

Memories of The Catskills is a candid and charming memoir about the rise and fall of the "Borscht Belt." Lesser Lodge, a small hotel where the author spent the better part of his childhood, lies at the center of this heartfelt tale.

"I laughed, smiled, and also shed a few tears with the Lesser family. Whether one came from a smaller property, or a large one such as mine (Grossinger's), we all traveled the same road...."

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"What a wonderful gift to all of us.... Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of history could be recorded in such a warm, heartfelt and personal manner?"

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"Cross Woody Allen's *Radio Days* with *Dirty Dancing* and you will have a sense of the world that *Memories of The Catskills* recreates...."

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"Lesser's book makes us feel like we were living that resort life over a half century earlier."

✦ *Phil Brown, Northeastern University*

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