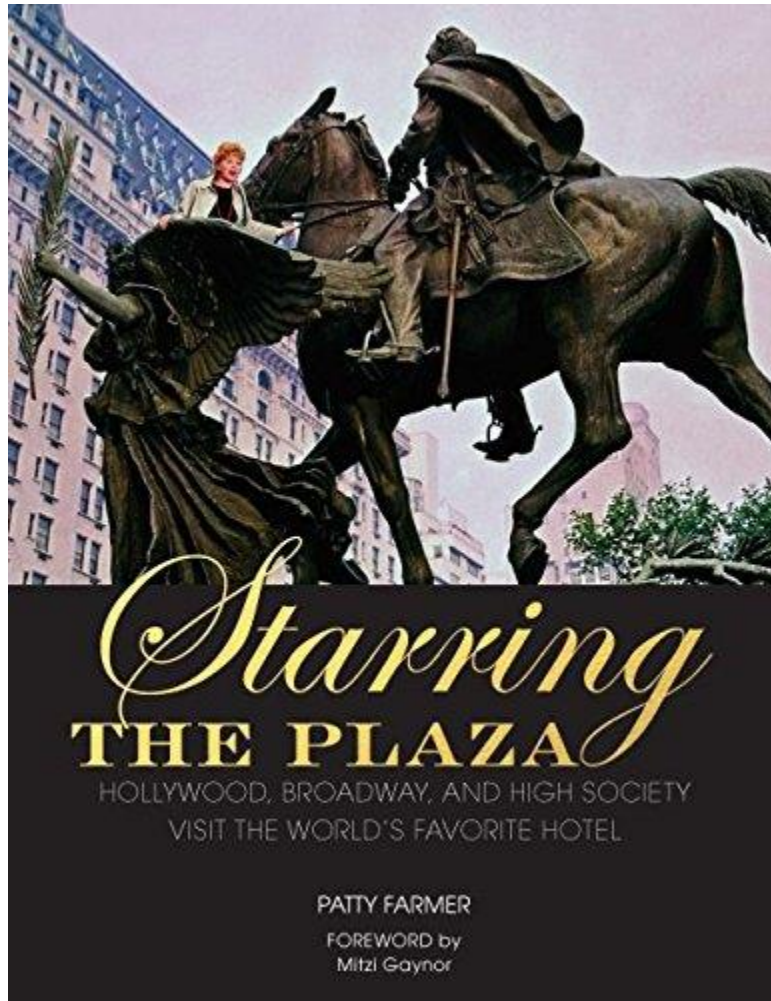


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STARRING THE PLAZA: HOLLYWOOD, BROADWAY AND HIGH SOCIETY VISIT THE WORLD'S FAVORITE HOTEL by Patty Farmer; foreword by Mitzi Gaynor (Beaufort Books)

I'll never forget my first visit to the Plaza Hotel, and I daresay no one else could, either. But I never realized how often it has been featured onscreen until I started browsing this attractive book, which is filled with terrific photos (both black & white and color) and anecdotes. The honor roll is impressive: North by Northwest, Sweet Charity, Barefoot in the Park, Crocodile Dundee, The Way We Were, Midnight Cowboy, and of course Neil Simon's Plaza Suite, to name just a few. Farmer supplements this parade of films with sidebars on television shows, music videos, and famous figures who have been photographed at the celebrated hotel. Starring the Plaza is fun to browse, and the irrepressible Mitzi Gaynor provides a characteristically upbeat introduction.