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# The Carol Burnett Show Companion: So Glad We Had This Time



## Synopsis

You're probably still laughing. If you have seen The Carol Burnett Show, you remember the unbridled hilarity of the sketches performed by Carol, Harvey Korman, Tim Conway, Vicki Lawrence, Dick Van Dyke, Lyle Waggoner, and frequent guest stars Cass Elliot, Bernadette Peters, Paul Lynde, Eydie Gorme, Jim Nabors, Mel Torme, and Nancy Wilson. Discover the complete history of The Carol Burnett Show, from its origins as a potential series through later DVD releases. All 11 seasons and 276 episodes will enlighten, entertain, and bring back memories of the series from 1967 to 1978. Remember *Went With the Wind*, the famous *Gone With The Wind* lampoon? Relive those unforgettable laughs through the memories of many of the creative personnel, guests, and even network executives in 60 exclusive interviews and summaries of each season's episodes. Author Wesley Hyatt takes you behind the scenes for revealing peeks at why the show switched time slots three times, how players changed roles during rehearsals, and how writers dreamed up certain skits. Relive the 25 Emmy Awards bestowed on cast and producers of one of the all-time best American television variety series. Featuring an Appendix of the top 30 shows. Index. Illustrated. About the author: Wesley Hyatt is the author of *The Encyclopedia of Daytime Television* (1997); *The Billboard Book of Number One Adult Contemporary Hits* (1999); *Short-Lived Television Series, 1948-1978* (2003); *A Critical History of Television's The Red Skelton Show, 1951-1971* (2004); *Emmy Award Winning Nighttime Television Shows, 1948-2004* (2006); *Kicking Off The Week: A History of Monday Night Football on ABC Television, 1970-2005* (2007); and *Television's Top 100: The Most Watched American Broadcasts, 1960-2010* (2011). He works as a writer and editor with Citrix in Raleigh, North Carolina, and serves as a regular contributor to *Stu's Show*, an Internet radio interview show covering the entertainment industry.

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## Customer Reviews

Christopher Korman 3 hrs **Las Vegas** Author and tv historian Wesley Hyatt's love letter to all those who loved the Carol Burnett Show is ready for pre order right now on .Wesley dedicated 3 years of his professional life to capturing the essence of this iconic show from both sides of the camera .It was a honor to be able to celebrate my father Harvey Korman's 10 years on a show that cemented him as one of the greatest versatile performers of his time on this iconic show and written by a writer without peer Wesley Hyatt.

You'll be glad you had this time together with Wesley Hyatt's excellent tome covering, episode-by-episode, all 11 seasons of "The Carol Burnett Show."Mr. Hyatt, a well-versed TV critic, gives minute details on the planning for each season, with incisive commentary on just about every full episode first broadcast over CBS. Accompanying each air date is the list of guest stars for that particular episode -- many of them surprises, in some cases pairings of guests you never thought would be in the same room, let alone on the same series.Mr. Hyatt tried to interview all the principal stars of the series and, amazingly, all (including some behind-the-scenes personnel) declined for unspoken reasons, to participate. But, Mr. Hyatt's book does not suffer for their lack of participation -- in a strange way, it makes his commentary more objective and probably more on-target. He is not afraid to say whether certain episodes failed to entertain, nor is he overly enthusiastic about more successful and memorable ones -- such as the 1976 episode containing the "Went With the Wind" parody (interestingly, GWTW was already sent up years earlier, presumably WITHOUT the curtain-rod gown that made its mark in the later episode).The only minor drawback is a dearth of pictures but those he has serve like chapter introductions for the season-by-season guide. And these do look almost like newspaper reproductions (all black-and-white, no color), but for the exhaustive amount of information here, this is a quibble not a major complaint.Anyone else who is mulling whether to pursue their own guide on this now-classic variety series may seriously want to consider another subject. Mr. Hyatt's book will stand the test of time as the definitive overview. Lovers of the Carol Burnett Show will find this invaluable

Author Wesley Hyatt wisely sought out living participants in this show to round on his highly detailed, well-researched accounting of the long-running classic American series. The facts of each

episode will be fascinating to both new fans of the syndicated abridged version widely circulated right now, as well as those that remember the original one-hour episodes when they were new. So few books have been written about Burnette, much less those unforgettable comic talents, Harvey Korman, Tim Conway, and Vicki Lawrence, that may be the first in a wave. Thankfully, the publisher and author got it right first out. I understand there are both hardback and ebook editions, although I reviewed the paperback.

What a wonderful read! Great insight, history, and excellent research. Every Carol Burnett Show fan should get this as they will really enjoy it.

A great book by a great writer! Well done!

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