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Retro TV



Synopsis

Through the magic of streaming video and cable television, newÂ generations are discovering the magic and art ofÂ classic television shows. Retro TV is a pictorial showcase of the best showsÂ from the 1950s and 1960s in both color and gloriousÂ black and white. Variety shows, quiz shows, drama, sitcoms, westernÂ à ^horse operasâ™ and cop classics are featured along with essential information and little known facts. Relive the â ^Golden Yearsâ™ of television thatÂ produced such timeless classics as Bonanza, TheÂ Untouchables, Danger Man, The Twilight Zone, TheÂ Alfred Hitchcock Hour, Rowan and Martinâ™s Laugh InÂ and Car 54 Where Are You? Take a trip back in time with Retro TV! (Ian Collis)

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Customer Reviews

Ian Collis is a leading authority onÂ sports history and statistics andÂ is also a well-known collector ofÂ photographs of popular culture.

The book is fantastic and filled with a lot of facts. However, the packaging of the item was not great. It was thrown in a box that was too large for the item and luckily the item was not damaged.

Ian Collis' RETRO TV should be catnip for aging baby boomers like moi. This 2014 New Holland Publishers release offers up scads of b&w and color photographs and brief text on dozens and dozen of fan favorite TV shows from the 1940s to the mid-1980s. RETRO TV tops off at 288 pages.

The book is divided into chapters on 'The Fabulous Fifties,' 'The Swinging Sixties' and so on. Most of the shows covered are American but there are a few Brit shows, such as 'The Avengers.' as well. The first entry is 'I Love Lucy;' the last, 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show.' In-between are write-ups on shows such as 'Lassie,' "Hopalong Cassidy," 'Beat the Clock,' 'Twilight Zone,' 'What's My Line,' 'Sea Hunt,' 'The Tonight Show,' 'Naked City,' 'The Ed Sullivan Show,' 'Have Gun Will Travel,' 'The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis,' 'Combat,' 'General Hospital,' 'Arrest and Trial,' 'Family Affair,' 'I Spy,' 'Wild, Wild West,' 'All in the Family,' 'Welcome Back Kotter,' 'Donny and Marie,' 'Little House on the Prairie' and 'MASH.' Write-ups range for a 1/2-page to two pages. Collis' book is informative, entertaining and a fun read. All baby boomers and TV buffs in general will enjoy this magical mystery (TV) tour. Recommended.

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