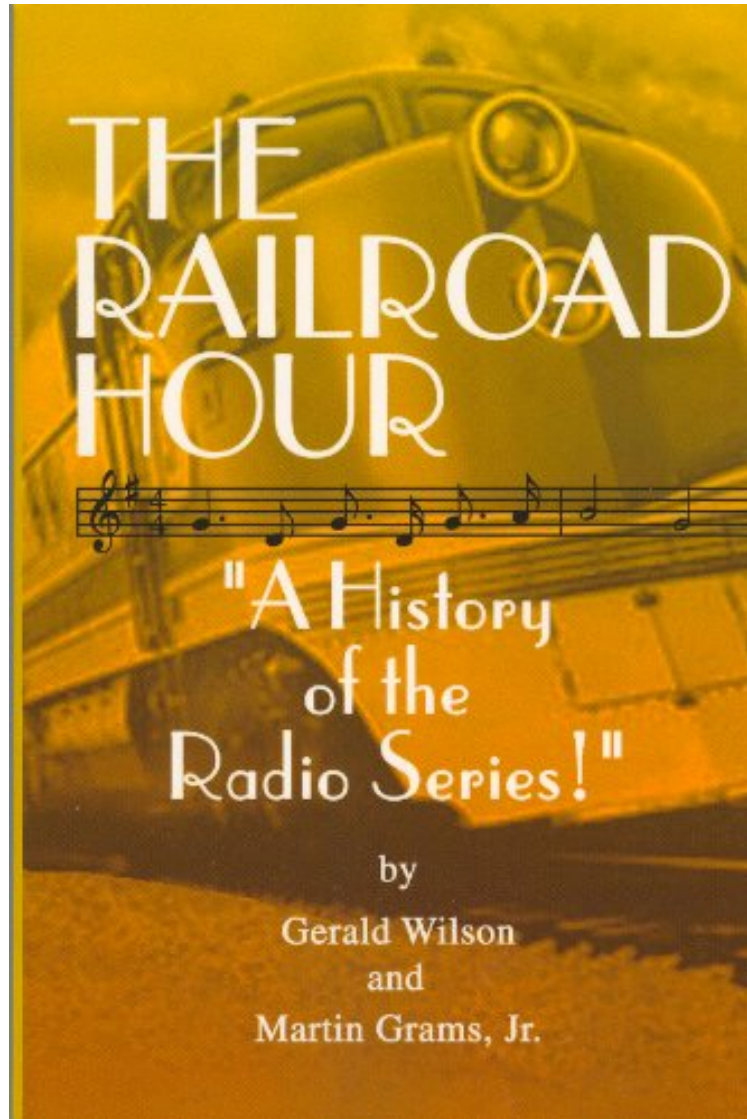


## The Railroad Hour

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**Gerald D. Wilson, Martin Jr. Grams : The Railroad Hour** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Railroad Hour:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. factsBy oliverofanI was thrilled to see this book on . But when I got it, I was horrified to find, just within the first few pages, so many errors, that it has left me wondering how many others are to be found in the remaining pages of the book. Just a brief selection: Dorothy Kirsten did not make her debut at the Metropolitan in 1942, but in 1945; her great-aunt was Catherine, not Katharine, Hayes; Nadine Conner did

not make her Met debut in the Magic Flute in 1944 but in 1941; Marion Bell could not possibly have sung in The Goldwyn Follies AFTER 'an engagement with the San Francisco Opera' since that engagement was in 1941 (in Los Angeles) and The Goldwyn Follies had been made in the 1930's! Perhaps the authors have confused Miss Bell with Helen Jepson. I know from personal experience that there are always errors in fact-filled volumes. But the ones I have instanced as well as others could easily have been avoided by a simple glance at the information easily available on the internet. So, bottom line, by all means take the chance but have reservation about the 'facts' you read. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Climb aboard the Railroad Hour Show Train! By Lenore C. Jacobs The Railroad Hour was a popular radio program, sponsored by the American Railroad Association, that graced the airways from 1948-1954 during the Golden Era of radio shows. Each week the Railroad Hour Show Train presented a condensed musical or operetta with the lead male part usually sung by the program's host, Gordon MacRae, and his leading lady's part sung by a well-known opera, Broadway, movie, or television star of the day. This book outlines the program's history and gives condensed biographies for the show's... Primary writers: Jean Holloway, Jerome Lawrence, Robert Lee Orchestra conductor and music arranger: Carmen Dragon Choral director: Norman Luboff Host and male lead: Gordon MacRae Primary female leads: Lucille Norman, Dorothy Kirsten, Dorothy Warenskjold, Nadine Conner, Marion Bell, and others... as well as interesting trivia relating to the episodes or commercials, and which radio stations carried the program. The book then lists the 299 episodes that were broadcast over the six-year period, summarizing each condensed plot and listing the songs performed. All-in-all, this publication is an invaluable resource for anyone who collects the recorded episodes from this program, which are available on CD or MP3 disks from several on-line sources. Having personally listened to most of the episodes, my only criticism of the book is that there are approximately a half-dozen episodes listed with incorrectly described plots, music lists, or source material. Obviously, some last minute revisions occurred shortly before some of these stories were performed that were not recorded on paper in ABC's/NBC's archives, which may account for some of the differences. Other discrepancies are clearly typing errors, sadly not caught by the authors. Still, this is a very useful book for fans of this program. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good information on a great show By Kindle Customer A gift for my husband - he really enjoyed and was pleased with new information he found in this book. And, if you like the book - you should hear the shows!

The first book on a classic radio show, including: \* A history of this fascinating musical program, revealing why the show was referred to as "Hour" when the series was broadcast on a 30-minute time slot, why the series never features operas, and much more! \* A complete episode guide listing in extreme detail, all 299 episodes with titles of all songs, who sung them, the order in which they were sung, the origina of all musicals, plots, cast lists (who played who) and much more! \* Trivia listed under various episode entries. \* The Railroad Hour commercials. \* Biography and partnership of Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. \* Broadcast times schedule. \* Complete list of ABC Networks that carried the program. \* Complete list of the NBC Networks also. \* Complete list of Railroad sponsors for the program. \* Awards and Honors. \* Fully indexed. \* Plus much, much more!