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## Flower Drum Songs: The Story of Two Musicals (Paperback)

By David H. Lewis

McFarland Co Inc, United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . This book usually ship within 10-15 business days and we will endeavor to dispatch orders quicker than this where possible. Brand New Book. The return to New York in 2002 of Rodgers and Hammerstein s Flower Drum Song - with a totally new book by playwright David Henry Hwang - was considered the most revolutionary chapter in the history of Broadway revivals. Why? The musical, a clear hit when it was originally produced in 1958, had later acquired a debatable reputation for quaint, racially offensive Asian stereotypes. Yet Hwang s controversial rewrite - driven at least in part by concerns about such offenses - was a box-office failure. Drawing upon fresh interviews with members of both the original and the revival casts, whose first-hand accounts enliven the narrative with surprising candor, David H. Lewis charts in detail the checkered production history of Flower Drum Song. He explores the forces that turned against the original show; the arguably inferior movie version (upon which its most outspoken critics would base their discontent and public resistance); rising criticism from within the Asian American community fueled by ethnic-studies programs that swept across...



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