier, Spamalot, Curtains "Beautifully written, filled with vivid details, braided with love

and loss and wit and the perspective of someone with an utterly unique story to tell." -- Lynn Ahrens, lyricist, Ragtime, Once on This Island, Anastasia "Luminous and surprising, an extremely honest memoir of a life lived in the world of Broadway musicals, by one of the theatre's most gifted conductors. I can't think

of another book quite like it." -- John Kander, composer, Cabaret, Chicago, New York, New York Unforgettably entertaining and emotionally revealing, Loud is pitch-perfect as he describes his path to the podium, from a stage-struck kid growing up at a school devoted to organic farming and mountain climbing, to the searing formative challenges he faces during adolescence, to the remarkable behind-the-scenes stories of his Broadway trials and triumphs. Skilled at masking his fears, Loud achieves his dream until one fateful opening night, when in the midst of a merry, dressing room celebration, he can no longer deny reality and

must suddenly, truly, face the music.

A funny, sexy, and ultimately poignant memoir about mastering the art of the "vacationship." Kristin Newman spent much of her twenties and thirties buying dresses to wear to her friends' weddings and baby showers. Not ready to settle down and in need of an escape from her fast-paced job as a sitcom writer, Kristin

instead traveled the world, often alone, for several weeks each year. In addition to falling madly in love with the planet, Kristin fell for many attractive locals, men who could provide the emotional connection she wanted without costing her the freedom she desperately needed. Kristin introduces readers to the

Israeli bartenders, Finnish poker players, sexy Bedouins, and Argentinean priests who helped her transform into "Kristin-Adjacent" on the road—a slower, softer, and, yes, sluttier version of herself at home. Equal parts laugh-out-loud storytelling, candid reflection, and wanderlust-inspiring travel tales, What I Was Doing While You Were Breeding is a compelling debut that will have readers rushing to renew their passports.

Time-tested Strategies to Beat the Market and Retire in Style

Unprotected

A Handbook

The Ultimate Musical Writer’s Planner

Writing The Broadway Musical

Meredith Willson’s Musicals from The Music Man to 1491

Wuthering Heights

Most men do not know how to treat their wives, especially when these women fail to play the roles divinely stipulated for them. In this book, you will discover how a husband can help his wife overcome the negative traits in her character while correcting the wrong foundations that may have been laid down in their union.

Author of the #1 New York Times bestselling Take Time for Your Life now shows you how to reclaim your life one week at a time Cheryl Richardson, bestselling author and one of the most sought-after lecturers in the country, knows firsthand how tough it can be to juggle the daily demands of living in a fast-paced world, and how easily you can become disconnected from your true self and what makes you happy. In Life Makeovers, Cheryl has taken all the know-how and insight she has gleaned from her years as a personal coach and distilled it into a simple, year-long program that shows how making small changes, over time, can have a huge impact on the quality of your life. In fifty-two simple yet profound essays, Richardson provides a plan for both reflecting and taking action, along with specific, practical advice and exercises to help readers gradually and permanently remodel their lives, week by week. Easy to use and fun to read, this workbook is the perfect companion to Take Time for Your Life. Topics include: The Gift of Time: It's Self-Management, Not Time Management Are We Having Fun Yet: When Life Gets Too Serious, Here's What to Do Give Your Brain a Vacation: For Finding the Best Ideas, Try This Standing in the Shadow: Whose Talent Are You Hiding Behind? Stop Juggling and Start Living: Here Are Some of the Balls to Drop Close Encounters: How to Make a Deeper Connection with Others Her brief, personal essays will inspire you to make changes, and her Take Action Challenges, which appear with comprehensive resource sections at the end of every essay, will guide you through small steps that will slowly teach you to think, act, love, work, and even laugh in a whole new way. Written in Cheryl's signature, heartwarming style, Life Makeovers is the ideal book for anyone looking for a balanced way to reclaim their life one step at a time. How often do you daydream about living a better life—a life that reflects more of you, your values and deepest desires? How many times have you come to the end of a busy week and toyed with the fantasy of packing abag and leaving it all behind? The "Life Makeover" program is a powerful year-long program for change. It is designed to support you in changing your life one week at a time. Each chapter consists of a topic of the week and contains a Take Action Challenge and a Resources section to support you in taking action quickly and easily. Be prepared for your life to unfold in wonderful ways. As you clean up the clutter, reconnect with your inner wisdom, strengthen your character, and take on the challenges of high-quality living, you'll find that the lost parts of yourself start to come together to form a pretty amazing life!

This guide to the modern musical covers the entire process of creating a show, from finding and working out the initial idea, through to the ways in which writers can market a finished show and get it produced. For the interested theatregoer and writers, it is written in a lively and user-friendly style and illustrated with numerous examples.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "King's songs have mixed rock-soul heart-rush with real-world ache. So does her memoir...Revealing, humble, and cool-aunt chatty." -Rolling Stone The incredible life that inspired the hit Broadway musical Beautiful Carole King takes us from her early beginnings in Brooklyn, to her remarkable success as one of the world's most acclaimed songwriting and performing talents of all time. A NATURAL WOMAN chronicles King's extraordinary life, drawing readers into her musical world, including her phenomenally successful #1 album Tapestry, and into her journey as a performer, mother, wife and present-day activist. Deeply personal, King's memoir offers readers a front-row seat to the woman behind the legend and includes dozens of photos from her childhood, her own family, and behind-the-scenes images from her performances.

