

## A-Z of Silent Film Comedy: An Illustrated Companion

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About the Author Glenn Mitchell is an internationally recognized authority on early cinema comedy. He is a film journalist and a specialist in all forms of comedy, animation and music-hall.