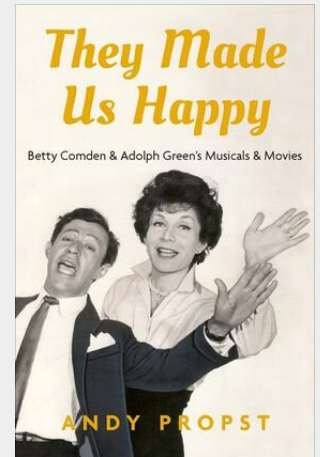


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They Made Us Happy

Betty Comden & Adolph Green's Musicals & Movies

Betty Comden and Adolph Green were the writers behind such classic stage musicals as *On the Town*, *Wonderful Town*, and *Bells Are Ringing*, and they provided lyrics for such standards as "New York, New York," "Just in Time," "The Party's Over," and "Make Someone Happy," to name just a few. This remarkable duo, the longest-running partnership in theatrical history, also penned the screenplays for such cinematic gems as *Singin' in the Rain* and *The Band Wagon*. In the process they worked with such artists as Leonard Bernstein, Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire, Judy Holliday, and Jule Styne. *They Made Us Happy* is the first book to tell the full story of their careers, lives, and work, starting with their acclaimed appearances as part of the sketch troupe the Revuers and moving through their bi-coastal lives as a pair of Broadway's top writers and two of Hollywood's most valued scribes. The book takes readers on a trip through almost the entirety of the twentieth century, and along the way there are appearances by the likes of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Greta Garbo, and Charlie Chaplin. Author Andy Propst brings both their produced work to life as well as many of the projects that that never made it to the stage or the screen, including an aborted musical version of Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth*, a bio-pic about director-choreographer Busby Berkeley, and their version of the book for Cole Porter's musical *Out of This World*. Comden and Green's wit and deft satire inspired laughs during their lives, and their musicals and movies have endured, amusing generation after generation. It's work that will always be making audiences happy.



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