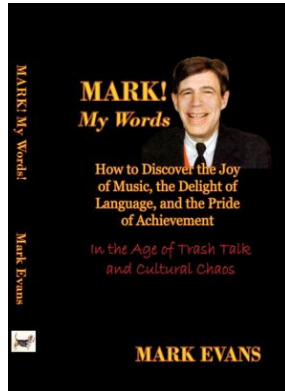




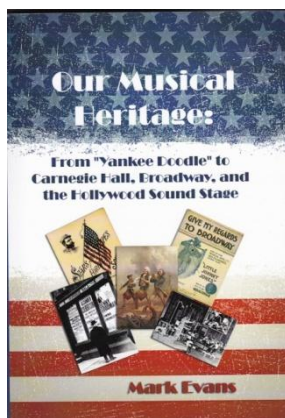
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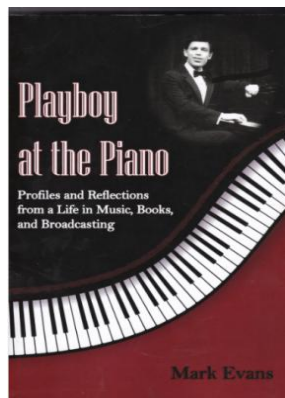


Did you know that America is in the midst of a cultural crisis?

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