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Keyser, Herbert H. *Geniuses of the American Musical Theatre: The Composers and Lyricists*. New York: Applause Theatre & Cinema Books, 2009.

“This volume collects, for the first time, twenty-eight biographies of the greatest songwriters and lyricists of Broadway musicals. It goes below the surface to see what made them tick and to uncover the secrets of their success - as well as the personal foibles that sometimes led to their downfall. Longtime theatre-lover and stage veteran Dr. Herbert Keyser takes us on a personal journey through the music that made these great artists so much a part of our history and our lives. Rather than an encyclopedia, Dr. Keyser has assembled a reader-friendly collection of stories that will capture your heart, bring a tear to your eye or a smile to your face, and all the while have you singing along. In presenting these life histories, full of drama, humor, and poignancy, *The Geniuses of the American Musical Theatre* gives us the story of the golden age of Broadway from a well-informed, witty, and warmhearted new perspective.”



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