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Old Time Radio's Greatest Westerns (Smithsonian Historical Performances)



Synopsis

This thirty hour 60 episode 20 Cassette collection is the newest companion to our very successful Greatest Shows and Comedy Collection. This collection includes 60 of the Greatest Old-Time Radio Westerns along with a 64 page booklet that details each show and its history. A great collectors edition and a great gift idea that costs only \$1.00 per show!!!!

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Customer Reviews

I'm no great lover of Westerns, but as a child I was a fan of many of the shows in this collection. Seeking a trip down nostalgia lane, I got the collection, and I wasn't disappointed. The shows easily divide into three types: Westerns from anthology series, "adult" Westerns, and "juvenile" Westerns. Of the three, the Westerns drawn from anthology series were uniformly the best. The anthology series represented in the collection were: "The Cavalcade of America," "Escape," "The Screen Director's Playhouse," and "Suspense." The only sour note among the anthology plays was "Paleface" from "Screen Director's Playhouse." A Bob Hope comedy was hopelessly out of place among all those Westerns. The "adult" Westerns included "Dr. Sixgun," "Fort Laramie," "Frontier Gentleman," "Gunsmoke," "Have Gun Will Travel," "Hawk Larabee," "Luke Slaughter of Tombstone," "Tales of the Texas Rangers," and "The Six Shooter." "Luke Slaughter" seems to have been a cross between the rougher elements of John Wayne and Clint Eastwood with a little Ward Bond thrown in. "Hawk Larabee" had more Western clichés than "Blazing Saddles," and I thought it was a rather sophisticated juvenile Western, but the enclosed booklet said it was aimed at adults. The best of the lot seemed to me to be "The Six Shooter," starring Jimmy Stewart. "Have Gun Will

Travel" and "Gunsmoke" had quality in keeping with their TV counterparts. "Frontier Gentleman" starring John Dehner told of the life of a British journalist traveling the wild and woolly West.

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