

BOOKFILTER'S DECEMBER 2020 BOOK OF THE MONTH

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BookFilter picks the best new theater book, exclusively for Broadway Direct readers.

Jagged Little Pill

By Alanis Morissette, Diablo Cody, and the complete cast & crew
 Photographs by Matthew Murphy
 \$40, Grand Central Publishing

Broadway really was firing on all cylinders when the pandemic struck. The 2019–2020 season was turning out red-hot hits like nobody's business. *Moulin Rouge!*, *Tina – The Tina Turner Musical*, *SIX* and a revival of *West Side Story* were all drawing big crowds. But when the Tony nominations were announced, it was *Jagged Little Pill* that stood tallest. A musical jam-packed with issues and hit songs from the iconic album by Alanis Morissette, it scored 15 Tony Award nominations. Like the others, it was a huge commercial draw. Fans can anticipate a performance for the Tony Awards and the happy day when it re-opens on Broadway. But they don't have to wait another minute for a book celebrating the show's creation. Many outings get such a book; few are as in-depth and all-encompassing as this. It boasts great photos by Matthew Murphy, profiles of the characters, Morissette diving deep into the original songs she wrote, the entire book and lyrics, commentary and insights from the cast and crew, and much more. It's an especially rich tribute to the creative process done in an unassuming, scrapbook style. But don't be fooled by appearances: this is serious stuff and fans will love it.

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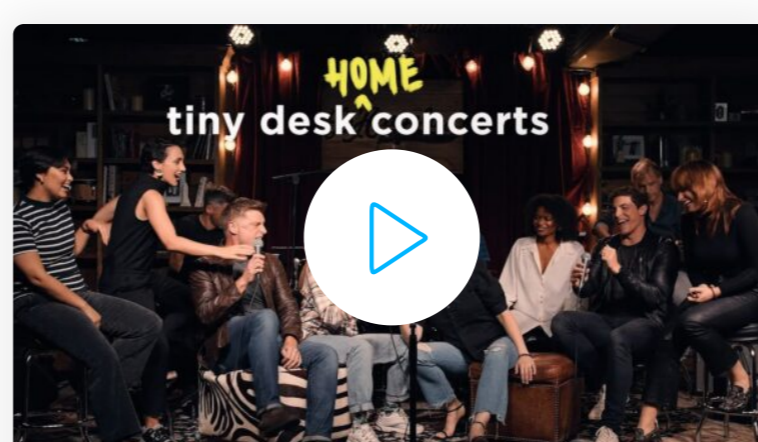
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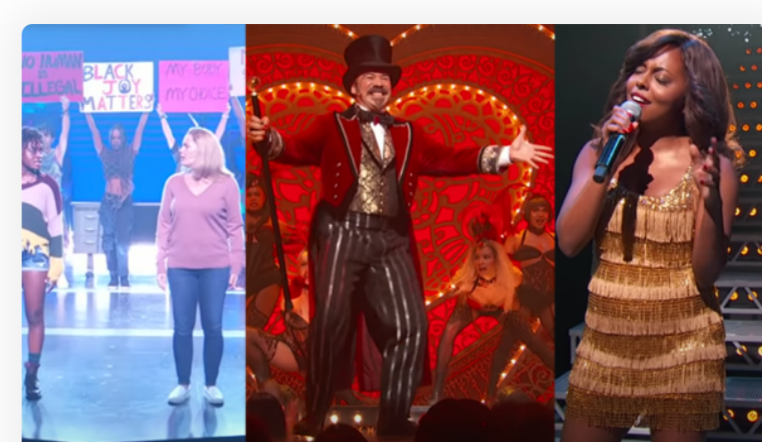
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