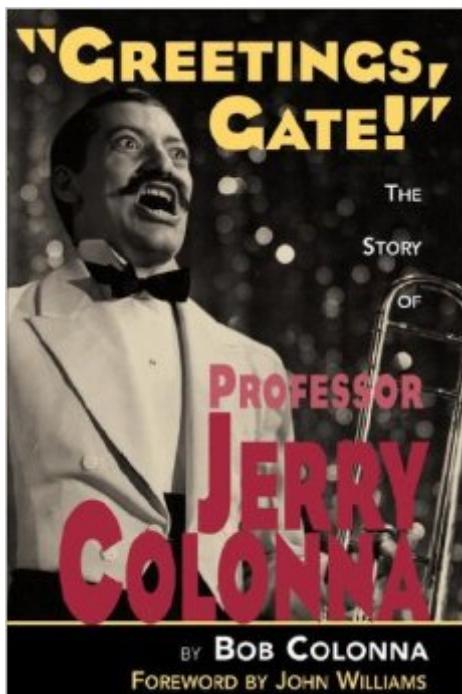


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Greetings, Gate!: The Story Of Professor Jerry Colonna



Synopsis

Ah, yes! It is almost here! The story of everyone's favorite mustache, Jerry Colonna, coming from the bulging eyes of his son, Bob. Teeming with personal, unpublished photos from this wacky author's private collection, this book will keep you up all night! And then some! But that's a good thing. Foreword by Star Wars composer, John Williams!

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If you're like most people today, you might remember Jerry Colonna only as Bob Hope's sidekick in a couple of movies and TV shows. He was more than that: aside from being Hope's partner and friend for decades of radio shows and overseas tours, he was a brilliant and innovative comedian in his own right, and a respected musician. In fact, for the first part of his career he was busy playing trombone on radio and recording gigs, and hardly talked at all. His signature bushy mustache was originally grown to protect his upper lip during long sessions with his horn. Bob Colonna (his son, named after the headlining comedian) has written a fascinating biography. It has the expected historic beginnings, ups and downs, and touching ending... but the bulk is filled with anecdotes and script segments from Jerry's glory years in comedy, when he was almost as much a cultural icon as Hope himself. Much of it is laugh-out-loud. Some is also a glimpse into the early days of network radio and TV. Well written and worthwhile.

This is the story of a great funny man. I knew he went over seas to entertain the troops with Bob Hope in the various war efforts over the years. What I didn't know was how much touring they did.

You have to read the book to get an idea of this man's contribution to his country as an entertainer. He was and is a national treasure that needs to be dusted off and put back on display for younger generations to enjoy.

I have always been a big fan of Jerry Colonna and was thrilled to see someone wrote a book about him. That someone being his adopted son Bob. If you're a fan of great comedy don't miss this one!

I've been a fan of Jerry's ever since seeing Alice in Wonderland as a kid, and this biography - almost an autobiography - by his son is one of the best and funniest books you could hope for on Mr. Mustache. Truly, it's a one of a kind book and I'm so glad Bob wrote it.

Wonderful and rich with memories. A must for those interested in this era, but most of all, a heartwarming story of family and love.

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