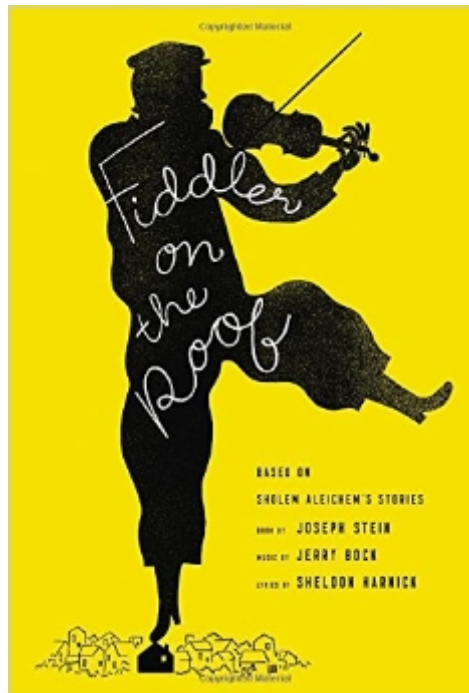


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Released to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the Broadway premiere, the full text and lyrics from the original production of one of the most beloved musicals of the 20th century *Fiddler on the Roof* is well established as one of the great works of American musical theater. Adapted from the tales of Yiddish writer Sholom Alecheim and set in Tsarist Russia in 1905, it has proven an indelible tale of family, tradition, wit, and sorrow—all filtered through the ordeals of Tevye, a Jewish Everyman. Tevye, who lives in the fictional village Anatevka, is a hard-working milkman who clings to his faith and traditions, while dreaming of riches he'll never see. He believes he'll need a matchmaker to marry off his older daughters—but they soon force their more modern ideas about romance upon him. His celebrated journey to maintain his family and his faith amidst a rapidly changing world make for a timelessly profound read; the very definition of a classic. This edition also preempts the next Broadway revival, scheduled for 2015.

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Customer Reviews

[Note: This book was provided free of charge by Blogging For Books/Crown Publishing in exchange for an honest review.] Many of my readers will be familiar with the musical or (even more likely) the film of *Fiddler On The Roof*, as well as its incomparable music, and will wonder what exactly this book contains. This book resembles the script of any of my 60 or so completed plays, in that it shows the dialogue of the characters as well as the song lyrics, and notation on the entrances and exits of characters and their action. It is the sort of script that would be familiar, in other words, to

anyone who reads or writes drama, and includes the act and scene divisions from the musical, actions which are slightly different (but only slightly) from the film. It also includes the original cast list for the Broadway premiere of this musical, which occurred 50 years ago. This, incidentally enough, is the reason for the existence of this book, which serves as an 50th anniversary edition of the premiere of Fiddler On The Roof on Broadway. The contents of this book will be intimately familiar to anyone who is as fond of the musical or film as I am. It contains a touching story about a decent but poor man, his ambitious wife, their five attractive daughters (three of whom are eminently marriageable), and their struggles as Jews in a little village in the pale of Russia facing the Russian pogroms of 1905, ultimately facing exile from their homeland.

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