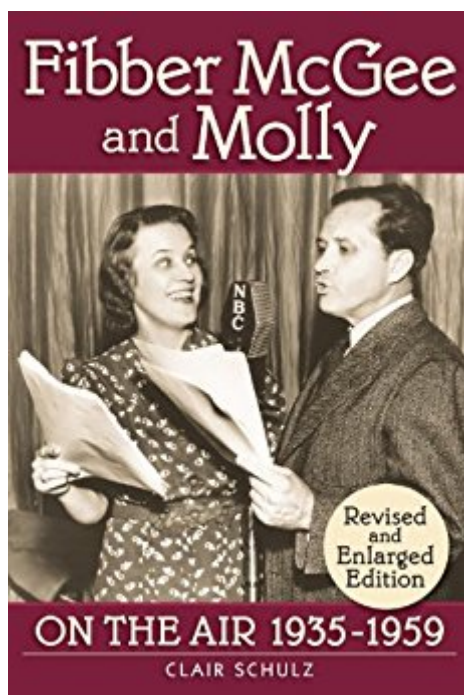


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Synopsis

Fibber McGee and Molly was one of broadcasting's greatest triumphs, reaching its height during the 1940s when millions of Americans tuned in Tuesday evenings to hear radio's royal couple welcome the Old Timer, Gildersleeve, Mrs. Uppington, Mayor LaTrivia, Doctor Gamble, and other visitors who came calling at the most famous address in Comedyland, 79 Wistful Vista. A listening favorite in many homes from the Depression right into the space age, Fibber McGee and Molly was unique in that it aired in three different formats: thirty-minute productions, fifteen-minute episodes, and vignettes heard on NBC Monitor. This guide to over 1200 episodes covers all three formats of the series with entries listing date of broadcast, title, cast, summary, musical numbers, running gags, and comments designed to enhance the enjoyment of listeners and readers. This revised and greatly-expanded edition contains 300 additional entries (including 20 for which no transcription exists), more appendices (one tabulating all openings of that famous hall closet), and a new selection of photographs to complement the text.

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Customer Reviews

A show-by-show chronicle of one of the funniest radio shows of the Golden Era. For three decades, America tuned in to hear Fibber & Molly. If you're old enough to remember these shows, this book will brush away the cobwebs. If you're a collector of vintage radio programs, this is your definitive guide. If you're new to this medium, this book will whet your appetite to pick up some of the many available recordings of Fibber McGee & Molly shows and discover the fun. I've collected radio shows for 40 years and found info in this book that was missing from my knowledge of the show.

It would be an understatement to say that Mr. Schulz has done his homework with this incredible wealth of information on every single broadcast of this beloved comedy series. What a labor of love it must have been to listen to all of these timeless shows. Schulz's writing is sharp and truly engaging, which makes this much more than a mere reference publication. After reading the introduction, I wanted to read more from this talented writer (who could easily have been working right alongside Don Quinn supplying gags for the McGees). I look forward to more from Schulz and hope his next project is a biography. This is a must-have for all enthusiasts of old-time radio.

As a lifelong (well, since I was 14, which is now 39 years, which is Jack Benny's age - but don't blame me for THAT plug) fan of FM & M, I loved getting this book from . With every known episode covered (and I have every episode on MP3), this book is a gold mine of information. Schulz really did the work researching, cross-referencing, and cataloging every episode. Here you'll find every character from the show, tidbits of information about their lives outside of radio (such as when Gale Gordon and Bill Thompson joined the military during WWII), in-depth information about running gags, and much, much more. All are listed in chronological order, with an additional alphabetic listing of episodes at the back to help you find a specific show. Schulz also includes a list of OTHER radio programs that Jim and Marion Jordan appeared on outside of their home on Wistful Vista. I was able to hunt down their amazingly tense appearance on "Suspence" in 1949. My only complaint is that books like these don't exist for ALL old radio shows. Schulz is to be commended for this excellent book - one which I often pick up just for the pleasure of reading.

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