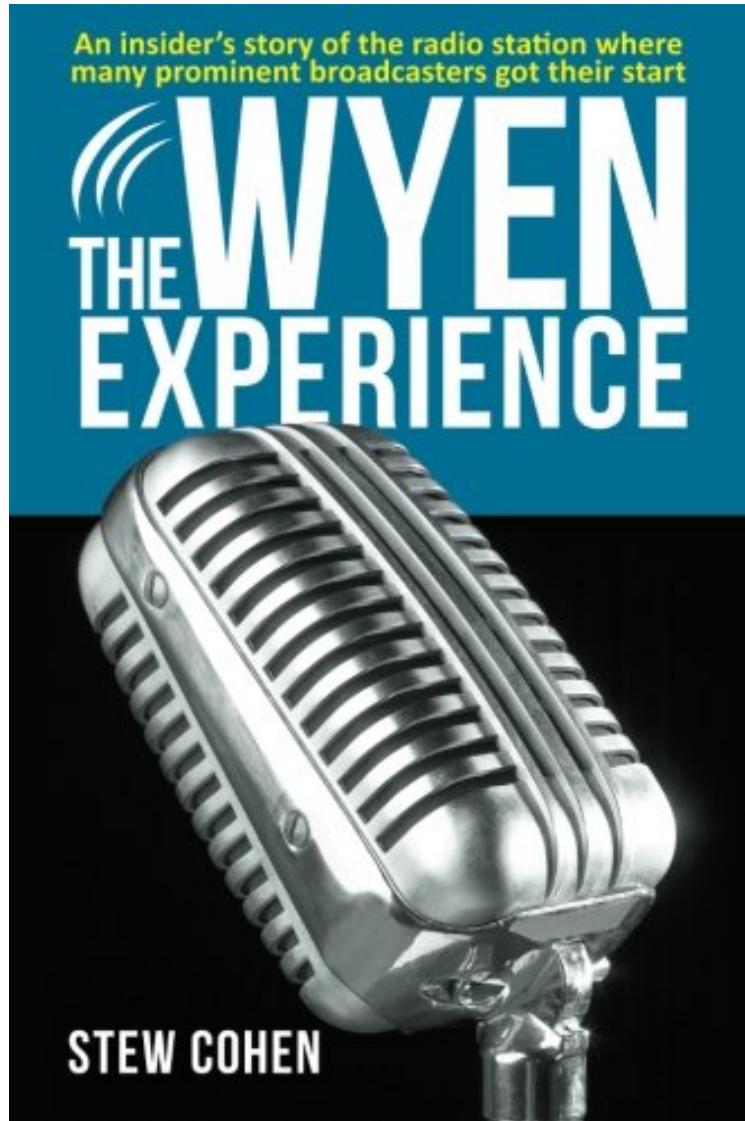


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James Earl Jones voicing Darth Vader in Star Wars had a set of pipes a radio news anchor in the 1970s might envy. CBS News legend Edward R. Murrow wrote in a style many radio news writers tried to copy. Their skills were honed over time. While few ever reach the stature of a Jones or Murrow, radio broadcasters rely on stations where they can develop these skills. In the seventies, one such place was WYEN-FM in Des Plaines, Illinois. In The WYEN Experience, author Stew Cohen tells the story of this mom-and-pop radio station106.7 on the dialthat opened in 1971 and was built on a genuine passion for radio. It flourished through the 1970s, stumbled in the early 1980s, and then sold to a new owner. He provides an insiders look into the happenings of this station that entertained thousands with its music and announcersincluding Ed Walters, the driving force behind WYEN; the lives of many of the talented broadcasters who worked here; Cohens personal coverage of some of the biggest stories of the time; and his interviews with some greats from the entertainment industry. Cohen describes an era that lived with pay phones, typewriters, turntables, transistor radios, and boom boxes; in The WYEN Experience he brings to life to both the times and the radio station.

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