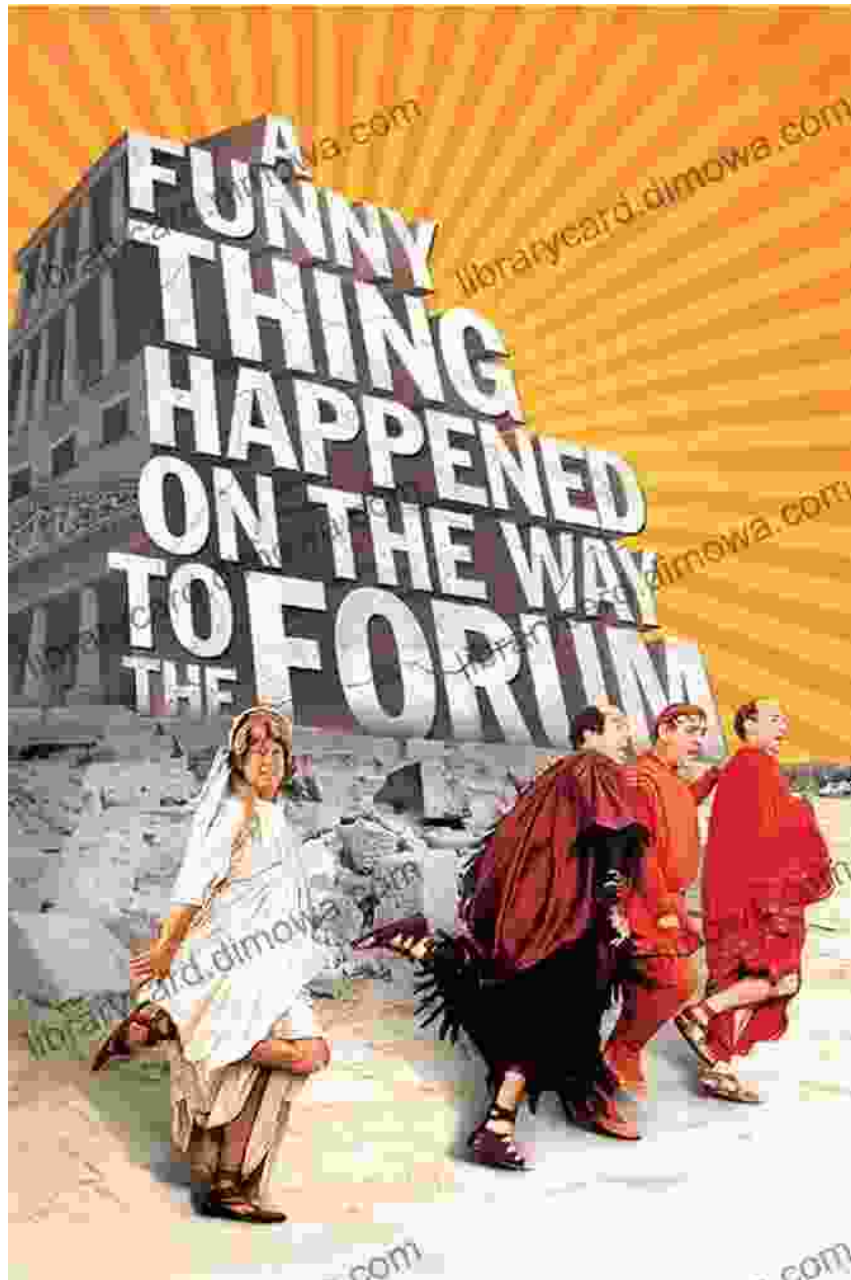


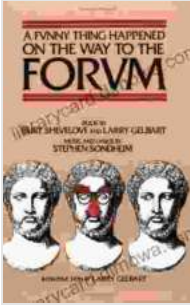
# Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum: A Hilarious, Tony-Winning Comedy



**A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**  
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Get ready for a side-splitting comedy that will leave you in stitches! *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* is a Tony-winning Broadway classic that is sure to entertain audiences of all ages.

