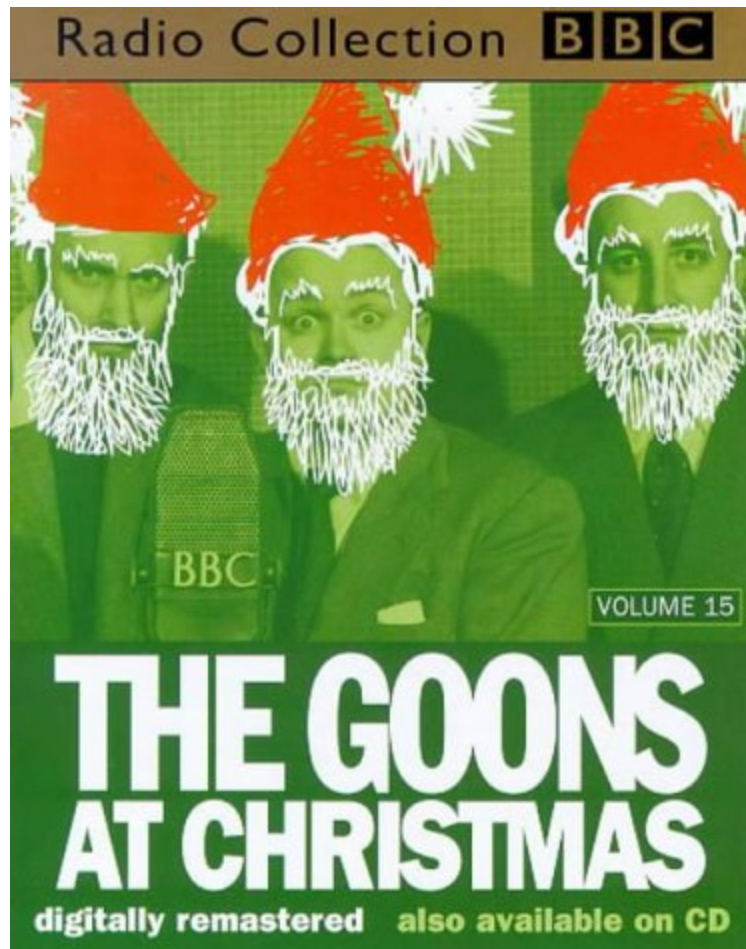


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Spike Milligan, Eric Sykes, Larry Stephens : The Goons at Christmas (BBC Radio Collection) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Goons at Christmas (BBC Radio Collection):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of the better volumes in this long running series By Paul Lawrence The Goon Show was a BBC radio broadcast comedy show in the 1950's whose style of stream of consciousness humour and anarchic sense of style was highly influential on many British comedians of later years such as Monty Python. Peter Sellers, Spike Milligan and Harry Secombe were the core of this group though a few other people - often musical figures - make semi regular appearances. The players take on the roles of various recurring characters who tend to have ridiculous adventures such as the four episodes of the show here - two x 1/2 hour shows per CD. The Mighty Wurlitzer is the second show and isn't too bad, but Operation Christmas Duff is very much classic Goons with all sorts of fun poking at the military machine in general. And hey, these guys are entitled to poke fun at the military - they served in it in World War 2! A Christmas Carol is the fourth and last episode in this

volume and it's a pretty good effort too. But by far the best effort is the first episode, a spoof of the Robin Hood tale with guest Charlotte Mitchell playing the role of Maid Marian. This would actually be a pretty good episode for anyone totally new to the Goons to listen to as it has a (fairly) linear plot and with its somewhat familiar source material may prove easier for the Goons novice to digest. As such and given there is one excellent episode, two good ones and an OK in this here volume 15 I'd have to rate it one of the better buys of the series.

These four Christmas episodes of "The Goon Show", digitally remastered for these cassettes, are entitled "Ye Bandit of Sherwood Forest", "The Mighty Wurlitzer", "Operation Christmas Duff" and "A Christmas Carol".

About the Author Spike Milligan was perhaps best known as one of the Goons. He went on to become one of Britain's foremost comic writers and performers. His bestselling titles include *Adolf Hitler: My Part in His Downfall*, *Puckoon*, and *Where have all the Bullets Gone?* He died in 2002. Larry Stephens was a scriptwriter who wrote for several popular comedy shows in the 1950s, including *The Tony Hancock Show* and *The Army Game*. He is probably best known as co-writer of many *Goon Show* episodes, along with Spike Milligan. He died in 1959. Eric Sykes was first introduced to show business whilst in the RAF and went on to write for hit BBC radio shows and appear in TV variety shows whilst writing for comedy greats such as Peter Sellers and Frankie Howerd. Although he is over 80, Sykes continues to work, having starred in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.