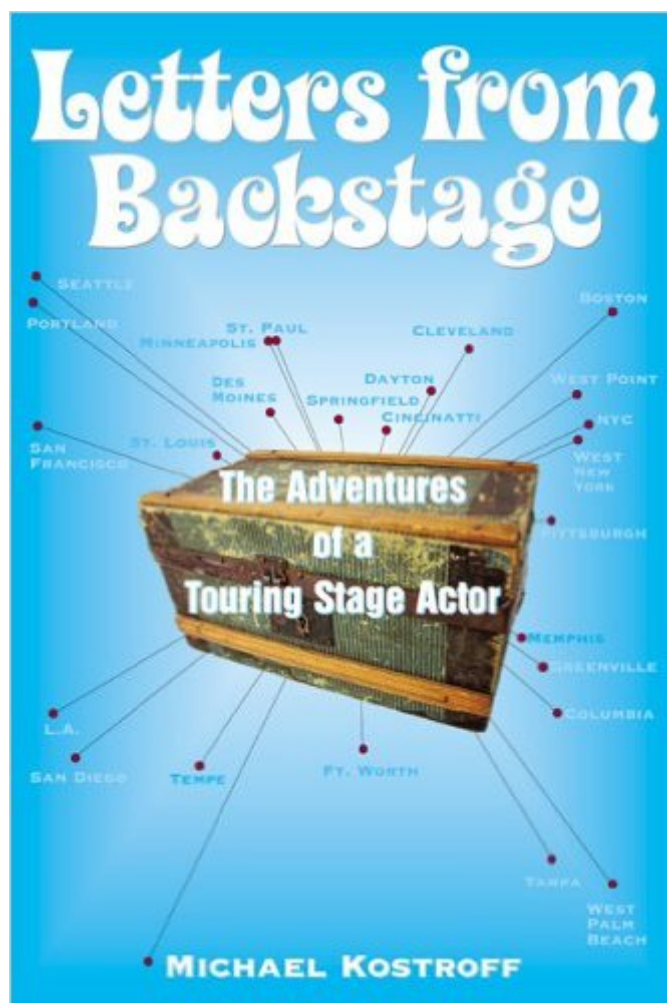


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# Letters From Backstage: The Adventures Of A Touring Stage Actor



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"Letters from Backstage is brilliant and captivating. I can't wait to reread it with the TV off." -- Martin Short  
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At the ripe old age of 41, Michael Kostroff's childhood dream came true when he was cast in the first national tour of *The Producers*. He toured with the show for a year, and then, immediately afterwards, toured for a year with *Les Misérables*. While traveling, Kostroff, who is also a freelance writer, kept in touch with friends back home with short stories about road life.

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