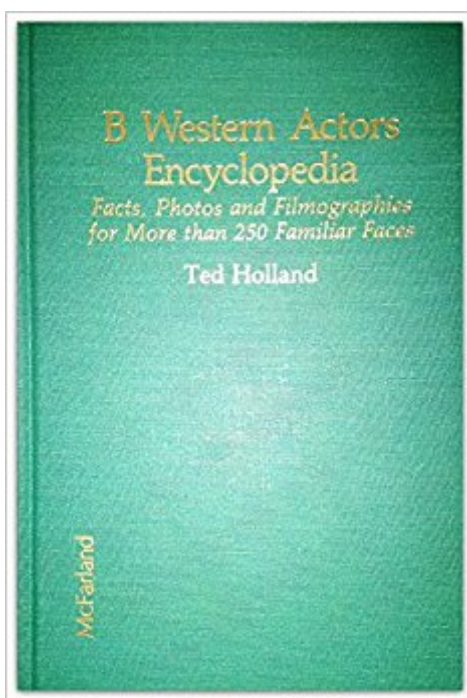


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Synopsis

Holland covers the heroes, the sidekicks, the cowgirls and the bad guys in this encyclopedia of B western actors. For each performer he provides a biographical sketch and career description, as well as photographs and a filmography. ' --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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A quote from a review reprinted above characterizes this disappointing book as "superbly researched." The reviewer must not be all that familiar with B-Westerns to have come to that bizarre conclusion. In fact, B Western Actors Encyclopedia doesn't seem to have been researched at all. And not only that, author Holland could hardly have used the volumes he quotes in his bibliography and still have managed to misspell the names of important genre director Spencer Gordon Bennet and popular heroine Lucile Browne. (The latter, almost needless to say, becomes Lucille Brown). Nitpicking? I don't think so. This, after all, is a volume that calls itself an encyclopedia. As a matter of fact, most fans of the genre will find themselves in the unusual situation of knowing more about the subject matter than the author. Someone once published a book debunking a recent biography of Errol Flynn. To compile a list of errors and omissions in B WESTERN ACTORS ENCYCLOPEDIA would probably prove just as exhausting. My one star is for McFarland's handsome design and several quite wonderful stills.

First of all this book is outstanding. Growing up in a family that worked on B Western this brought back a lot of good times as a kid. My father worked with most of these actors, I would like to see his

other books.

This is a great resource book for people who want to know what actor played in what movies, who the sidekicks are, the female actresses, the villains in a movie, etc. Everyone who enjoys westerns will enjoy reading up on the movie and the stars inside them.

I am 68 years old and starting in the early fifties, I was an ardent fan of these so-called B Westerns as well as the later TV westerns. I was looking forward to this book. However, the book is a disappointment and will likely be put in the recycling bin. It is poorly organized, with pictures often not relating to adjacent text. It is inconsistent in the information provided for each star: with some it is fairly complete with others hardly anything at all. In fact, overall, it is simply incomplete. I wish this book had been the encyclopedia it claims to be, but it is not.

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