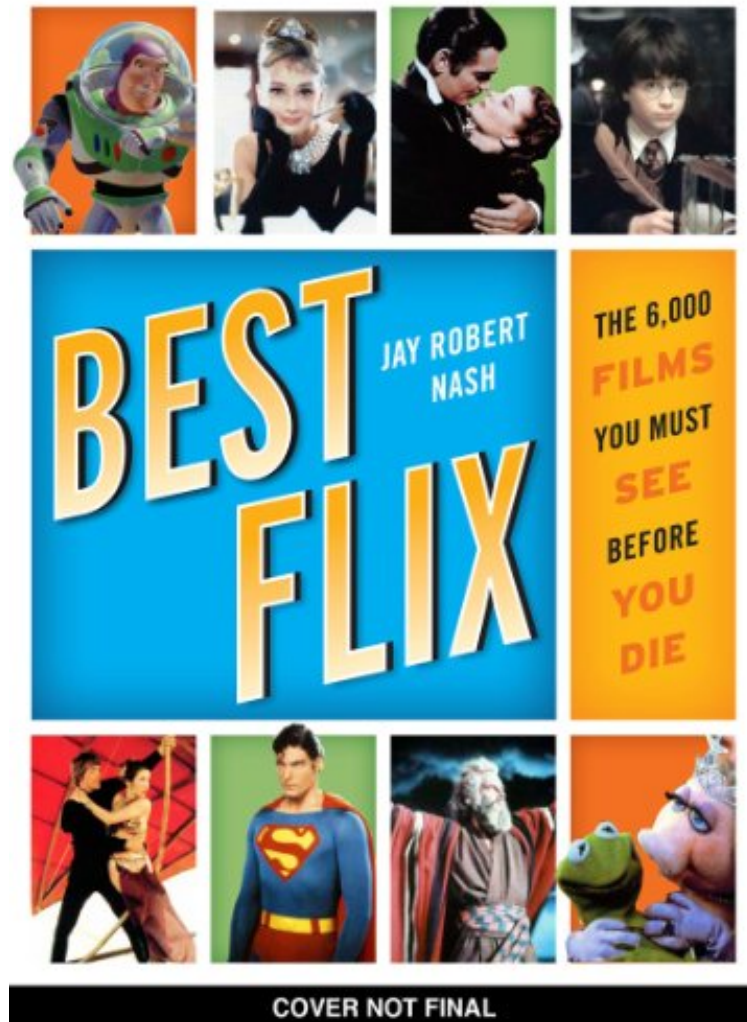


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About the Author Jay Robert Nash is the author of more than seventy single and multi-volume trade and reference works, including the 17-volume Motion Picture Guide, which received two "best reference" awards from the American Library Association. He lives in Chicago, Illinois.