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Columbia shortsBy Joel L. GandelmanThis is an EXCELLENT and I mean EXCELLENT book on the Columbia shorts. Modern audiences think mostly of The Three Stooges but, in fact, Columbia had a huge output and the shorts were often produced with the same directors, writers and supporting players (such as the wonderful Vernon Dent). This is a fascinating book. It interested me enough to buy the Columbia shorts done by Charlie Chase (aka Charles Parrot). I'm an entertainer (ventriloquist) and love to read about and study comedy. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to all -- and it doesn't matter if these shorts were from your era (most were way before my time). If you're a Three Stooges fan this will also put some things into perspective for you.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Remembering Forgotten HollywoodBy PenvanIn Hollywoods Golden Age,(1927-1956)before the main feature would be a newsreel, cartoon, preview of coming attractions and a short subject. Columbia Pictures had one of the longest runs at this sort of genre. The Three Stooges were most prominent and the longest running in tenure (1934-1959)and then got a second life via television re-runs. Ted Okuda does an excellant job introducing us to a forgotten part of Hollywood and remembering actors who toiled in these short films such as Hugh Herbert, Jimmy Finlayson and even the legendary Buster Keaton. What ever you pay for this volume will be repaid in discovering an overlooked part of Hollywood that should be given its rightful due.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy charlesExcellent

Columbia produced over 500 two-reel shorts from 1933 through 1958, with Hollywood's finest comics (the Three Stooges, Andy Clyde, Buster Keaton, Harry Langdon, Charley Chase, others). Fully illustrated with never-before-published photographs, the book chronicles the history of all, including interviews with the veterans. The filmography covers all of the 526 two-reelers: credits, date, synopsis.

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