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Review

"I found Stacy Wolf's book fascinating and surprising. It not only gave me a fresh perspective on the history of musical theatre, it revealed things to me about my own show I didn't know were there." --Stephen Schwartz

"This book is absolutely brilliant on many levels. Wolf manages, in one stroke, to place the musical's feminine fan base-long recognized but rarely valued-on the same critical plane that its gay male fan base has long occupied. This book truly defies gravity!" --Raymond Knapp, Professor of Musicology, UCLA, and author of *The American Musical and the Formation of National Identity* and *The American Musical and the Performance of Personal Identity*

"This beautifully written - and desperately needed - feminist history of the Broadway musical is filled with exciting insights, humor, and great affection for the American musical. It's an important and interesting book, one I will read again and again." --Elizabeth L. Wollman, Assistant Professor of Music, Baruch College, The City University of New York, and author of *The Theater Will Rock: A History of the Rock Musical, from "Hair" to "Hedwig"*

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"Impressively broad in scope...Wolf is a worthy champion of the feminist scholarly approach to musical theater...The book as a whole represents a microcosm of convincing overlaps between "gender and genre" (p. 20)." --*Notes*

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"This book gives a fresh voice to Broadway's female writers, characters, performers, and audience members." --*Journal of the Society for American Music*

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