

The Irving Berlin Reader: A Journey Through the Lyrics of America's Greatest Songwriter



The Irving Berlin Reader (Readers on American Musicians) by Caroline Weber

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Irving Berlin is one of the most prolific and successful songwriters in American history. His songs have been performed by countless artists, from Frank Sinatra to Judy Garland to Bing Crosby. His songs have been featured in Broadway shows, Hollywood movies, and television commercials. And his songs have become part of the American songbook, beloved by generations of Americans.

The Irving Berlin Reader is a comprehensive collection of Berlin's lyrics. Spanning over 70 years, Berlin's songs capture the spirit of America in the 20th century. His songs are about love, loss, joy, and sorrow. They are about the American dream and the American experience.

The Irving Berlin Reader is a fascinating glimpse into the life and work of a true American icon. This reader is a must-have for any fan of American music.

Early Life and Career

Irving Berlin was born in Temun, Russian Empire (now Belarus) on May 11, 1888. His family emigrated to the United States when he was five years old. Berlin grew up in poverty on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. He began singing and playing the piano at a young age.

In 1907, Berlin wrote his first song, "Marie from Sunny Italy." The song was a hit, and Berlin soon became a successful songwriter. In 1911, he wrote the Broadway musical "Stop! Look! Listen!" The musical was a huge success, and Berlin became one of the most popular songwriters in America.

The Great American Songbook

Berlin's songs are part of the Great American Songbook. The Great American Songbook is a collection of popular songs written between 1920 and 1960. These songs are characterized by their sophisticated melodies and lyrics. They are often performed by jazz musicians.

Some of Berlin's most famous songs include "God Bless America," "White Christmas," "Easter Parade," and "Cheek to Cheek." These songs are beloved by Americans of all ages. They are part of the fabric of American culture.

Broadway and Hollywood

Berlin wrote songs for dozens of Broadway musicals and Hollywood movies. His songs helped to make these productions successful. Some of Berlin's most famous Broadway musicals include "Annie Get Your Gun," "Call Me Madam," and "Mr. President."

Berlin's songs have been featured in countless Hollywood movies. Some of his most famous movie songs include "White Christmas" from the movie of the same name, "Cheek to Cheek" from the movie "Top Hat," and "God Bless America" from the movie "This Is the Army."

Later Life and Legacy

Berlin continued to write songs until his death in 1989. He wrote over 1,500 songs in his lifetime. His songs are a testament to his talent and his love of America.

Berlin's legacy lives on today. His songs are still performed by countless artists and are still beloved by Americans of all ages. He is considered one of the greatest songwriters in American history.

Reviews

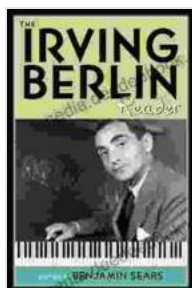
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"The Irving Berlin Reader is a beautiful book. The lyrics are printed in a large, easy-to-read font, and the book is filled with beautiful photographs of Berlin and his family. This book is a must-have for any fan of American music." - The Chicago Tribune

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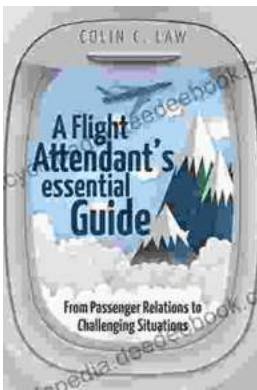
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