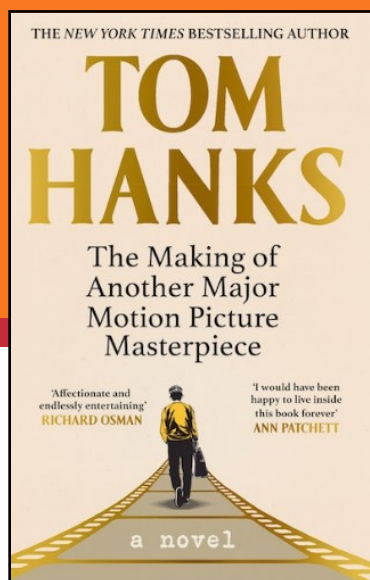


The making of another major motion picture masterpiece : a novel *By Tom, Hanks*

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Genre and Subject

Motion pictures — Production and direction — United States — fiction

Actors — fiction

Superhero films — Fiction

Humorous — Fiction

Synopsis

This is the story of the making of a colossal, star-studded, multimillion-dollar superhero action film...and the humble comic book that inspired it. PART ONE of this story takes place in 1947. A troubled soldier, returning from the war, meets his talented five-year-old nephew, leaves an indelible impression, and then disappears for 23 years. Cut to 1970: The nephew, now drawing underground comic books in Oakland, California, reconnects with his uncle and, remembering the comic book he saw when he was five, draws a new version with his uncle as a World War II fighting hero. Cut to the present day: A commercially successful director discovers the 1970 comic book and decides to turn it into a contemporary superhero movie. Cue the cast: We meet the film's extremely difficult male star, his wonderful leading lady, the eccentric writer/director, the producer, the go-fer production assistant, and everyone else on both sides of the camera. Funny, touching, and wonderfully thought-provoking, this is a novel not only about the making of a movie, but also about the changes in America and American culture since World War II. Bonus material: Interspersed throughout are the three comic books that are featured in the story - all created by Hanks himself - including the comic book that becomes the official tie-in to this novel's major motion picture masterpiece.

Author Biography

Tom Hanks has been an actor, screenwriter, director and through Playtone, a producer. His writing has appeared in The New York Times, Vanity Fair and The New Yorker. This is his first collection of fiction. .

Discussion Starters

- *Which characters did you like best? Which did you like least?*
- *Which character did you relate to, or empathize with, the most?*
- *If you had to trade places with one character, who would it be?*
- *Guess the characters' zodiac signs.*
- *What do you think happens to the characters after the book's official ending?*
- *What are your thoughts on the book's structure? Did it serve the story well?*
- *How did the setting impact the story? Would you want to read more books set in that world?*
- *Did the book feel real to you?*
- *Did the plot proceed in a way that felt natural? Or did you feel manipulated by the storyline?*
- *Are there any characters you'd like to deliver a lecture to? If so, who? What would you say?*

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