

ATU/ADB 3M: Sources of Music Theatre

These examples illustrate the variety of sources which composers and lyricists have used as inspiration for musicals.

| Musical | Source | Type |
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| "9" | 8 ½ (Federico Fellini) | Movie |
| 110 in the Shade | The Rainmaker (N. Richard Nash) | Play |
| Annie | Little Orphan Annie (Harold Gray) | Comic Strip |
| Billy Elliot | Billy Elliot | Movie |
| Cabaret | Berlin Stories (Christopher Isherwood) I Am A Camera (John Van Druten) | Short Stories Play |
| Carousel | Liliom (Ferenc Molnar) | Play |
| A Chorus Line | Book by James Kirkwood, based on interviews with dancers | Interviews |
| The Color Purple | The Color Purple (Alice Walker) | Novel |
| Fiddler on the Roof | Tevye the Dairyman, et al. (Sholem Aleichem) | Short Stories |
| Grey Gardens | Grey Gardens | Documentary |
| Guys and Dolls | The Idyll of Sarah Brown, et al (Damon Runyan) | Short Stories |
| Gypsy | Memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee | Autobiography |
| Hello, Dolly | The Matchmaker (Thornton Wilder) | Play |
| The King and I | Anna and the King of Siam (Margaret Landon) | Novel |
| Kiss Me, Kate | Taming of the Shrew (William Shakespeare) | Play |
| Mama Mia | Songs from ABBA | Music |
| Man of La Mancha | Don Quixote (Miguel de Cervantes) | Novel |
| Movin' Out | Songs of Billy Joel | Music |
| My One and Only | Songs of George Gershwin | Music |
| My Fair Lady | Pygmalion (George Bernard Shaw) | Play |
| Oklahoma | Green Grow the Lilacs (Lynn Riggs) | Play |
| Oliver | Oliver Twist (Charles Dickens) | Novel |

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| Pajama Game | 7 ½ Cents (Richard Bissell) | Novel |
| Peter Pan | Peter Pan (J.M. Barrie) | Play |
| Phantom of the Opera | Le Fantome de l'Opera (Gaston Leroux) | Novel |
| Porgy and Bess | Porgy (DuBose & Dorothy Heyward) | Novel |
| The Producers | The Producers | Movie |
| Ragtime | Ragtime (E.L. Doctorow) | Novel |
| Shrek | Shrek: The Movie | Animated Movie |
| Sound of Music | The Trapp Family Singers (Maria Augusta Trapp) | Biography |
| South Pacific | Tales of the South Pacific (James Michener) | Short Stories |
| Sunday in the Park with George | The painting Sunday Afternoon on the Island of Grand Jatte by Georges Seurat | Painting |
| Sweeney Todd | String of Pearls (1846) and Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (Christopher Bond) | Serial Play |
| Wicked | Wicked (Gregory Maguire) a prequel to The Wizard of Oz (L. Frank. Baum) | Novel |
| You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown | Peanuts (Charles Schulz) | Comic Strip |