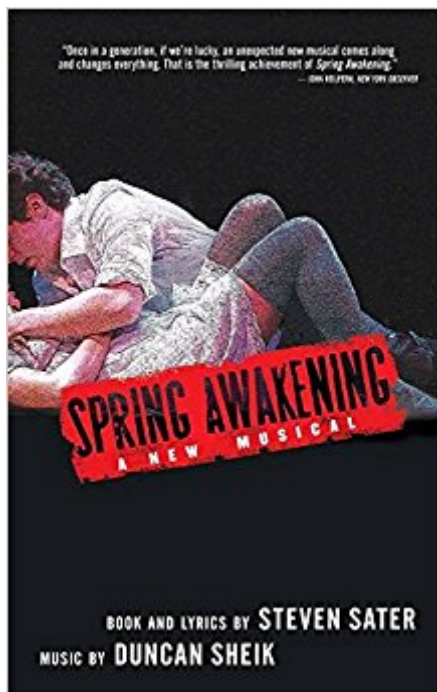


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# Spring Awakening



## Synopsis

“This brave new musical, haunting and electrifying by turns, restores the mystery, the thrill to that shattering transformation that stirs in all our souls.” —Charles Isherwood, *The New York Times*

“The staggering purity of this show will touch all open hearts.” In its refined, imaginative simplicity, it daringly reverses all the conventional rules by returning the American musical to an original state of innocence.

—John Heilpern, *The New York Observer*

“An unexpected jolt of sudden genius, edgy in its brutally honest, unromanticized depiction of human sexuality.” —*New York Post*

Spring Awakening is an extraordinary new rock musical with book and lyrics by Steven Sater and music by Grammy Award-nominated recording artist Duncan Sheik. Inspired by Frank Wedekind’s controversial 1891 play about teenage sexuality and society’s efforts to control it, the piece seamlessly merges past and present, underscoring the timelessness of adolescent angst and the universality of human passion. Steven Sater’s plays include the long-running *Carbondale Dreams*, *Perfect for You*, *Doll* (Rosenthal Prize/Cincinnati Playhouse), *Umbrage* (Steppenwolf New Play Prize), and a reconceived version of Shakespeare’s *Tempest*, which played in London. Duncan Sheik is a singer/songwriter who also collaborated with Sater on the musical *The Nightingale*. He has composed original music for *The Gold Rooms of Nero* and for *The Public Theater’s Twelfth Night* in Central Park.

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I enjoy listening to this over and over. I also recommend the English translation of the original play.

I love this musical and this book is amazing. It includes the full script as well as thorough production notes. I definitely recommend it for those who are fans of the musical, or any theatre enthusiast to enjoy this modern classic. I bought the book from used dealer Book Alley. It was inexpensive, shipping was timely, it was packaged well, and the book was in excellent condition.

I had it assigned as a play I had to read to class. But I thoroughly enjoyed it! Reading isn't my thing much, but this kept me interested enough that I finished it in one sitting. It is very, very explicit sexually. Just a fair warning.

I always have liked Spring Awakening since I saw it from the first time, but I didn't know I could actually have the script of the musical right on my hands...When I saw it I was like: 'I have to buy it!' and it's incredible! It's good because, as Spring Awakening doesn't have its DVD, you can actually 're-watch' it without needing to wait for them to come to your city again, or you can read it for the first time and love it! It's just such an incredible story that is almost impossible not to like. And this book comes even with the sketches of the characters. So, if you are a Spring Awakening addicted, you must buy it ;) If you aren't, then you should buy it because it is an amazing story.

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Water and Sheik did a wonderful adapting Wedekind's 1906 play by the same name. They were able to hold the presence of the time that the play was written but able to add even more of an edge

with the contemporary music style of Sheik.

ITS IS INCREDIBLE!

First, get the soundtrack and play the songs as you come across them in the book. It adds so much depth. I can honestly say that I was more affected by this than by Romeo and Juliet or many of the other classic teenage tragedies.

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