

# *Contents*

LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS	ix
PREFACE	xi
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	xiii
1. "Home before Dark": A Boston Childhood	1
2. "When My Sugar Walks Down the Street": Arriving in New York	27
3. "Everything Is Hotsy Totsy Now": A Sequence of Hit Songs	55
4. "I Can't Give You Anything but Love (Baby)": Meeting Dorothy Fields	68
5. "Livin' in a Great Big Way": Fields and McHugh on Broadway and in Hollywood	93

6. “Goodbye Blues”: The Split from Dorothy Fields	120
7. “Dimples”: A Sequence of Child Stars	142
8. “My Kind of Country”: Movies, Romance, and World War II	164
9. “A Lovely Way to Spend an Evening”: The Great Years in Beverly Hills	189
10. “Reach for Tomorrow”: Final Years in Los Angeles and a Growing Legacy	209
NOTES AND ABBREVIATIONS	235
BIBLIOGRAPHY	257
INDEX	259