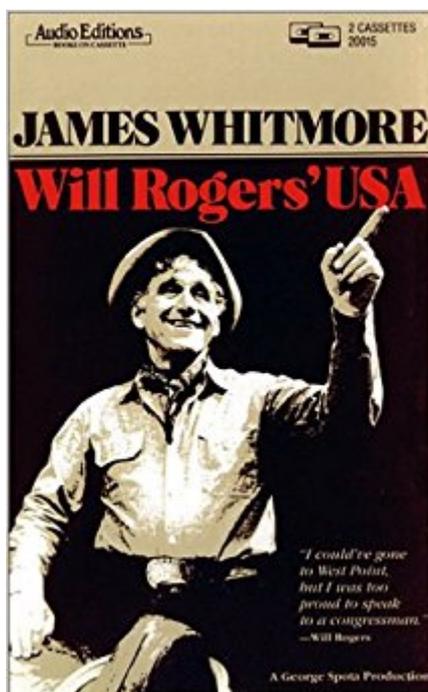


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Will Rogers' USA



Synopsis

One of the few Renaissance men produced by the American Wilderness, Will Rogers won great respect and love as an entertainer, homespun philosopher, and spokesman for rural Americans. Remarkable for its gentle irony and wisdom, his humor has aged amazingly well, hitting its mark as truly today as it did in his own time. Listen to Whitmore's charmingly lifelike portrayal of Rogers' humor, wisdom, irony, and political satire and discover why so many Americans loved and admired Will Rogers. 2 cassettes.

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"Listening to [James Whitmore] I can see my father." -- Will Rogers, Jr.
"This is one of the funniest audio collections I've ever heard. Whitmore is nothing short of superb in his portrayal of the legendary folklorist, Will Rogers. It's amazing how well Rogers' political humor holds up even today. The one-liners are spoken with a quiet demeanor, yet they slice right to the bone and will have you roaring with laughter. I loved this one and recommend it highly." -- The Union Leader, September 7, 1990

James Whitmore's portrayals of Harry Truman, Teddy Roosevelt, and Will Rogers have brought those eminent, beloved Americans to life for our generation. He has enjoyed a distinguished career in movies, the theatre, and television.

Wonderful performance. James Whitmore really captured Will Rogers. When I saw the collections of Charles Russell paintings in Ft Worth I replayed the segment from the show where he has a little monologue on Russell. It brought a more intimate experience to viewing the paintings. If we had more exposure to Will Rogers Humor today, I don't think we would be as polarized of a nation.

---NEED TO CONVERT TO DVD format

James Whitmore was a great actor and he did an admirable job of portraying the most popular humorist of the 20th century...still, something lacking in a 'taped' version. Not sure what to say but the video version probably better.

As a Will Rogers biographer and former director of Oklahoma's Will Rogers Memorial Commission, I heartily endorse James Whitmore's incredible one-man triumph as "Will Rogers USA." When Whitmore premiered his show at Ford's Theatre, I watched with awe. Thirty years later, at Ford's Theatre, I watched his swansong performance with enriched awe. Standing beside Whitmore, I saw tears flow down James Whitmore's rugged face as we stood on the hillside above the place where, in 1935, Will Rogers died along with aviation guru Wiley Post when their small plane crashed. My tears flowed too. Then, after flying from Point Barrow to Fairbanks, my wife Michelle and I again saw James Whitmore in his most powerful of all the dozen or more performance we had witnessed. The last time we watched Jim, was on the tiny stage at the Claremore, Oklahoma museum. He always was magical to the end. Some great actors have played Will Rogers both in one-man shows and in the award-winning Broadway musical, "The Will Rogers Follies." Whitmore, Larry Gatlin, Keith Carradine and even Will Rogers Jr. have assumed the role of that great cowboy humorist Will Rogers. Even I produced and performed my own one-man show for 180 performances in Branson, Missouri. We all tried our best to understand the man and project his inspiring wisdom. For three decades, the late and mourned James Whitmore played "Will Rogers USA" that fortunately now is available on .com. May it last eternally.

Will Rogers' humor would work as well today with our current politicians as it did in his day.

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