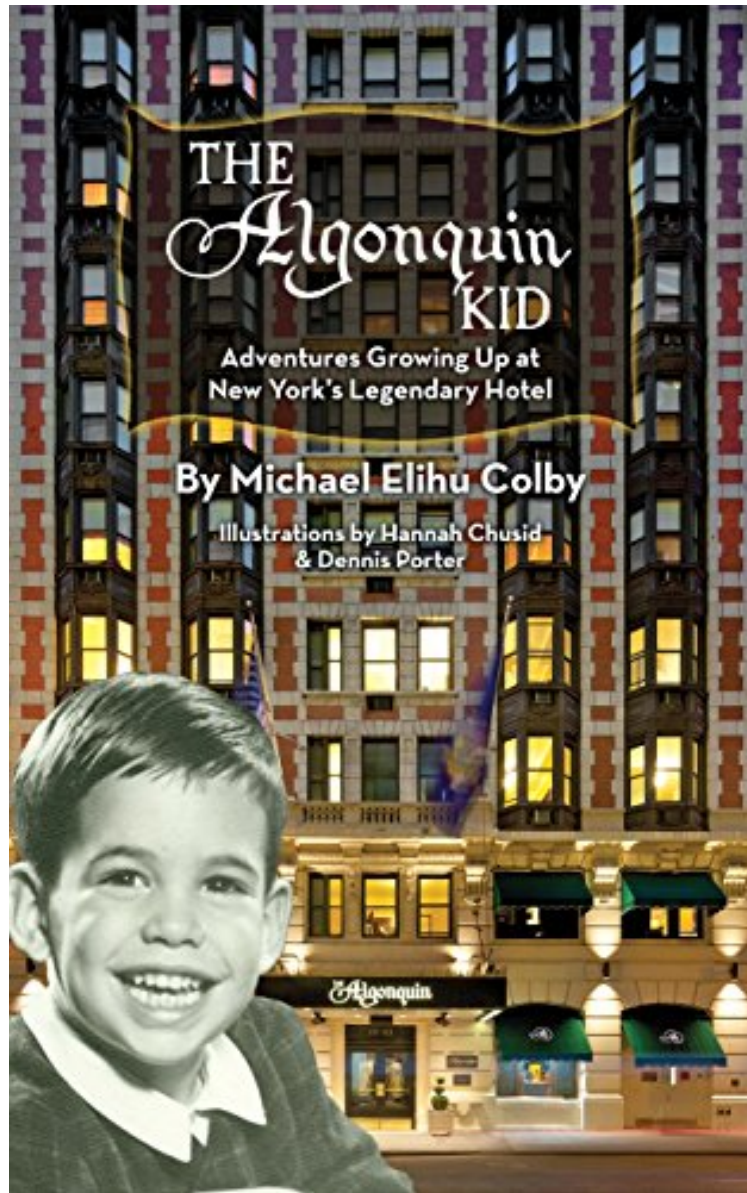


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Algonquin Kid: A great read for the theater geek or the New York history buffBy Mark BAAs a fan of theater, we're accustomed to stories about composers, shows, and theaters. The Algonquin Kid by Michael Colby provides a unique perspective of one of the hang-outs of playwrights, composers, performers and glitterati. And it's not just from an outsider: It's from the perspective of the young grandson of the owner of the Algonquin Hotel. The book is liberally peppered with anecdotes and photographs and celebrities famous (the Kennedys, Marilyn Monroe, etc) and the not so famous. A great read and a nice gift for the theater geek in your family.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Tales of Broadway Giants at the Famed Algonquin HotelBy r. claypooleThis is a funny book loaded with information only available to an Algonquin insider. Michael Colby, grandson of deceased Algonquin owners Ben and Mary Bodne, tells a story that of interest to anyone into New York theater history. (Folks interested in colorful, dysfunctional Jewish family dynamics may also find the book interesting, even if they're not theater buffs.) What Michael saw growing up at the legendary Algonquin Hotel was not only New York history, but American cultural history. He writes the book in a way that weaves fascinating stories of the world's theatrical giants with his own poignant family history. This is an informative and fun read.

This is the hardback version. The true life story of Michael Elihu Colby and his childhood days at Manhattan's Algonquin Hotel. His grandparents Mary and Ben B. Bodne had traded their southern oil fortune for the legendary but faded Algonquin and restored the hotel's former glory. Their efforts led to a remarkable renaissance and attracted an overflow of celebrities from the ridiculous to the sublime. Michael weaves a vivid tapestry of encounters with glittering Broadway and Hollywood celebrities in a kaleidoscopic memoir of illustrious figures-some on a meteoric rise, some in tragic decline-while he found his own place in the topsy turvy world of the Broadway theatre and musicals. Nearly 200 rare photographs and illustrations, a Bibliography, Appendixes, and an Index.

About the AuthorMichael Elihu Colby virtually grew up at New York's legendary Algonquin Hotel, which his grandparents, Ben and Mary Bodne, owned from 1946-1987. His adventures there are portrayed in the book The Algonquin Kid. In theatre circles, he is the librettist/lyricist of a number of musicals. A member of BMI and the Dramatists Guild, he lives in Metuchen, New Jersey, with his wife Andrea and son Steven.