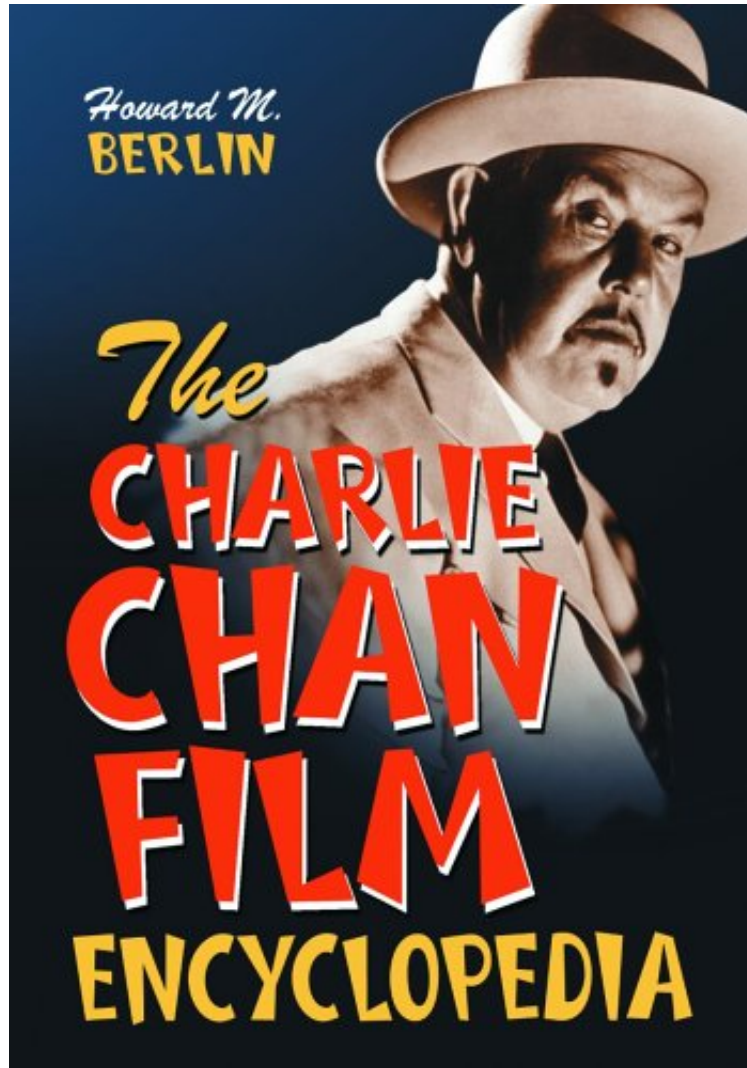


The Charlie Chan Film Encyclopedia

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Howard M. Berlin : The Charlie Chan Film Encyclopedia before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Charlie Chan Film Encyclopedia:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Valuable reference.By noneVery useful reference. Not a book to sit and read. Some entries become repetitious out of necessity and I had minor issues with how the author identified some aspects of his presentation. For example, he would write (fictitious character here) SMITH, John...(REAL NAME..SMITH, John T.) which maybe should have been titled "actual' name or "correct spelling". As above, John Smith IS the actors REAL name it's just NOT his COMPLETE name and maybe he never used the initial "T" in identifying himself. As differed by a listing (fictional) of SMITH, John.. Real Name: Marvin Jones. I know I'm being

nit-picky, but it's an opinion. Otherwise, the book serves its purpose and is a welcome addition to my Chan library. Would always like to see more photographs as sometimes I have to play the DVD to see who the author is writing about. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. very dry like a martini By Mike this thing read like an encyclopedia. oh wait, it is! lol. great read. I LOVE flipping thru the different sections and finding out little tidbits I never knew. If you're like me and never really enjoyed the monogram films, you will now give them a shot. Why? Because this book presents facts that make you curious about certain actors, scenes, and storylines. I mention the monogram but of course this book covered it all. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By J.F. Gross A truly encyclopedic compilation of CC films and everyone who ever played in them.

The first film featuring Charlie Chan, *The House Without a Key*, appeared in 1925. Forty-seven films and six Charlies later, the series still delights audiences. Charlie Chan connoisseurs cite a variety of reasons for the honorable detectives' longevity and appeal, ranging from his wit and personality to the films' fascinating casts that often included future celebrities. This encyclopedia contains over 1,900 entries for characters, actors, crew members, plot devices, and facts, as well as film summaries and Charlies' famous aphorisms. Photographs accompany the text and the entries are arranged alphabetically for easy reference and access. Practically anything a fan of these films might want to know is thoroughly analyzed here.

From *Library Journal*: Fictional detective Charlie Chan appeared in more than 40 films, primarily during the 1930s and 1940s. This book provides capsule biographies of the stars and casts of the films, in addition to a detailed filmography and other Chan esoterica (including a section on Chan's proverbs). Berlin, an inventor and author who has written on a variety of subjects, supplies Chan fans with obscure details about the most popular films. He purposely excludes all mention of the Chan films and television series from the 1950s, 1970s, and 1980s. Instead, he concentrates largely upon the Warner Oland and Sidney Toler films because they were the two most popular actors to portray Chan and because they starred in more Chan films than any of the other actors. Massive, fact-filled, and entertaining, this is one of the most important Chan movie reference volumes to date. Not only does it present specific filmographies but it has entries on other actors and lots of trivial information about the movies, which sets it apart from two more general references on Chan: Ken Hanke's *Charlie Chan at the Movies: History, Filmography, and Criticism* (McFarland, 1989) and Charles P. Mitchell's *A Guide to Charlie Chan Films* (Greenwood, 1999). An exhaustive index and a useful bibliography round out this impressive book. A worthwhile purchase for most popular film collections. --David M. Lisa, Mercyhurst Coll., Erie, PA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. Massive, fact-filled, and entertaining...one of the most important Chan movie reference volumes to date...impressive...worthwhile --*Library Journal* A major contribution --ARBA Superior...information-packed...photos are excellent...impressive...indispensable...a Chan fans dream --*Classic Images* About the Author Retired college professor and inventor Howard M. Berlin lives in Wilmington, Delaware. He holds three United States patents for his inventions and is the author of over 30 books on diverse subjects, including *World Monetary Units* (2005) and *The Coins and Banknotes of Palestine Under the British Mandate, 1927-1947* (2005).