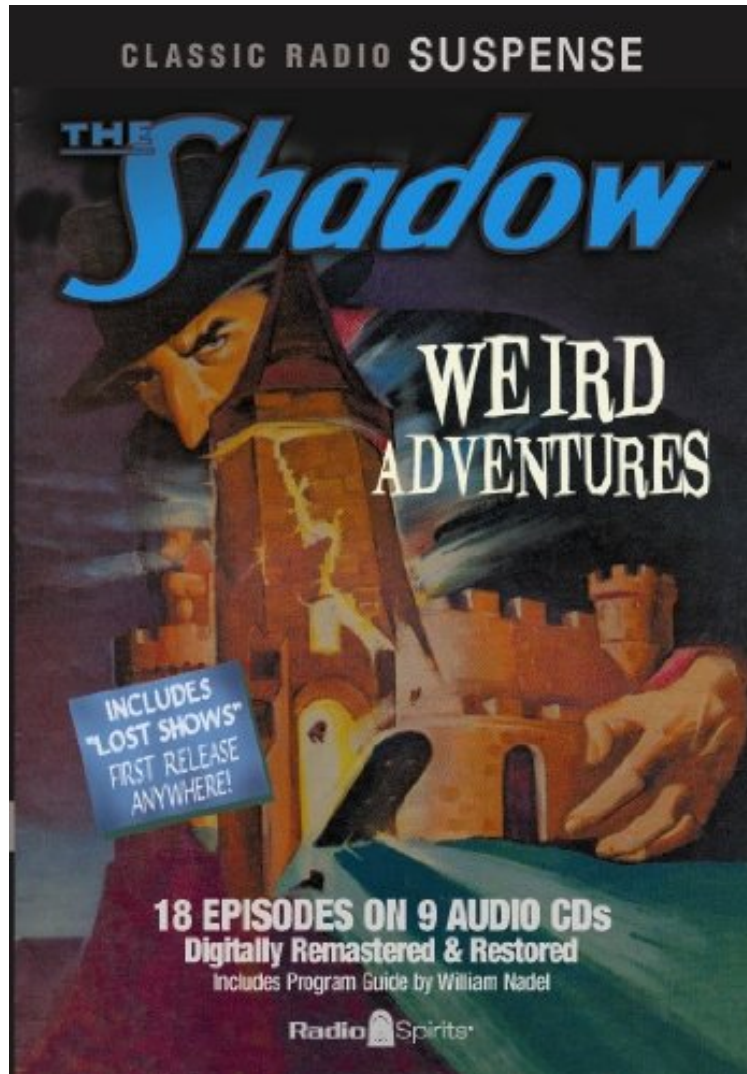


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Shadow: Weird Adventures (Old Time Radio) (Classic Radio Suspense):

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Not weird, just wonderful By M. G. Watson I love just about anything from the Golden Age of Radio, but if I had to choose a single show to remain in existence after all the others had turned to dust and been forgotten, it would be THE SHADOW. This program, which combined genres as disparate as

mystery/detective, noir, horror, espionage, and science fiction, was and remains a joy to listen to. The story of The Shadow was simply this: as a young man, Lamont Cranston traveled the world studying the occult. While in India, he learned the secret of telekentic hypnosis, which allowed him to cast a hypnotic mist over other people's minds, rendering him invisible to their eyes. Possessed with a keen desire to "right wrongs, protect the innocent, and punish the guilty", Lamont took on the guise of "The Shadow" and with his trusty friend/companion/aide/love-interest Margo Lane, proceeded to make relentless war on criminals everywhere. Good old Lamont didn't discriminate: over the 17 year run of the show, the various actors who portrayed The Shadow tackled spies, gangsters, con men, smugglers, counterfeiters, mad scientists, terrorists, and psychopathic murderers without number, always insisting that "the weed of crime bears bitter fruit -- crime does not pay!" And you know what? If The Shadow was after you, it really didn't. You might get your licks in here and there. You might wallop Cranston with a blackjack, knock off a friend of his, kidnap and terrorize Margo, even lay waste to half the city, but in the end, The Shadow would see to it you didn't get to spend much of your ill-gotten cash. If you were lucky, you went to prison. If you weren't, well, a short list of deaths suffered by evildoers who crossed .45s with The Shadow included suffering acid-bath drownings, being hit by trains, devoured (alive) by wolves, riddled with bullets, blown up by bombs, and frying in the electric chair.

**THE SHADOW: WEIRD ADVENTURES** bills itself as having two episodes which have not been heard by radio audiences since their original 1938 broadcasts: "Professor X" and "The Reincarnation of Michael." Actually, this sells the collection a bit short, since it also contains an episode called "Conversation with Death" which I have never encountered, or even heard of, in 20+ years of collection THE SHADOW. What's more, all three of the "new" episodes are quite good, so even if you happen to have all the others, it's still probably worth laying out the dough for this collection anyway. I won't break down every episode here, but I will say that unlike most collections, there are no losers in this particular bunch; quite the contrary, there are some very good stories here, and they cover pretty much the whole range of actors who played The Shadow over its 17-year history. The first five are from the all-too-brief Orson Welles era, while most of the rest feature the indistinguishable (but equally wonderful) Brett Morrison and Bill Johnstone, with two appearances by John Archer.

**Aboard the Steamship**: While vacationing on a luxury liner, Lamont tangles with revolutionists bound for South America.

**Message From The Hills**: A fascinating story set in a far-flung outpost of the British Empire that sees The Shadow use telepathy to foul up a diamond heist.

**The Reincarnation of Michael**: A crazed millionaire tries to re-enact a massacre that occurred hundreds of years ago in Medieval Italy.

