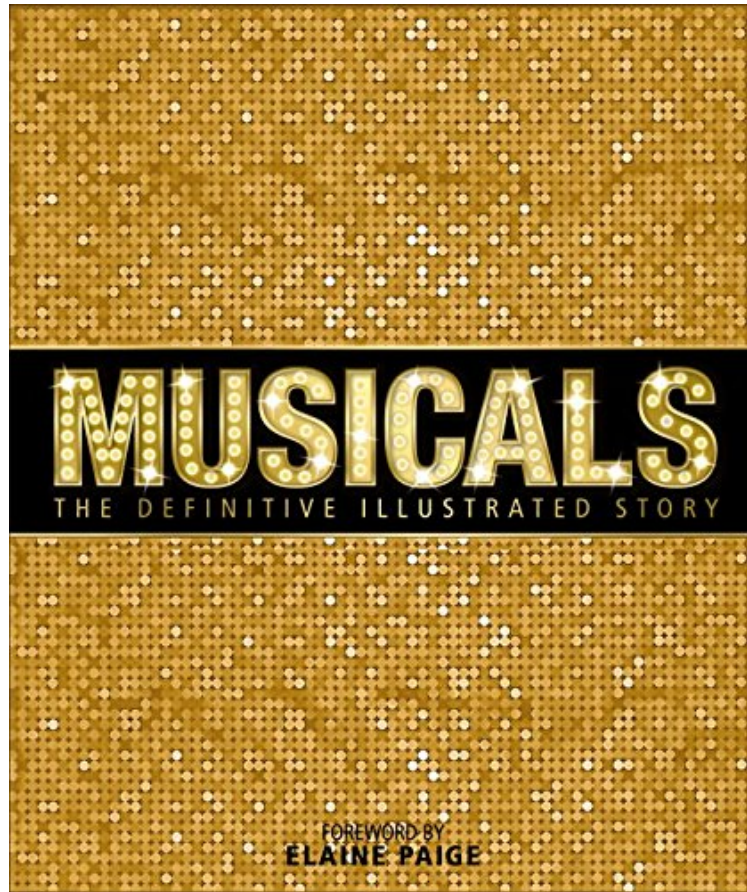


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the authors recognize Carlolyn Leigh Moose Charlap as songwriters for 1954's "Peter Pan" and not Comden/Greene/Styne who contributed almost 1/2 the score?And WHY do they illustrate virtually all the stage musicals with pictures from the (often horrible) film versions (Yes, I mean "Mame"!)?In short: Not only isn't it DEFINITIVE, only a completist like me will probably find it necessary!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy Lorenzo Shiu MateoIt is good for people who loves musicals like me

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