A New York Times Bestseller For almost a century, Americans have been losing their hearts and losing their minds in an insatiable love affair with the American musical. It often begins in childhood in a darkened theater, grows into something more serious for high school actors, and reaches its passionate zenith when it comes time for love, marriage, and children, who will start the cycle all over again. Americans love musicals. Americans invented musicals. Americans perfected musicals. But what, exactly, is a musical? In The Secret Life of the American Musical, Jack Viertel takes them apart, puts them back together, sings their praises, marvels at their unflagging inventiveness, and occasionally despairs over their more embarrassing shortcomings. In the process, he invites us to fall in love all over again by showing us how musicals happen, what makes them work, how they captivate audiences, and how one landmark show leads to the next—by design or by accident, by emulation or by rebellion—from Oklahoma! to Hamilton and onward. Structured like a musical, The Secret Life of the American Musical begins with an overture and concludes with a curtain call, with stops in between for “I Want” songs, “conditional” love songs, production numbers, star turns, and finales. The ultimate insider, Viertel has spent three decades on Broadway, working on dozens of shows old and new as a conceiver, producer, dramaturg, and general creative force; he has his own unique way of looking at the process and at the people who collaborate to make musicals a reality. He shows us patterns in the architecture of classic shows and charts the inevitable evolution that has taken place in musical theater as America itself has evolved socially and politically. The Secret Life of the American Musical makes you feel as though you’ve been there in the rehearsal room, in the front row of the theater, and in the working offices of theater owners and producers as they pursue their own love affair with that rare and elusive beast—the Broadway hit.

Making Musicals

How to Retire Rich

The Normal Heart

A Natural Woman

Stories of the Unlikely Broadway Hit

Broadway Investing 101

Zoot Suit & Other Plays

A mindbending, relentlessly surprising thriller from the author of the bestselling Wayward Pines trilogy. “Are you happy with your life?” Those are the last words Jason Dessen hears before the masked abductor knocks him unconscious. Before he awakens to find himself strapped to a gurney, surrounded by strangers in hazmat suits. Before a man Jason’s never met smiles down at him and says, “Welcome back, my friend.” In this world he’s woken up to, Jason’s life is not the one he knows. His wife is not his wife. His son was never born. And Jason is not an ordinary college physics professor, but a celebrated genius who has achieved something remarkable. Something impossible. Is it this world or the other that’s the dream? And even if the home he remembers is real, how can Jason possibly make it back to the family he loves? The answers lie in a journey more wondrous and horrifying than anything he could’ve imagined—one that will force him to confront the darkest parts of himself even as he battles a terrifying, seemingly unbeatable foe. Dark Matter is a brilliantly plotted tale that is at once sweeping and intimate, mind-bendingly strange and profoundly human—a relentlessly surprising science-fiction thriller about choices, paths not taken, and how far we’ll go to claim the lives we dream of.

Emily Bronte was an English novelist & poet, who is best known for her only novel, "Wuthering Heights: She has written poems also such as - 'Poems by Currer, Ellis and Action Bell', 'A Death Scene', 'To a Wreath of Snow, and lots Many. 'Wuthering Heights' is a highly imaginative work of passion and hate. Author was interested in mysticism and used to enjoy her solitude outdoors. This novel consists of those elements. It is now considered a classic of English literature. It was published under the pseudonym - "Ellis Bell" The story is full of high creativity and very imaginative. It narrates revenge also. It revolves around the main character, Heathcliff. Wuthering Heights is his farmhouse. Heathcliff is a young orphan, who was brought by Earnshaw at Wuthering Heights, 30 years ago. Earnshaw loves him (Heathcliff) so much, even neglects his own children. After death of Earnshaw, his elder son Hindley becomes the new master of Wuthering Heights and he allows Heathcliff to stay there only as a servant. Catherine is in love with Heathcliff, but doesn't show due to her social statue. The story thus seems very interesting and it ends with sights of the ghosts of Catherine and Heathcliff. It consists of many ups and downs Readers will Surely going to enjoy the novel. It’s Heartthrobing and it’s very difficult to getup without reading the novel - fully.

