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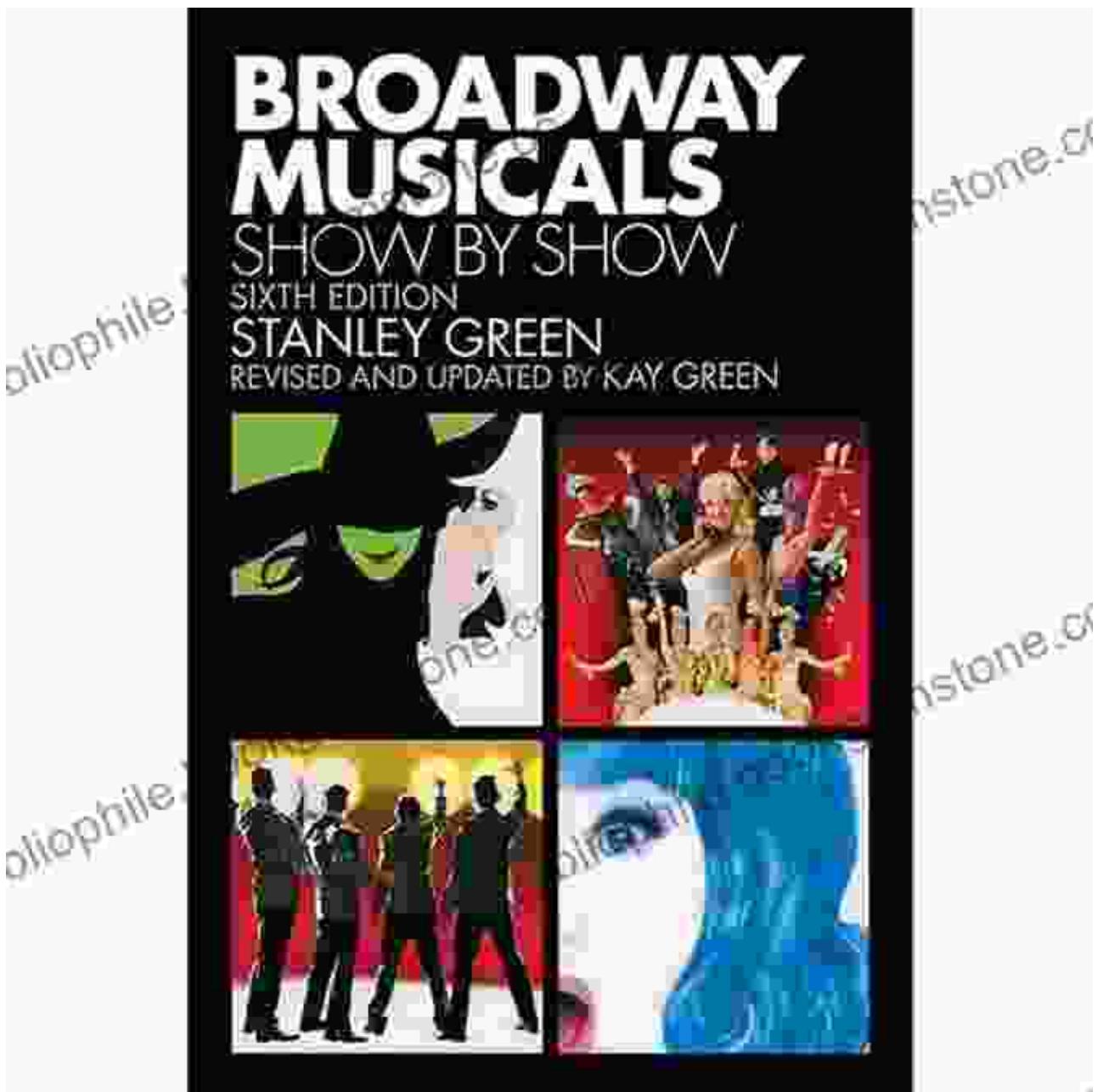
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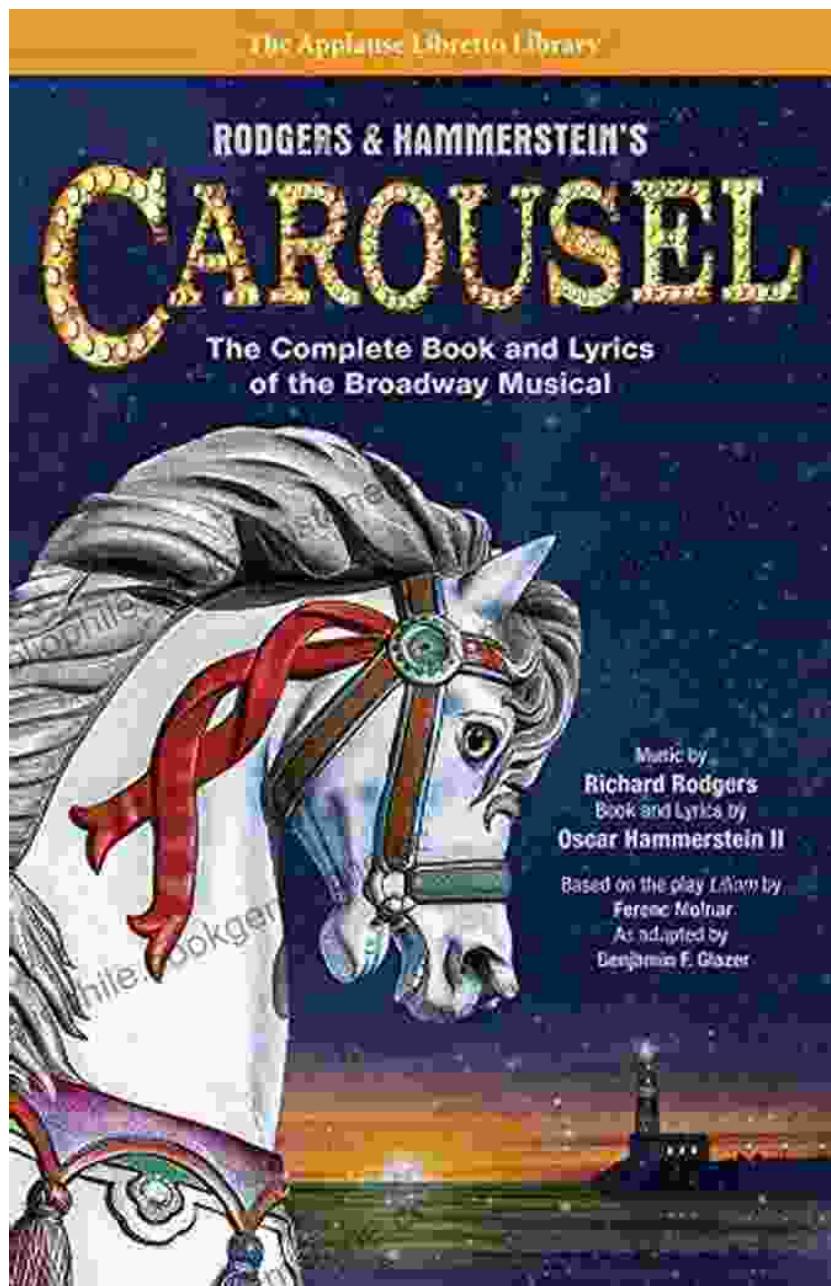
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Oklahoma! Applause Book, featuring the iconic lyrics and score of the groundbreaking musical.

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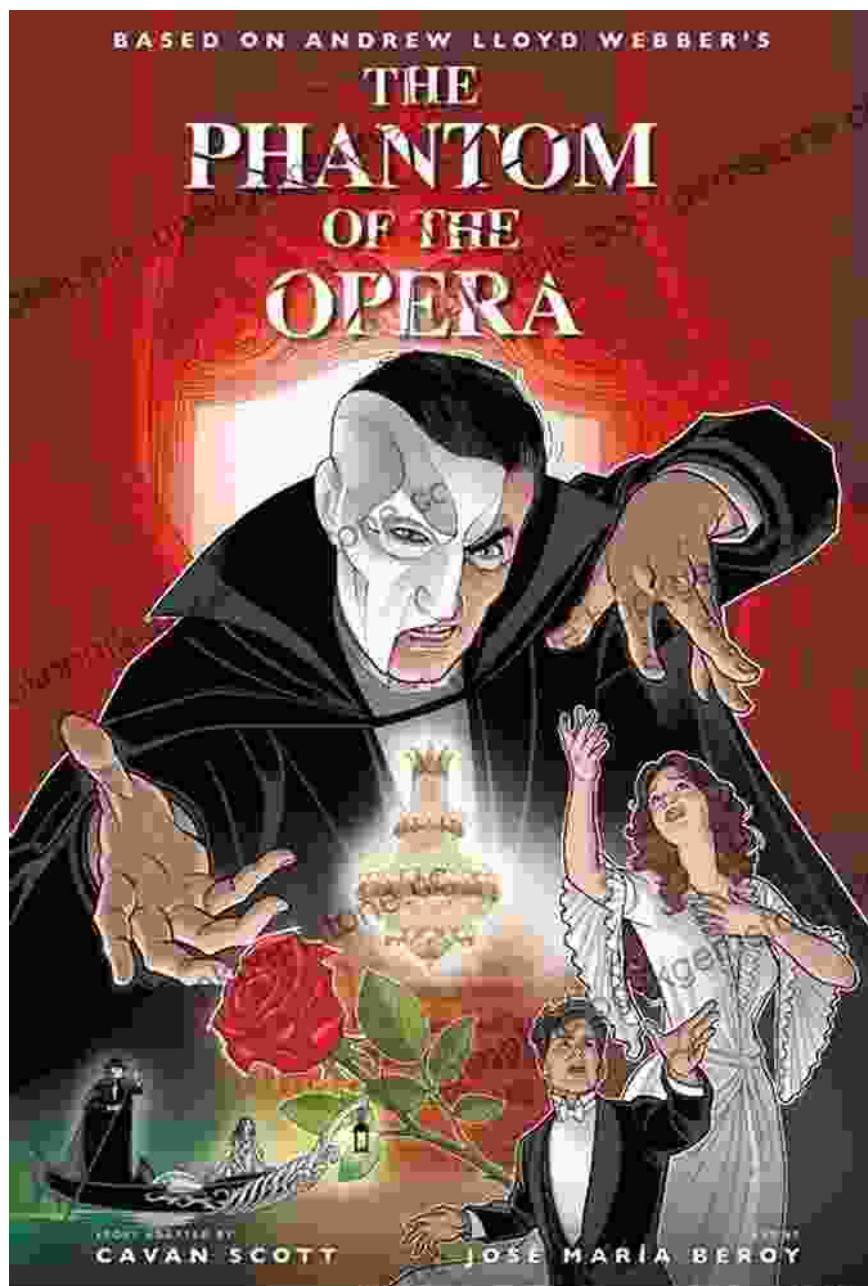
The Applause Books series also played a crucial role in preserving the legacy of Stephen Sondheim, one of the most influential musical theatre

