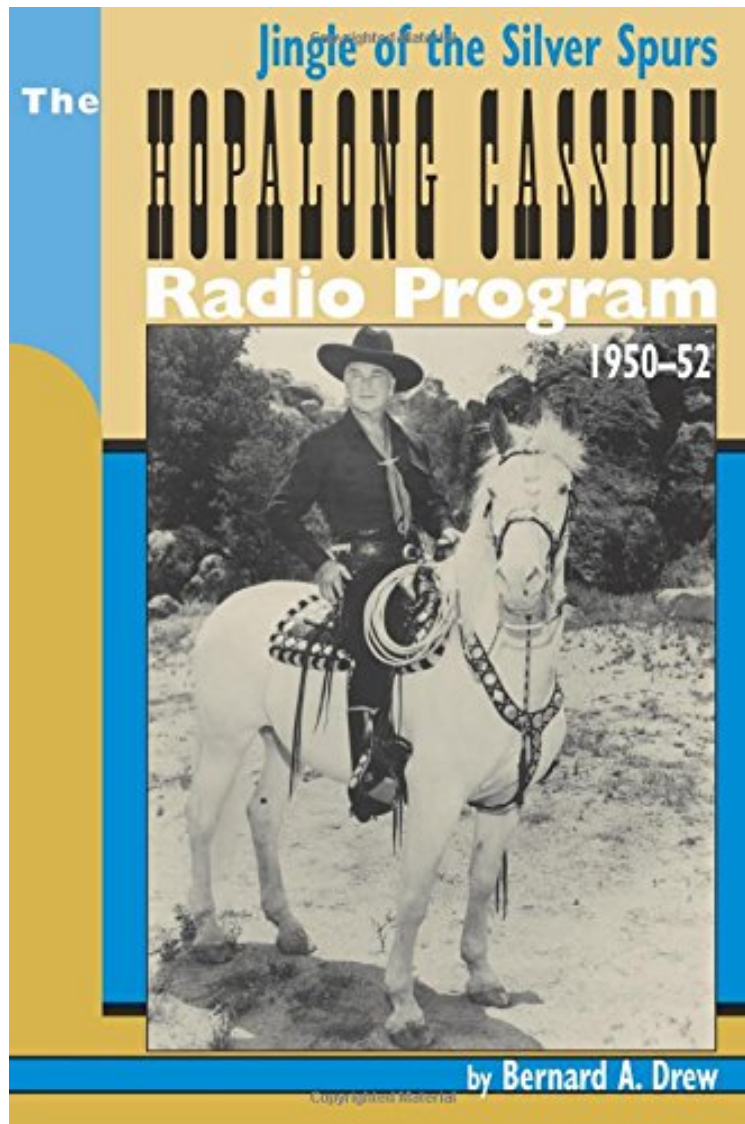


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Estleman.Deep in the saddlebags that contain all the Hopalong Cassidy prose, motion picture, comic book and newspaper comic strip stories there are often forgotten nuggets: 104 half-hour radio adventures which hold up as well today as when they were first broadcast in 1950-52 --- Unfortunately Andy Clyde was unavailable for a time and Joe du Val took over the role of California for 26 episodes which were broadcast from and including "The Sundown Kid" (7/02/1951) until "The Golden Lure" (12/30/1951) --- Andy was back though for the remainder of the series commencing with the 1951-01-06 episode: "The Case of the Last Word" (1/06/1951) - - - - - Note: During the du Val run, Andy did appear as California in the Xmas show "The Santa Claus Rustlers" (12/23/1950) --- All of the episodes survive and are available in audio tape and MP3 formats for the avid collector or casual listener --- It ran for 104 episodes, each of 30 minutes duration.Table of Contents (Chapter, Title and Page Numbers)IN THE SADDLEBAGForeword by Loren D. 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