This uproarious farce follows the misadventures of Pseudolus, a cunning slave who is determined to win his freedom by helping his young master, Hero, win the girl of his dreams. Along the way, Pseudolus encounters a cast of eccentric characters, including a pompous Roman senator, a dim-witted soldier, and a bevy of beautiful courtesans.

With its witty dialogue, clever songs, and slapstick humor, *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* is a guaranteed laugh-out-loud experience. Whether you're a fan of classic comedy or just looking for a good time, this is one show you won't want to miss.

## **The Story**

The story of *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* is based on the ancient Roman comedies of Plautus. The play follows Pseudolus, a slave who is determined to win his freedom by helping his young master, Hero, win the girl of his dreams.

Hero is in love with Philia, a beautiful courtesan who is being held captive by the miserly senator, Lycus. Pseudolus hatches a plan to help Hero rescue Philia, but things don't go quite as planned. Along the way, Pseudolus encounters a cast of eccentric characters, including the dim-witted soldier Miles Gloriosus, the pompous Roman senator Erronius, and the bevy of beautiful courtesans who live next door to Lycus's house.

Despite the many obstacles he faces, Pseudolus is determined to succeed. With his quick wit and cunning, he manages to outsmart his opponents and win the day. In the end, Pseudolus wins his freedom, Hero gets the girl of his dreams, and everyone lives happily ever after.

## **The Characters**

The characters in *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* are some of the most memorable in all of Broadway history. Pseudolus is a cunning and resourceful slave who is always looking for a way to get ahead. Hero is a young and idealistic man who is in love with Philia. Philia is a beautiful and intelligent courtesan who is being held captive by Lycus. Lycus is a miserly and greedy senator who is determined to keep Philia for himself. Miles Gloriosus is a dim-witted soldier who is always bragging about his military exploits. Erronius is a pompous and self-important Roman senator who is always trying to impress others.

These are just a few of the many colorful characters who populate the world of *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Each character is unique and memorable, and they all contribute to the play's hilarious and heartwarming story.

## **The Music**

The music of *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* is just as memorable as the characters and the story. The songs are witty, catchy, and full of energy. The show's most famous song, "Comedy Tonight," is a rousing anthem to the power of laughter. Other highlights include "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid," "Lovely," and "Finale: Bring Me My Bride."

The music of *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* was composed by Stephen Sondheim, one of the most celebrated composers in Broadway history. Sondheim's music is known for its wit, sophistication, and emotional depth. The songs in *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* are some of his best, and they help to make the show a truly unforgettable experience.

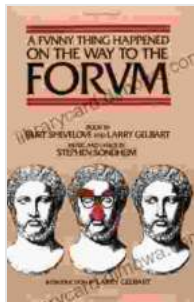
## **The Legacy**

*Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* opened on Broadway in 1962 and was an immediate critical and commercial success. The show won six Tony Awards, including Best Musical. It has been revived several times over the years, and it remains one of the most popular and beloved musicals of all time.

*Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* has been praised for its witty dialogue, clever songs, and slapstick humor. The show has been called "a masterpiece of farce" and "one of the funniest musicals ever written." It is a sure-fire hit that will leave you laughing from beginning to end.

**Free Download Your Copy Today!**

If you're looking for a hilarious and heartwarming comedy, then *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* is the perfect show for you. Free Download your copy today and experience the laughter for yourself!



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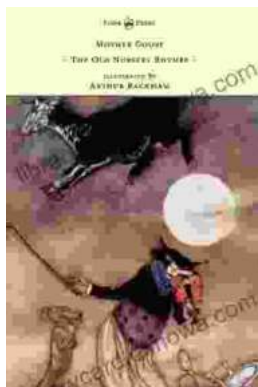
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