Have you ever thought about investing in a Broadway show? Or wondered how it worked? Ever imagine what it would be like to have been an investor in Phantom of the Opera, Wicked, or even Hamilton?Broadway investing, while without a doubt a high-risk investment, can be a fun, fulfilling and yes, even a profitable experience. That’s why I often call investing in Broadway shows, "The riskiest investment you’ll love to make." Despite the risks, it is possible to find and invest in shows that turn a profit if you understand the mechanics of Broadway investing and follow my simple strategies of screening your investments, which I teach in this book. These strategies are the same methods that I use to choose my own investments, and are why I’m currently "beating the market" compared to the average success rates on Broadway, while supporting and advancing the art form I love at the same time.In this book you'll learn: -They myths of Broadway investing.-How to get started investing in Broadway for less than you think.-Who to talk to and where to find Broadway investment opportunities.-How to mitigate your risk and increase your chance for profitability.-All the perks you should get when you invest and how to get even more.What most people don't realize is that placing your bet on Broadway is a lot like investing in a restaurant, a piece of art, or frankly, in any entrepreneurial start-up. And if you treat Broadway like a business, do the proper due diligence, and avoid the common mistakes that many first-timers and seasoned investors make (which can result in quick and disappointing losses), Broadway investing can be a very rewarding experience in many ways. The next Hamilton is out there. And we're going to help you find it

Dramatizes the onset of the AIDS epidemic in New York City, the agonizing fight to get political and social recognition of it's problems, and the toll exacted on private lives. 2 acts, 16 scenes, 13 men, 1 woman, 1 setting.

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A Memoir

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New York Times Bestseller Do you know the pinhole-finger trick for seeing without glasses? Did you realize that booking a hotel room with your phone is cheaper than doing it on your PC? Do you know how to get the last dregs of ketchup out of the bottle—in one second? In David Pogue's New York Times bestselling book Pogue's Basics: Tech, the author shared his essential tips and tricks for making all your gadgets seem easier, faster, and less of a hassle to use. In this new book, he widens his focus—to life itself. In these pages, you'll find more than 150 tricks, shortcuts, and cheats for everyday life: house and home, cars, clothing, travel, food, health, and more. This timeless reference book will shed light on priceless bits of advice and life hacks that already exist in the world around you—you just never knew! Tips include: Insider cheats for cheap air fare, how to read signs in other languages, the three-cent trick for staying awake behind the wheel, how to know which side of the highway your exit will be on, how to quench a spicy mouth on fire, and much much more!

Brimming with advice and techniques, this essential reference for book- and songwriters clearly explains the fundamentals of the three crafts of a musical—book, music, and lyrics. Using copious examples from classic shows, Frankel has created the quintessential musical writers' how-to. Among the topics:definitions of musical theater; differences between musical books and straight plays and between poetry and lyrics; what a score is and how it develops; how to write for the voice; and how to audition musicals for producers. With a new introduction and revised text, Frankel's work is ready to guide a new generation of aspiring writers.

From the incomparable Emmy, Grammy, and Tony Award winner, a powerful and revealing autobiography about race, sexuality, art, and healing It's easy to be yourself when who and what you are is in vogue. But growing up Black and gay in America has never been easy. Before Billy Porter was slaying red carpets and giving an iconic Emmy-winning performance in the celebrated TV show Pose; before he was the groundbreaking Tony and Grammy Award-winning star of Broadway's Kinky Boots; and before he was an acclaimed recording artist, actor, playwright, director, and all-around legend, Porter was a young boy in Pittsburgh who was seen as different, who didn't fit in. At five years old, Porter was sent to therapy to "fix" his effeminacy. He was endlessly bullied at school, sexually abused by his stepfather, and criticized at his church. Porter came of age in a world where simply being himself was a constant struggle. Billy Porter's Unprotected is the life story of a singular artist and survivor in his own words. It is the story of a boy whose talent and courage opened doors for him, but only a crack. It is the story of a teenager discovering himself, learning his voice and his craft amidst deep trauma. And it is the story of a young man whose unbreakable determination led him through countless

hard times to where he is now; a proud icon who refuses to back down or hide. Porter is a multitalented, multifaceted treasure at the top of his game, and Unprotected is a resonant, inspirational story of trauma and healing, shot through with his singular voice.

From the show's creators comes the groundbreaking, bestselling novel inspired by the hit Broadway show Dear Evan Hansen. Dear Evan Hansen, Today's going to be an amazing day and here's why... When a letter that was never meant to be seen by anyone draws high school senior Evan Hansen into a family's griefover the loss of their son, he is given the chance of a lifetime: to belong. He just has to stick to a lie he never meant to tell, that the notoriously troubled Connor Murphy was his secret best friend. Suddenly, Evan isn't invisible anymore—even to the girl of his dreams. And Connor Murphy's parents, with their beautiful home on the other side of town, have taken him in like he was their own, desperate to know more about their enigmatic son from his closest friend.As Evan gets pulled deeper into their swirl of anger, regret, and confusion, he knows that what he's doing can't be right, but if he's helping people, how wrong can it be? No longer tangled in his once-incapacitating anxiety, this new Evan has a purpose. And a website. He's confident. He's a viral phenomenon. Every day is amazing. Until everything is in danger of unraveling and he comes face to face with his greatest obstacle: himself. A simple lie leads to complicated truths in this big-hearted coming-of-age story of grief, authenticity and the struggle to belong in an age of instant connectivity and profound isolation.

When Bella boards a train west to reunite with her Buffalo soldier sweetheart, she encounters the most colorful and lively characters ever to roam the Western plains. Bullets and fists will fly, heads and hearts will break, but—blessed with a big heart, and a voluptuous figure—Bella will breeze on through it all.

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Three boys, who made a pact to stick together through the rough times in their impoverished Newark neighborhood, found the strength to work through their difficulties and complete high school, college, and medical school together.

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