

# Did You Grow Up With Me Too? The Autobiography of June Foray



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June Foray, the legendary voice actress behind an astonishing array of iconic cartoon characters, has left an indelible mark on the world of animation. From the energetic and mischievous Rocky the Flying Squirrel to the sultry and seductive Natasha Fatale, her voice has brought countless animated creations to life. In her autobiography, "Did You Grow Up With Me Too?," Foray takes readers on a captivating journey through her extraordinary career and personal life, offering an enthralling glimpse into the golden age of animation and the making of some of the most beloved characters in entertainment history.

### Early Life and Career

Born June Lucille Forer on September 18, 1917, in Springfield, Massachusetts, Foray's passion for performing manifested from a young

age. Her early experiences on stage and radio laid the foundation for her future success as a voice actress. After moving to California in 1943 to pursue a career in Hollywood, she quickly found her niche in the burgeoning world of animation.

Foray's first major break came in 1946 when she joined the legendary animation studio, Warner Bros. Cartoons. Here, she became an integral part of the Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies teams, voicing characters such as Tweety Bird, Granny, and Witch Hazel. Her distinctive voice and impeccable comedic timing brought these characters to life, creating unforgettable moments that have entertained generations.

### **Iconic Roles and Collaborations**

Foray's voice acting career spanned over seven decades, during which she created an astonishing array of memorable characters. Among her most iconic roles is Rocky the Flying Squirrel, the energetic and adventurous protagonist of the classic Hanna-Barbera cartoon, "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle." Her portrayal of the lovable squirrel, with his signature catchphrase, "And away we go!," has secured Foray's place as a beloved figure in the annals of animation.

Foray's collaborations with Jay Ward Productions, the mastermind behind "Rocky and Bullwinkle," also yielded some of her most memorable roles. She voiced Natasha Fatale, the sultry and seductive Russian spy, and Dudley Do-Right, the hapless Canadian Mountie, in the hilarious "The Bullwinkle Show." Her ability to effortlessly switch between different characters, each with their unique voice and personality, showcased her extraordinary range and versatility as a voice actress.

### **Later Work and Legacy**

As her career progressed, Foray continued to voice characters for various animation studios, including Disney, Hanna-Barbera, and Warner Bros. She lent her voice to numerous Disney films, including "101 Dalmatians" (1961), "The Aristocats" (1970), and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" (1988). Her work for Hanna-Barbera included characters in "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!," "The Smurfs," and "The Jetsons." For Warner Bros., she revisited her iconic Looney Tunes characters, such as Tweety Bird and Granny, in various specials and films.

Foray's legacy extends beyond her voice acting career. She was a dedicated mentor to aspiring voice actors, sharing her wisdom and experience with the next generation of performers. Her passion for animation and her commitment to excellence have inspired countless young artists to pursue their dreams in the industry.

### **Personal Life and Retirement**

While Foray's professional life was filled with success and accolades, her personal life was marked by both joy and heartbreak. She was married three times, and her daughter, Candice Proctor, also became a successful voice actress. In her later years, Foray faced challenges, including the loss of her third husband, Bill Hendricks, in 1987. Despite these setbacks, she remained active in the animation community until her retirement in 2016.

June Foray passed away on July 26, 2017, at the age of 99, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy as one of the most beloved and versatile voice actresses of all time. Her autobiography, "Did You Grow Up With Me Too?," provides a fascinating insight into her captivating life and career, offering a testament to the enduring power of animation and the unforgettable characters that Foray brought to life.

June Foray's autobiography, "Did You Grow Up With Me Too?," is a must-read for any fan of animation, voice acting, or Hollywood history. Through her captivating narrative, Foray takes readers on a behind-the-scenes journey through her remarkable career, revealing the secrets and challenges of creating some of the most iconic characters in entertainment. Her story is a testament to her talent, dedication, and unwavering love for the art of animation. As long as there are cartoons, the legacy of June Foray will continue to entertain and inspire generations to come.



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