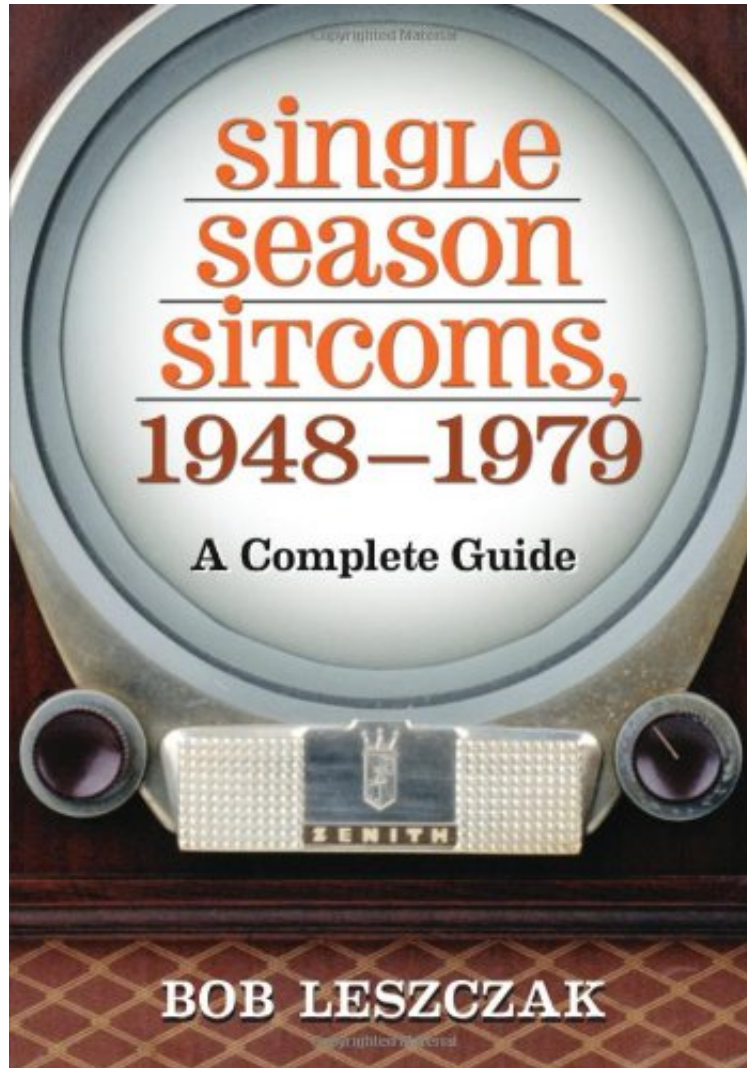


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4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic ResearchBy J. SmithI've been waiting for this text since I heard it briefly mentioned on a Chicago Teddy Bears youtube posting. With the tv-DVD revolution going on, this book couldn't be more timely, especially if you're not a fan of today's current programming, which seems to lack that certain something I would call "heart."I'd also like to point that compared to today, many of these older programs were given a far decent chance on the networks where they were giving a full order of 24 or more season episodes as opposed to today, where shows get yanked off if they aren't hits from the first episode.Mr. Leszczak's book is so

current it even mentions the months old passings of Phyllis Diller, William Windon, Gary Collins, Steven Franken and others who left us just weeks ago. That's how up to date it is. I appreciate that Mr. Leszczak has built upon and mentioned previous tv books, including Rick Mitz', "The Great Sitcom Book," which was one of the few resources available for many years. The author has also done so much research, going to various archives to see the only known existing copies, and interviewing surviving stars who were kind enough to tell their stories. He even dug up copies of comic book covers for those applicable. My appetite has been whetted for Chicago Teddy Bears, Anna and the King, It's About Time, When Things Were Rotten, Ok. Crackerby, Rango, and others. Goodness knows, there's nothing on the current networks. Some short lived shows are available on DVD: Quark, Bridget Loves Bernie, Tabitha, My Living Doll, I'm Dickens, He's Fenster are out. So if you want to give these a try, please feel free to do so. This text deserves some sequels. Perhaps "Season Sitcoms 1979-present," "Single Season Dramas 1949-present," and "Two Season Sitcoms." I do wish Mr. Leszczak's had mentioned some of his favorites or recommendations. For those nostalgic for forgotten programs of the past, this book will be a pleasant read. It is invaluable for TV Historians. JThreecarolyn@nemont.net

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very Informative! By Pamela J. Fox Here's all you need to know about those sit-coms you watched but they only lasted one season (for one reason or another). Story lines, stars and guest stars, directors, writers -- it's all here! My husband and I have really enjoyed this book! It's a trip down memory lane!

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