

Tales of Mystery and Suspense: Vol. 10: Radio's Outstanding Theater of Thrills

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Paul Brennecke : Tales of Mystery and Suspense: Vol. 10: Radio's Outstanding Theater of Thrills before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tales of Mystery and Suspense: Vol. 10: Radio's Outstanding Theater of Thrills:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good listening By SGListened to these CDs on a long road trip. It was good quality and the price seemed reasonable to me. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Tales of Suspense! By Bobby Underwood Those ominous chimes! Each week listeners of old time radio awaited them eagerly for what they knew would be another solid tale of mystery and suspense. "Suspense" was certainly one of the finest radio shows ever broadcast into homes. Roma Wines and Autolite became household names because they sponsored radio's best written show of its kind. Famous stars of the day were always delighted to appear on "Suspense." It was not only great exposure between film releases, but offered a chance to stretch their acting skills. Those stars are in evidence here in this collection. Even stars associated with silent film, such as Lillian Gish, thrilled audiences in dark tales of crime and sometimes the supernatural. The eight shows in volume 10 are as follows: The Pit and the Pendulum -- (Jose Ferrer), Sell Me Your Life -- (Lee Bowman), Chicken Feed -- (Ray Milland), A Friend to Alexander -- (Robert Young and Geraldine Fitzgerald), Marry for Murder -- (Lillian Gish), Tree of Life -- (Marc Stevens), Till Death Do Us Part -- (Peter Lorre), I Won't Take a Minute -- (Lee Bowman) Star power and tense and involving stories combined to make "Suspense" one of the most enduring shows ever to rule the airwaves. A fantastic starter kit for those new to the medium or a nice addition to the radio buff's collection.

Imagination runs riot in this dramatic collection of chillers that will have the family huddled around the radio. This volumes episodes include Til Death Do Us Part (12/15/42), with Peter Lorre; I Wont Take a Minute (12/6/46), with

Lee Bowman; A Friend to Alexander (8/3/43), with Robert Young; Chicken Feed (9/8/49), with Ray Milland; Marry for Murder (9/9/43), with Lillian Gish; Tree of Life (1/2/47), with Mark Stevens; The Pit and the Pendulum (11/28/47), with Jose Ferrer; and Sell Me Your Life (2/15/45), with Lee Bowman.

From the Back Cover
The Monkey's Paw, by W.W. Jacobs. Produced by Jean Bartels, Adapted by John Bethune. "Be careful what you wish for." Originally broadcast August, 1968. The Mines of Falun, by E.T.A. Hoffmann. Produced by Peter Donkin, Adapted by Gavin Douglas. "Always take the advice of a 150 year-old miner!" Originally broadcast July, 1967. The Sandman, by E.T.A. Hoffman. Produced by Peter Donkin, Adapted by Gavin Douglas. "Who really comes to put you to sleep?" Originally broadcast June, 1967. Double Strip, by Otto Lowy. Produced by Don Mowatt. "What secret lies within the dance of the seven veils?" Originally broadcast December, 1967.
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Someone has blown the dust off some old tapes in the archives of the CBC, Canada's public broadcaster, and resurrected them for the Mystery Theatre series, of which this is the third volume. It includes four half-hour radio plays from 1967-68, including two tales of Hoffman and the title drama about a family that acquires a monkey's paw that grants wishes--but with tragic consequences. Full of mediocre acting, deep voices made spooky with reverb, and sound effects that seem cheesy to modern ears, these tales have some sentimental appeal, but they've lost much of their dramatic effect. D.B. AudioFile 2000, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine