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Wicked: The Grimmerie, A Behind-the-Scenes Look At The Hit Broadway Musical



Synopsis

Wicked is not just a musical, it is a phenomenon. Every week, 15,000 people pack New York's Gershwin Theatre to see the show. The most successful musical on Broadway in 2004, Wicked is based on the bestselling novel of the same name by Gregory Maguire. It tells the story of Elphaba, the headstrong Wicked Witch of the West, and Glinda, the good witch, growing up in the Land of Oz. The show has cast a spell on fans, many of whom return for second and third viewings. In 2005, the show begins an extensive tour across the United States and Canada, hitting major cities such as Toronto, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and many more. This beautifully packaged, whimsical keepsake is designed to resemble the Grimmerie, an ancient book of spells that Elphaba uses in the show. Wicked: The Grimmerie offers fans a behind-the-curtains peek at the musical, profiles of the cast and creative team, and inside stories, with full-color photographs throughout. Some of the irresistible special features include an "Ozian" glossary, spells, an illustrated family tree, and a step-by-step look at how Elphaba gets green before each show--everything fans need to relive the Broadway experience day after day.

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Customer Reviews

"The book takes you down the yellow brick road and behind the curtains of the great wizard." --
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If you love Wicked, the musical, then you will love this book, which is full of behind the scenes info

and gorgeous photos of the actors and the sets. The Grimmerie explains how the original book by Gregory Maguire became a phenomenal musical. It is not the story that is told in the musical. You can buy a book called *Wicked, The Broadway Musical* by Winnie Holzman with the story told in the musical. If you want to read the story of *Wicked*, I highly recommend Ms. Holzman's book over the original story by Mr. Maguire. I do not have anything against Mr. Maguire personally. His story is quite imaginative, possibly even brilliant, and has the same very interesting themes as those portrayed in the musical. Mr. Maguire's story is just too dark, too pornographic and too depressing for me. I prefer the much happier ending of the play. I know that life does not always have a happy ending but that is precisely why I like my fantasy to end in a cheery way.

"*Wicked: The Grimmerie*" offers a behind-the-scenes story of the Broadway musical from Gregory Maguire's 1995 novel, "*Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*", to the adoration the play eventually garnered from fans. "*The Grimmerie*" explores casting choices, the difficulties in translating the characters' backstories to the stage and the challenges in creating the ideal songs to express this, the writers' struggles with how faithful they needed to be to the novel while still telling a good story, the creation of sets, costumes, make-up, and lighting, and more. The book also helps to set the musical within the context of other adaptations of Baum's novels, explaining what elements from the books made it in to the play. Fans of *Oz*, Maguire's novels, or the musical will delight in this behind-the-scenes book.

Awesome read. I was privileged to be able to go work the *Wicked* tour when they came to my city and I completely fell in love with the play. I read a little of this book every chance that I got while on my break and decided that I had to have one. The condition was excellent and the book seemed to be untouched. I received it earlier than expected and was so happy to be able to start reading where I had left off. This book is amazing and it's filled with great information and heartwarming letters from fans. A must read.

A great book if you loved the musical! Details the story of writing, producing, casting the original Broadway production. Fascinating read, all the work involved is daunting. Enjoy the personal bits from the cast. The same book is \$50 elsewhere, so a great buy, as well.

Love this Grimmerie. An amazing behind the scenes look at *Wicked*. This book takes you from the very first ideas behind *Wicked*, all the way to having the show on Broadway. A very colorful and fun

look at Wicked, in a way that you have never seen if before. When we went and saw Wicked in our local theater during a tour, I regretted not buying the Grimmerie, so was very happy to find it on at a great price.

I thoroughly have enjoyed this companion guide to wicked the musical, its filled with beautiful pictures. Synopsis' of the characters, music sheets with the lyrics and really interesting info. on the behind the scenes looks of how things operate during the performances. Fun and interesting and a must for all Wicked fans :)

A must read for anyone who loves Wicked. he does a great job with musical theatre books!

Wicked: The Grimmerie is the perfect companion to watching the Broadway show or to help you learn about the musical after reading the book. It is printed beautifully, all high quality pages. The cast and crew shown in the book are all from the original run. (Kristen Chenoweth is Galinda and Idina Menzel is Elphaba.) The book gives insight in to how the musical came to be, what goes in to making every show, and much more. I highly recommend this book to any Wicked fan.

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