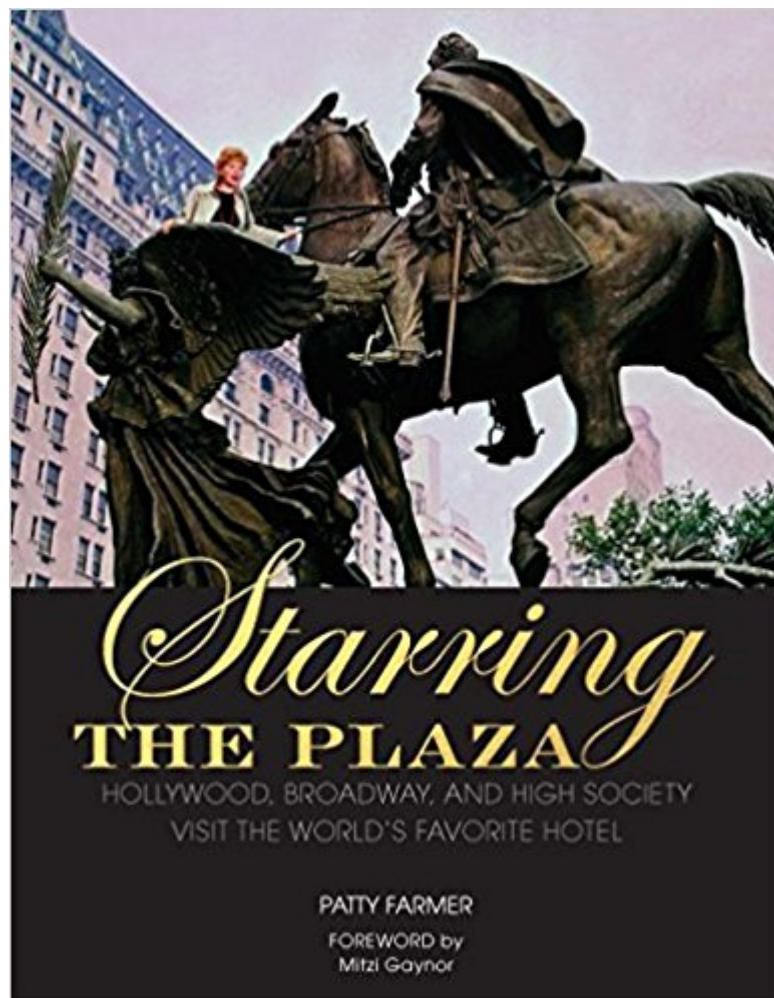




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# Starring The Plaza: Hollywood, Broadway, And High Society Visit The World's Favorite Hotel



## Synopsis

From the day it opened, on October 1, 1907, the lavish 19-story French Renaissance building on the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Central Park South was simply the grandest hotel in the world. It's no wonder that the Plaza's lavish interiors and exteriors have remained sought-after settings for films, TV shows, commercials and even music videos as well as home to the most significant social events of their day. It's no surprise that many of the films shot there have become beloved classics, from Alfred Hitchcock's *North by Northwest*; to everybody's favorite tear-jerker, *The Way We Were*; to Neil Simon's uproarious *Plaza Suite* and *Barefoot in the Park*. In those and dozens of others, the Plaza's own special magic was stirred into Hollywood's heady mix and the results were timeless. In *Starring the Plaza*, a labor of love conceived and created by pop-cultural historian Patty Farmer, the hotel shines in a new light: a Klieg light, as it were. Page after page of moments captured from movies, plays, TV shows, parties, premieres, and press events form a new kind of chronicle of New York's favorite landmark. Readers will find all their favorite Plaza-on-film moments here plus a few they might not have been aware of. There are even some Hollywood recreations of the place included but it's clear that no amount of movie magic could ever beat the real thing. From Shirley MacLaine scaling the Pulitzer Fountain to a frizz-headed Barbra Streisand handing out political leaflets, the Plaza has co-starred with the best in the business. And from Liz Taylor to the Beatles, anyone who is anyone has stayed there, partied there, and who-knows-what-else there. Yes, that's really the grand lobby in *Home Alone 2*, the Oak Bar in *North by Northwest*, and the Persian Room in *Sabrina*. *Starring the Plaza* is the first-ever visual celebration of the Plaza on stage, screen, and in society, and author, Patty Farmer, has scoured the archives to show it off in all its glory. Legendary movie star Mitzi Gaynor provides the Foreword and discloses a few of her own adventures at the iconic hotel. Â

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"Patty Farmer's evocative volume, movingly captures the essence of a beloved and grand institution. What a fun book!" (Michael Feinstein, Nationally renowned American Songbook singer-pianist)"Eloise was conceived, and born as a fully formed Miracle Child, at the Plaza in 1954, Thanks to Patty Farmer (and millions of fans) she will be with us FOREVER!" (Hilary Knight, illustrator of "Eloise")

Patty Farmer is acknowledged as the leading expert on all things pertaining to music, entertainment and the entertainers of Playboy. She's also a businesswoman and former model, and has followed the entertainment industry as an insider, as well as an avid fan and archivist all her life. Her work draws upon a lifetime of friendship and socializing among personalities and celebrities around the world. In her previous book, *The Persian Room Presents*, she transported readers back to the halcyon days of New York City nightlife. Patty splits her time between New York, Texas, and France.

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I just loved Patty Farmer's earlier book "The Persian Room Presents" and couldn't wait for her newest book "Starring The Plaza". She didn't disappoint. The stories and the photos of The Plaza Hotel on stage & screen, over the years, is both fun and fascinating. We've got it on our living room coffee table and all our guests feel likewise. This book makes a perfect gift for Plaza lovers and newbies alike. Get yours without delay!

Patty Farmer's latest book arrived today, *Starring The Plaza*! It is gorgeous and captures the class and elegance of a bygone era of one of my favorite hotels in NYC. We get not only a history of the hotel but we truly understand the contributions it has made to Hollywood. Thank you, Patty, for

making me feel like Eloise. So glad to have this in my collection. Congrats! HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! Richard Skipper, Richard Skipper Celebrates

Patty Farmer is an amazing author!!! Starring the Plaza is an amazing book with great pictures that bring you back to many memorable moments in the Plaza Hotel. You won't be disappointed with the purchase of this awesome book. -Nichole Anders

Patty brings The Plaza to life in this visually intriguing book. She brings you right into the glamour as if you were personally present throughout the Plaza's star-studded history. I was thrilled to learn of this second book by Patty, "The Persian Room Presents" is one of my favorites. Patty did not disappoint as her narrative paired perfectly with all photos throughout the book.

I love this book. It's so much fun to read and also an amazing coffee table book. This is a must give on my Christmas list and for any occasion. You will not be disappointed. Patty Farmer has done it again.

I love this book! It's chuck full of brilliant photographs of my favorite movies and shows. I knew some movies were set there but had no idea it was enough to fill a book! Everyone but film buffs in particular will enjoy this wonderful book.

Patty is one of the smartest researchers and engaging writers I know. Her passion and efforts for archiving the entertainment history at the Plaza should be commended. This book is entertaining, informative, and a beautiful piece of art to display on the table in my home.

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