

SYNOPSIS

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning musical is a story about the triumph of the common man amid the buffoonery of big business. When a restless, creative, and ambitious window washer named J. Pierrepont Finch happens upon a book entitled 'How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying', he decides to begin his rise up the corporate ladder. With the book's instructions and a dose of cleverness, Finch starts by landing a job in the mailroom at the World Wide Wicket Company, before quickly gaining promotions and outsmarting his scheming, sniveling rival, Frump - who also happens to be the boss's nephew-- until finally reaching the very top of the organization. From the very beginning, Finch has had the love and support of Rosemary, a marriage-minded secretary who recognizes Finch's potential and finds his innocent demeanor endearing. But in his single-minded pursuit of the top job, Finch is in danger of discounting Rosemary's love. In a moment of crisis, Finch's manual to success can no longer help him: he must rely on his wits, and ultimately, his heart, to save the day.

The standout score by Frank Loesser features such classics as the surreal and funny "Coffee Break", the rousing "Brotherhood of Man", and the melodious tongue-in-cheek ballad, "I Believe In You", while the immensely clever book by Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock, and Willie Gilbert, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1962 for Best Drama.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

J. Pierrepont Finch (Male Lead Tenor with solos) Our story's protagonist. An irrepressible, clear-eyed hero, he is a window washer who applies for a job at the World Wide Wicket Company and attempts to climb the 'ladder of success.'

J.B. Biggley (Male Lead Baritone with solos) The stuffed-shirt President of World Wide Wicket. Beneath his ruthless exterior, he is a college lad at heart, with a passion for knitting, and still lives with his mother. He is in love with Hedy LaRue

Rosemary Pilkington (Female Lead Mezzo-Soprano with solos) A secretary at the company who is more interested in finding a man than advancing her career. She falls in love with Finch.

Smitty (Female Lead Mezzo-Soprano/Alto with solos) Rosemary's best friend, a secretary with a painfully dry sense of humor. She is a cynical, working woman on the lookout for a date.

Bud Frump (Male Lead Baritone-Tenor with solos) Biggely's nephew and scheming employee. He is an arrogant suck-up who tries to advance his career by exploiting his family connections.

Bratt (Male Supporting Baritone with solo) Vice-president of HR in charge of hiring and firing, he tries to maintain a professional demeanor but most of all, keep Biggely happy

Miss Jones (Female Supporting Soprano with solo) J.B.'s stuffy secretary who is abrupt and tough, but soft and kind to those who are good to her.

Mr. Twimble (Male Supporting Baritone-Tenor with solo) He is a fussy, old-fashioned, yet loyal employee at the company. Supervisor of the mailroom, he believes his success is due to his lack of ambition and ability to remain unnoticed.

Hedy LaRue (Female Supporting Mezzo-Soprano with solo) A strikingly glamorous woman adored by all the men. She may appear dim-witted, but she knows how to get what she wants.

Wally Womper (Male Supporting Baritone with solo) The Chairman of the Board and a former window washer.

Miss Krumholtz (Female Featured Mezzo-Soprano with solo) Mr. Gatch's prissy secretary, very nosy and in everyone's business

Gatch (Male Supporting with lines) A lazy executive with an eye for the ladies, in charge of Plans and Systems

TV Announcer (Male, Featured with lines) TV Host for the World Wide Wicket Treasure Hunt

The Wickettes (Female Featured with lines) The "Vanna Whites" of the World Wide Wicket Treasure Hunt TV show

Scrubwomen (2) (Female Featured with lines) Two cleaning ladies at headquarters working late hours and weekends

Employees of the World Wide Wicket Corporation – everyone else, lots of parts!