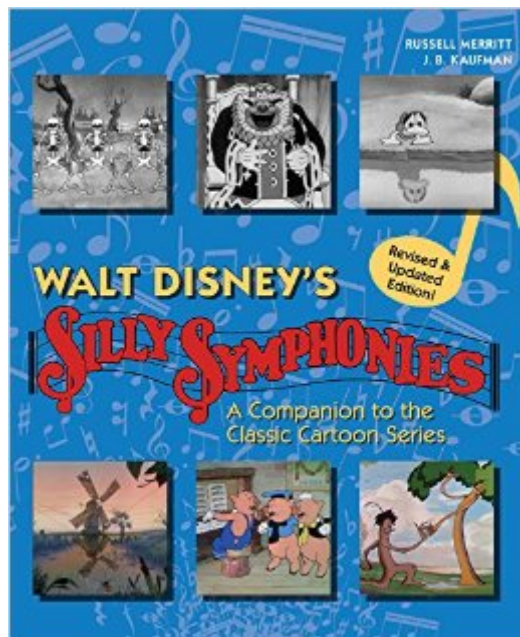


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# Walt Disney's Silly Symphonies: A Companion To The Classic Cartoon Series



## Synopsis

Launched by Walt Disney in 1929 as a "musical novelty" series to complement his recent success with Mickey Mouse, the Silly Symphonies soon became much more. This line of delightfully innovative, animated cartoons ran for ten years and produced such classics as Three Little Pigs, The Tortoise and the Hare, Music Land, and The Old Mill. Silly Symphonies won every Academy Award. From the authors of the prize-winning *Walt in Wonderland: The Silent Films of Walt Disney*, this richly illustrated volume is a complete history of the Silly Symphonies including detailed entries for all the Symphonies along with a lengthy critical analysis and production history of the series.

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For those of us who have appreciated the great merits of Disney's series of Silly Symphony cartoons, this book is ALMOST a dream come true. For reference purposes, it is hard to imagine that anyone could surpass the astonishing quantity of information provided for each animated short, including detailed production credits (broken down to the specific artists who worked on each scene), release dates, story synopses, and almost anything one could want to know about each of these Disney gems. While some of the more obscure information, such as the identities of concept/inspirational artists and background painters, is not always provided, it is obvious that this book contains as much detail as is contained in the Disney studio files. The book is particular important for anyone who collects Disney animation art from the 1930s, since it is the first comprehensive source that can be used in identifying the various artists who were responsible for some of the best artwork ever produced by the studio. But....Anyone who is expecting an

entertaining book with many nice pictures from the Silly Symphony cartoons will probably be disappointed. While some images from each cartoon are included, the choice of illustrations for inclusion in this otherwise exemplary book is markedly uninspired. For the most part the illustrations are scans from the actual cartoon footage, but in a single instance (More Kittens), original story drawings are used instead.

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