



Alan Arkin

Biography

***Flagg Purdy in* “RAISING FLAGG”**

One of the most revered actors of our time, Alan Arkin stars as the irascible Flagg Purdy, who proudly considers himself a man of principle – though he can rarely remember *which* principle.

Arkin’s diverse career includes starring roles in over 75 motion picture and television films, major success as a Broadway performer and director, and author of a half dozen books.

The native New Yorker began acting in the early 1960s as one of the original members of Chicago’s famed Second City improvisational revue. In his very first Broadway play, Arkin won the coveted Tony Award as the lead in Carl Reiner’s “Enter Laughing.”

The accolades didn’t stop there. In his feature film debut – “The Russians are Coming, The Russians Are Coming” – Arkin received the Golden Globe as well as an Oscar nomination. Two years later came his second Academy Award nomination, as well as the New York Critic’s Award for “The Heart is a Lonely Hunter.”

After making his stage directorial debut with the much-acclaimed “Eh?,” starring a young Dustin Hoffman, Arkin received the prestigious Obie Award for his direction of Jules Feiffer’s “Little Murders” – both at the Circle in the Square.

His body of work on television includes Emmy nominations for “The Pentagon Papers” and guest-star appearances on “Chicago Hope,” starring his son, Adam Arkin.

To his legions of fans, Arkin’s career-defining performance is indisputably as the tightly-wound dentist unwittingly caught up in the wild escapades of an insane CIA agent, played by Peter Falk, in the 1979 madcap blockbuster, “The In-Laws.”

And the best-kept secret of Arkin’s career? He’s a noted children’s book author with six published titles to date (all from Harper/Collins) – including *The Lemming Condition*, which was honored by The Book Sellers of America and has sold steadily for twenty years.