composers of all time. His groundbreaking works, such as "Sweeney Todd", "A Little Night Music", and "Into the Woods", were meticulously documented in Applause Books, allowing audiences to delve into the depths of his ingenious lyrics and complex melodies.



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Applause Books contribute to the education and development of future musical theatre artists.

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Over the decades, Applause Books have become an integral part of the American musical theatre landscape. They have preserved the legacy of iconic shows, inspired a love of the art form in countless individuals, and played a pivotal role in the education of future generations of performers and composers. As the Applause Books series continues to expand, it promises to remain a cherished resource and a testament to the enduring power of musical theatre.



: A Tapestry of Timeless Melodies

The Applause Books series is more than just a collection of scripts and scores; it is a vibrant tapestry woven with the threads of timeless melodies, unforgettable characters, and extraordinary storytelling. These books have shaped the American musical theatre landscape, captivated audiences worldwide, and played a pivotal role in shaping the future of the art form. As we celebrate the legacy of Applause Books, let us continue to cherish the enduring power of musical theatre and the joy it brings to our lives.

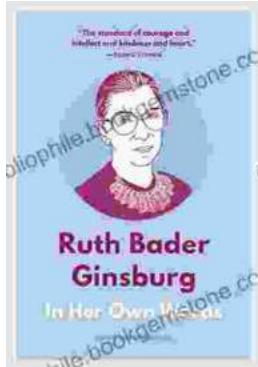
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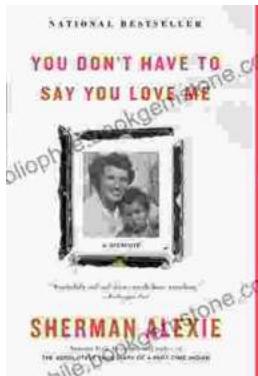
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