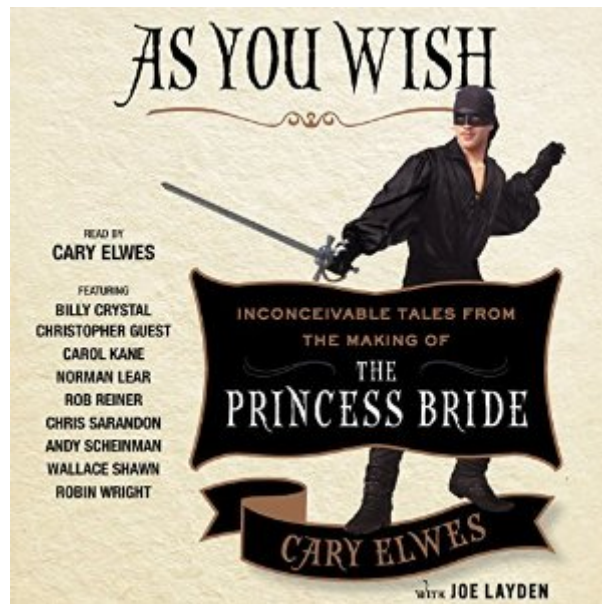


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As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales From The Making Of The Princess Bride



Synopsis

From actor Cary Elwes, who played the iconic role of Westley in *The Princess Bride*, comes a first-person account and behind-the-scenes look at the making of the cult classic film filled with never-before-told stories and interviews with costars Robin Wright, Wallace Shawn, Billy Crystal, Christopher Guest, and Mandy Patinkin, as well as author and screenwriter William Goldman, producer Norman Lear, and director Rob Reiner. *The Princess Bride* has been a family favorite for close to three decades. Ranked by the American Film Institute as one of the top 100 Greatest Love Stories and by the Writers Guild of America as one of the top 100 screenplays of all time, *The Princess Bride* will continue to resonate with audiences for years to come. Cary Elwes was inspired to share his memories and give fans an unprecedented look into the creation of the film while participating in the twenty-fifth anniversary cast reunion. In *As You Wish* he has created an enchanting experience; in addition to interviews with his fellow cast mates, there are plenty of set secrets and backstage stories. With a foreword by Rob Reiner, *As You Wish* is a must-have for all fans of this beloved film. The full list of narrators includes: Cary Elwes, Christopher Guest, Carol Kane, Norman Lear, Rob Reiner, Chris Sarandon, Andy Scheinman, Wallace Shawn, Robin Wright, and Billy Crystal.

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Customer Reviews

I suppose it's barely possible there are people out there who don't know every single detail about "The Princess Bride," the cult-favorite movie directed by Rob Reiner and written by William Goldman, based on Goldman's beloved romantic/comedy/adventure/fantasy book. I don't think I

personally know anyone like that, but I accept that statistically there must be someone like that out there. But even if you know every behind-the-scenes detail -- and you probably don't, not all of them -- you'll still enjoy reading Cary Elwes talk about them in his new book, *As You Wish*, co-written with Joe Layden, on sale now. With charming self-deprecation and a sincere appreciation for the movie and the people involved, Elwes takes you from the moment he got the call from his agent all the way to the emotional 25th anniversary showing in 2012 in front of cheering crowds who knew every line. Yes, there are the stories about Billy Crystal playing Miracle Max for 10 hours a day, for three days, without ever repeating a line, causing Reiner to leave the set so his constant, hysterical laughter wouldn't ruin the shot again. There's the story about Robin Wright's dress catching on fire in the Fire Swamp (as it was intended to) and screenwriter William Goldman, who was on set, who had written the scene, screaming to help her. There's the story of the actor in the Rodent of Unusual Size suit getting held up by police the day of shooting, and the one about Elwes trying to hide the fact that he broke a toe driving Andre the Giant's ATV so he wouldn't get fired, and how they managed to shoot the Cliffs of Insanity scene even though Andre couldn't personally hold any weight and Wallace Shawn was terrified of heights.

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