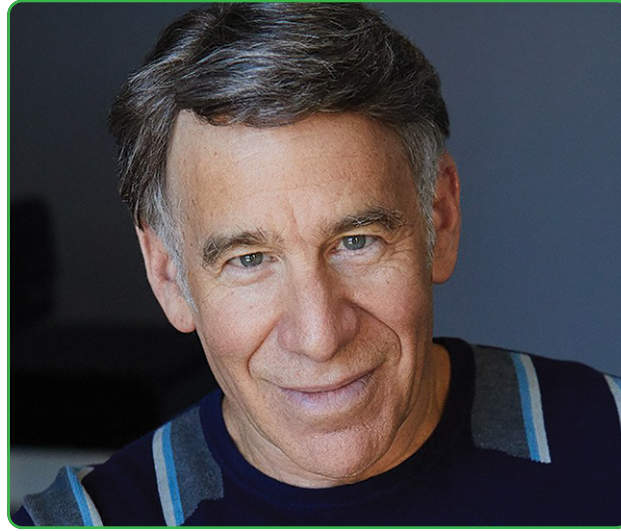


Author Biographies



Stephen Schwartz

Music & Lyrics

Stephen Schwartz is the recipient of three Academy Awards®, four Grammy Awards®, a Golden Globe® and the honorary Isabelle Stevenson Tony Award® for his commitment to serving artists and new talent. He is also a six-time Tony Award® nominee and the recipient of sixteen Lifetime Achievement honours. In 2008, he was honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Stephen is best known for his many successful stage musicals, including 'Wicked'; 'Pippin' and 'Godspell' (which recently celebrated its landmark 50th anniversary), as well as for his song-writing collaborations with composer Alan Menken on films including Disney's 'Pocahontas', 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame', 'Enchanted' and its sequel 'Disenchanted'. For DreamWorks Animation, he wrote both music and lyrics for 'The Prince of Egypt,' with 'When You Believe' winning the 1999 Academy Award® for 'Best Original Song'. The 2020 London stage production of 'The Prince of Egypt' was also filmed live by Universal Pictures.

Stephen was 23 when 'Godspell' premiered in New York and 28 when, in 1976, he achieved the rare distinction of having three shows running simultaneously on Broadway ('Godspell', 'Pippin' and 'The Magic Show').

Author Biographies



Winnie Holzman

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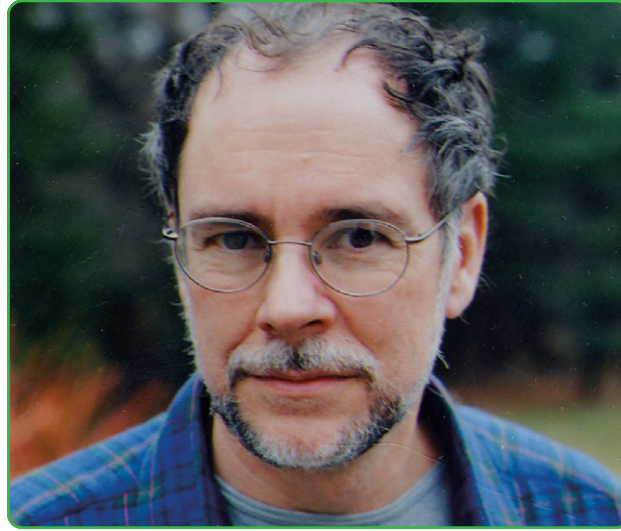
Winnie Holzman is best known as the Emmy®-nominated creator of the landmark American television series ‘My So-Called Life’ (1994), which was named by TIME Magazine as one of the ‘100 Best TV Shows of All-Time’ and won the GLAAD Media Award for ‘Outstanding Drama Series’.

The series launched the careers of Claire Danes (who won a Golden Globe® Award for her performance as ‘Angela Chase’), Wilson Cruz and Jared Leto.

Winnie has written extensively for television, including multiple episodes of the internationally popular television series ‘thirtysomething’. For ‘Wicked’, Winnie received a 2004 Tony Award® nomination and won a Drama Desk Award for ‘Outstanding Book of a Musical’.

She is a graduate of Princeton University and the NYU Musical Theatre Program and a member of the Dramatists Guild.

Author Biographies



Gregory Maguire

Author of the original novel

Gregory Maguire is best known for his **Wicked Years** series of novels, which includes the multimillion-copy international best seller ‘Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West’ (1995) on which the musical ‘Wicked’ is based and which he wrote while living in London. Inspired by the stories and characters created in 1900 by L. Frank Baum in ‘The Wonderful Wizard of Oz,’ the name of its central character – Elphaba – is derived from the legendary authors initials (L. F. B.).

The subsequent books in the **Wicked Years** series are ‘Son of a Witch’ (2008), ‘A Lion Among Men’ (2009), and ‘Out of Oz’ (2012).

The acclaimed American fantasy novelist has also written extensively for children, including his debut novel, ‘The Lightning Time’ (1978). His more recent novels for adults include: ‘After Alice’ (2015), which was inspired by Lewis Carroll’s ‘Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland’; ‘Hiddensee: A Tale of the Once and Future Nutcracker’ (2017); and ‘A Wild Winter Swan’ (2020), a reimagining of Hans Christian Andersen’s ‘The Wild Swans’. His latest novels, ‘The Brides of Maracoor’ (2021) and ‘The Oracle of Maracoor’ (2022), are the first two in a three-book series (collectively entitled **Another Day**) spun off from the iconic **Wicked Years** series and featuring Elphaba’s granddaughter, the green-skinned Rain.