**Professor X**: The Shadow crosses swords with a criminal who uses a stolen scientific invention to murder his rivals.

**Island of the Devil**: A man wrongfully convicted of murder escapes from Devil's Island to seek revenge on the person that framed him.

**Valley of the Living Dead**: Lamont visits an rich old college buddy who has imposed a "negative utopia" on an isolated town. (This seems to be an oblique attack on socialism)

**Hypnotic Death**: A vicious racketeer with metal powers that rival Crantson's runs a ruthless insurance scam.

**Conversation with Death**: A crazed scientist buries a romantic rival alive. Can Lamont save the poor SOB before the oxygen runs out?

**Flight of the Vulture**: A really nasty piece of work about an insurance scam involving horses.

**Ghost Town**: An Old West boom town is supposedly haunted by a famous Mexican bandito and his posse...but if they're just ghosts, why is the blood real?

**The Destroyer**: A mad bomber terrorizes the city. Too bad he happens to shoot pool with Lamont Cranston.

**The Island of Ancient Death**: A truly spooky story set on an isolated island, that is part Whodunit and part Who-will-do-it?

**The Valley of Living Terror**: Lamont Margo, on the trail of a missing scientist... find him. Or do they?

**The Devil Takes a Wife**: A (possibly) supernatural blackmail tale set in the Louisiana Bayous (also one of the first SHADOW episodes I ever heard).

**The Chill of Death**: You can't find good help nowadays, especially if you murder them for the insurance money.

**Death is a Colored Dream**: A straight noir detective story that pits The Shadow against a pair of murderous business partners.

**The Vengeance of Angela Nolan**: The last surviving Shadow broadcast sees Lamont framed by the sister of a man he sent to the chair. That's about it. The price of these Radio Spirits collections is very steep, considering how easy it is to get most of these shows for free on the Net, but since Conde Nast keeps a tight fist on the "new" episodes, it's probably worth your money. And anyway, the weed of file-sharing bears bitter fruit! The Shadow knows!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful.

**Lost Episodes Found** By R. G. Bright

In the episode "Conversation With Death," a doctor's act of vengeance using a new formula designed to put his victims into a cataleptic state, comes back to haunt him in the guise of The Shadow, of course. "Conversation With Death" was never broadcast during the Blue Coal sponsorship. Agnes Moorehead made her final appearance as Margot Lane in this episode. It has been in circulation for years but has been a difficult find. Also a pleasure is "Flight of the Vulture." Not a great episode, but Radio Spirits once sold this in an edited form. Supposedly the black actor's scenes had been censored. The episode is now whole again. "Professor X" is a classic science fiction episode, not horror. "White God" offers Margot and Lamont's attempt to stop human sacrifice by natives. I am a fan of The Shadow radio program, having listened and collected the shows for years. So while I am not an expert on the subject, it comes as a shock when even I noticed a number of errors in the booklet that accompanied the set. They credited the wrong authors on three episodes. But the biggest is the fact that Radio Spirits assigned broadcast dates for three episodes that were syndicated. "Syndicated" means the episodes were sent out to various stations across the country, and the individual stations aired the transcription discs when they pleased. So in Chicago the episode could have been broadcast on August 23, and in Los Angeles it could have aired on

August 27. I would not accuse the company, Radio Spirits, of making up broadcast dates where they had no dates, but someone there needs to do their research. I am expecting the book penned by Martin Grams that comes out in March will set things straight. Maybe Radio Spirits needs to focus on the correct airdates for us serious collectors as much as they focus on acquiring 'lost' episodes. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Radio Spirits Does It Again By Martin Grams, Jr. Radio Spirits continues to put out high-quality CD box sets with un-circulated episodes of THE SHADOW that have not been heard for more than 60 or 70 years. On top of new adventures there are a few that are now complete with commercials which existed in edited/syndicated format. Radio Spirits will continue to put out box sets of un-circulated radio shows as long as the sets sell. After all, it costs money for these shows and they are licensed and legal. So rather than support illegal downloading, consider supporting a good cause that will benefit everyone. Great liner notes.

Lamont Cranston (a.k.a. The Shadow) and Margot Lane are intrepid world travelers, adventuring in major countries, remote islands, hidden valleys and bizarre towns. Their perilous ports of call included places like Devil's Island and The Valley of Living Terror. Join them on their journeys, in which you will hear four of the outstanding actors who played The Shadow: Orson Welles, Bill Johnstone, John Archer, and Bret Morrison. We also pay tribute to eight actresses who braved the jungles, swamps and curses as risk-taking heroine and damsel in distress Margot Lane: Margot Stevenson, Agnes Moorehead, Marjorie Anderson, Judith Allen, Leslie Woods, Grace Matthews, Amzie Strickland, and Gertrude Warner. Featured in this collection are two newly discovered Orson Welles episodes from the series, available here for the first time since their original broadcasts in 1938 - The Reincarnation of Michael and Professor X, plus seven episodes from newly sourced master recordings of the 1938 BF Goodrich sponsored summer series. Includes Program Guide by radio historian William Nadel with photographs and background information about the series. EPISODES INCLUDE: White God 05-01-38, Aboard the Steamship Amazon 05-08-38, Message From The Hills 05-22-38, The Reincarnation of Michael 07-17-38, Professor X 09-18-38, Island of the Devil 01-08-39, Valley of the Living Dead 01-22-39, Hypnotic Death 02-12-39, Conversation with Death 09-17-39, Flight of the Vulture 12-10-39, Ghost Town 10-06-40, The Destroyer 03-25-45, The Island of Ancient Death 03-03-46, The Valley of Living Terror 10-13-46, The Devil Takes a Wife 12-08-46, The Chill of Death 01-04-48, Death is a Colored Dream 09-26-48, The Vengeance of Angela Nolan 06-27-54