



The Man in the Raincoat (Paperback)

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Grove Point Press, United States, 2019. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand new Book. Lee J. Cobb said no. So did a few other people. Finally Bing Crosby was offered the part and turned it down. Too time consuming, too much like work and it would definitely interfere with his golf game. So Universal was down to their 7th choice to play the unprepossessing, overly polite, apparently not-too-bright police lieutenant in their upcoming Movie of the Week. Luckily for the studio they made the offer and Peter Falk accepted and thus was born a television icon. The vehicle was called 'Diagnosis: Murder' written by Dick Levinson and Bill Link and based on their stage play. When Falk signed to play Lt. Columbo, he made it clear that he had no interest in doing a weekly series and all references to a possible series were excised from the contract. Neither Universal nor NBC was worried. If the show proved popular, they would shove a lot of money in Peter Falk's direction. Such a ploy had never failed before. It was foolproof. Well, not exactly because Falk was no fool and when he said "No series!" he meant no series. Joe Bernardi was targeted...

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