

## Advance Praise for JUST OUTSIDE THE SPOTLIGHT:



*Eileen Heckart and Luke Yankee*

“In a 48-holder box of spectrum-color Crayolas, Eileen Heckart was always the fire engine red. Now Luke Yankee fills in the black and white. In this sensitively remembered and meticulously catalogued memoir, a great actress comes to life wearing many faces. ‘Heckie’ was a mix of Betty Crocker and Auntie Mame. This is her story, told by the one who knew her best. It is also the intimate revelation of a very special relationship between a mother and son that is warm enough to make you cry, funny enough to make you laugh, intimate enough to make you blush, and painful enough to make your heart ache. More than an observer, the candid writing makes you a willing participant in an extraordinary adventure. I think Mr. Yankee is lucky to have had such a Mom, and applaud him for sharing her with the rest of us so generously.”

-- REX REED, syndicated columnist

“Oh my! In JUST OUTSIDE THE SPOTLIGHT, Luke Yankee captures the indomitable spirit of a great woman and superb actress. With delicious detail, he honors his mother with every turn of the page.”

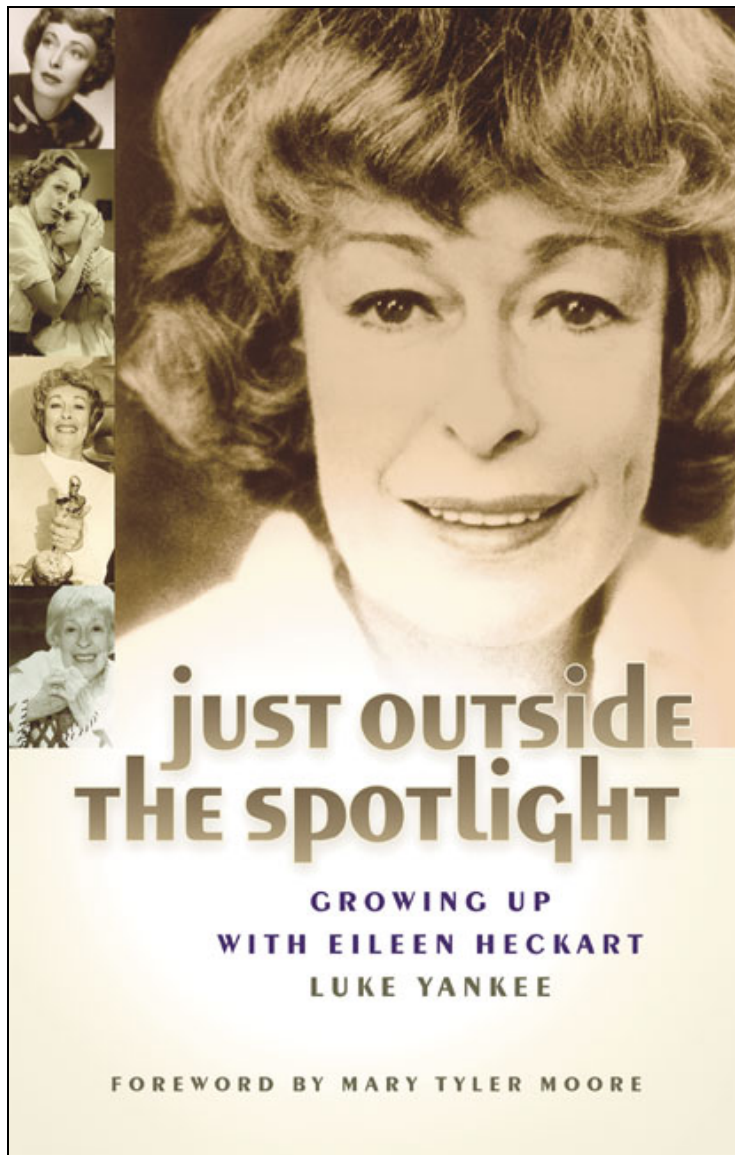
-- CLORIS LEACHMAN, actress, Academy Award winner,  
*The Last Picture Show*

“The reason I felt I could go into show business was because of all the wonderful character actors whose work I admired. One of my great pleasures was to be able to work with Eileen Heckart and to realize that her persona matched the depths of her talent. Now her son, Luke Yankee, has written this funny, charming, insightful memoir. All I can say is, Heckie must be so damned proud. I know I am!”

-- EDWARD ASNER, actor, winner of seven Emmy Awards  
and five Golden Globe Awards

“Psychologists have established that sons are highly influenced by their mothers. Luke Yankee has written a loving memoir of his life growing up in the exciting theatrical world of his mother, the brilliant actress Eileen Heckart. Her achievements brought him into the lives of internationally acclaimed icons in show business, yet maintained the warmth and comfort of a happy home. This is a book that will be embraced by those of us in the entertainment business and the millions of fans who will enjoy the wit and charm of his world.”

-- DORIS ROBERTS, actress, winner of five Emmy Awards,  
*Everybody Loves Raymond*



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EILEEN HECKART**

**by Luke Yankee  
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