

Improbable Anecdotes — Chapter List

1. Getting started (1954-1965)

- Child abuse
- Things change
- Music
- Counting
- Reading
- Family vacations
- My captain
- Child labor
- Religious life
- World's Fair
- Bad grades

2. Junior High from Hell (1966-1968)

- The comb
- Up in the air
- The square root of chaos
- Sic Semper Tyrannus

3. Boys Choir (1966-1969)

- Supply and demand
- Hypnotism

4. Riverdale High (1968-1972)

- Punching bag
- Girls
- Genius
- Apollo 13
- Football
- Captain of the football team
- I took my mom to see an X-rated movie

5. Joining the Workforce (1969-1975)

- Dairy Sweet
- Mechanic on Duty
- Fuller Brush
- John Deere
- Alcoa

6. College Years (1972-1976)

- Activism
- Grades
- Extreme Acting
- Carl
- Scenery
- Fractured fairy tales
- Gilbert Street Players
- Bridge master
- Double single
- Pranks
- 70s Music
- Road trip with friends
- Eugene O'Neil and I write a play

7. Lounge Lizard (1975-1980)

- Trouble
- Chicken pot pie
- Hay baler
- Bellefontaine, Ohio
- Sheridan, Wyoming
- The best equipment in town
- North Platte, Nebraska
- Bad toupee
- Long-haul lounge musicians
- The love train
- Yellow ribbon
- Magic act
- Burning down the house, part 2
- Finicky electronics

- I hate disco
- Take my wife... please
- Early morning dance music
- Miniature gigs
- And on bass

8. Junk Mail Purveyor (1979-1980)

- Stayin' alive
- Racist
- Free chicken
- Baseball bat

9. Carthage (1980)

- Logical
- Gay

10. Community Theatre (1980-1983)

- Arsenic and Old Lace
- The Odd Couple
- The Glass Menagerie
- Dessert Theatre

11. Keokuk, Iowa (1981-1983)

- Jamorizon
- Nevada

12. Living in New York (1983-1988)

- The kindness of strangers
- Where are you from?
- Three decades
- Bank robbers
- Don't bring a laundry cart to a knife fight
- Haunted asylum
- Bibimbap
- Oscar and Ella
- New York is book country
- Performance art
- Passover
- Crazy Brooklyn adventures
- The sudden chef
- Lesson learned
- Through the lens
- Working with a murderer

13. Katz Productions (1983-1985)

- Cash
- Big River
- Broadway disasters 1
- Famous People Players
- Mass Appeal
- The ball drops
- Sardi's

14. Corning Summer Theatre (1984)

- Equity rules
- If something can go wrong
- The loneliness of stage managers
- Alone Together
- The gay plague

15. Gregg Smith Singers (1986-1988)

- Financial management
- NEA grants
- Composers

16. Foreign Adventures

- Communication (France)
- Toilettes
- Lunch in Paris
- The Camargue
- Communication (Australia)
- Camping in Australia

- Driving right
- The longest day
- Communication (Czech Republic)
- Mountain climbing
- Trouble in Hungary
- Welcome to Vienna
- Tops at their craft
- Weight loss

17. Nude Beaches

- Which leg?
- Being other
- Naked breakfast

18. Sex and Marriage

- Sex
- Brothel
- Marriage

19. Drugs

- 12 o'clock high
- College drunks
- Performance-enhancing
- Giving thanks
- Blue laws and other oddities
- Experimentation and addiction

20. Drug Policy

- Me and the Ku Klux Klan
- Banned from a museum
- My DEA file
- Golden K Kiwanis

21. Illinois State Univ. (1988-2015)

- Box Office
- Caroline
- For never was a story of more woe
- 40
- Who needs a script?
- I broke Homecoming
- The sixties revisited
- Travel meltdown
- Broadway disasters 2
- How to meet a celebrity

22. Theatre of Ted (1990-2015)

- Bucket
- The hunt
- Four-square
- Boners

23. Miscellaneous Adventures

- Lord of the Rings
- Ma and Pa Kettle

24. The Living Canvas (2001 -)

- JC Penney's
- Meta
- Merkin
- Paper Plate
- Nudists
- Climbing up
- Family
- Unsex Me Here
- Youth
- Rain
- [Trans]formation

25. Retirement (2015 -)

- A bicycle... trip