

The Life and Times of Clifton Webb: Hollywood's Most Unforgettable Star

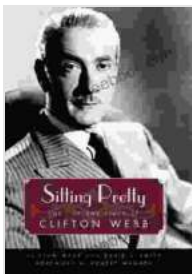


Clifton Webb was one of Hollywood's most unforgettable stars, known for his wit, sophistication, and impeccable style. He starred in a number of classic films, including "Laura," "The Razor's Edge," and "Mister

Belvedere." This article takes a look at the life and career of Clifton Webb, one of Hollywood's true legends.

Early Life and Career

Webb was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 19, 1889. He began his career as a stage actor, appearing in a number of Broadway productions in the 1920s and 1930s. He made his film debut in 1934, in the film "The Eagle and the Hawk." Over the next few years, he appeared in a number of films, including "The Thin Man" (1934), "The Great Ziegfeld" (1936), and "Topper" (1937).



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Breakthrough Role in "Laura"

Webb's breakthrough role came in the 1944 film "Laura." In the film, he played Waldo Lydecker, a sophisticated and witty writer who helps to solve the murder of Laura Hunt (Gene Tierney). Webb's performance was critically acclaimed, and he was nominated for an Academy Award for Best

Supporting Actor. The film was a huge success, and it helped to launch Webb's career as a leading man.

Leading Man Roles

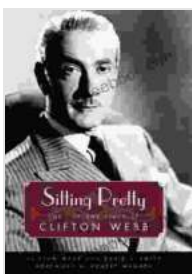
After "Laura," Webb starred in a number of leading man roles, including "The Razor's Edge" (1946),"The Dark Corner" (1946),and "Sitting Pretty" (1948). He also appeared in a number of comedies, including "Mr. Belvedere Goes to College" (1949),"Cheaper by the Dozen" (1950),and "The Man Who Never Was" (1956).

Later Career and Death

In the 1950s, Webb began to appear in fewer films. He made his final film appearance in 1960, in the film "The Marriage-Go-Round." Webb died of a heart attack on October 13, 1966, at the age of 76.

Legacy

Clifton Webb was one of the most unforgettable stars of Hollywood's Golden Age. He was known for his wit, sophistication, and impeccable style. He starred in a number of classic films, and his performances continue to be enjoyed by audiences around the world.



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