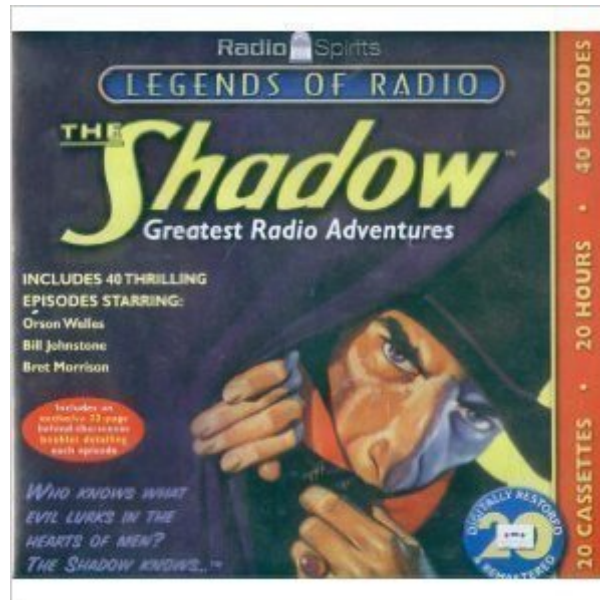


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# Shadow: Greatest Radio Adventures (20-Hour Collections)



## Synopsis

AUDIO CASSETTES. Item no. 40034. 20 hours, 40 radio episodes, 20 audio cassettes, featuring The Shadow radio program. Produced by Radio Spirits. Fabulous, most attractive pictorial clamshell packaging, measuring 10" x 9" x 3". Includes a 32-page behind-the-scenes booklet detailing each episode. These programs first aired from 1937 through 1949.

## Book Information

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Audio Cassette

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Radio buffs all certainly agree that The Shadow was among the greatest radio shows of all-time. It is often stated that The Shadow began as a magazine, but that is not quite the case. The character of The Shadow originated as the announcer for Street & Smith's Detective Story, a radio show designed to help sale the magazine of the same name. When listeners began calling in requesting "The Shadow Detective Magazine," something had to be done. Walter Gibson brought The Shadow to life for over a decade in pulp-type novels. The Shadow Magazine made its way to the public for the first time on March 6, 1931. There were two of these novels each month and between 1931 and 1949, Gibson, a former magician turned journalist, churned out 283 of the 325 shows, creating Commissioner Weston and many other characters later brought to life on the airwaves. It may surprise some casual Shadow fans to note that Lamont Cranston was originally only one of The Shadow's many personas. Street & Smith wanted to continue The Shadow as the pulp detective of Walter Gibson's novels, rather than the mysterious announcer and storyteller fans had come to love. But their lack of foresight could not kill, The Shadow. Though a transcribed serial production of 15

minute shows originating in San Francisco, with Carl Kroenke as The Shadow, was syndicated and hung around for 10 years, it wasn't until September 26, 1937 that, The Shadow, as we now know him today, returned to network airwaves via the Mutual Broadcasting System. Orson Welles was the "man-about-town" Lamont Cranston, using a strange power he had learned in the mysterious orient to cloud men's minds so that his alter ego, The Shadow, could fight crime.

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