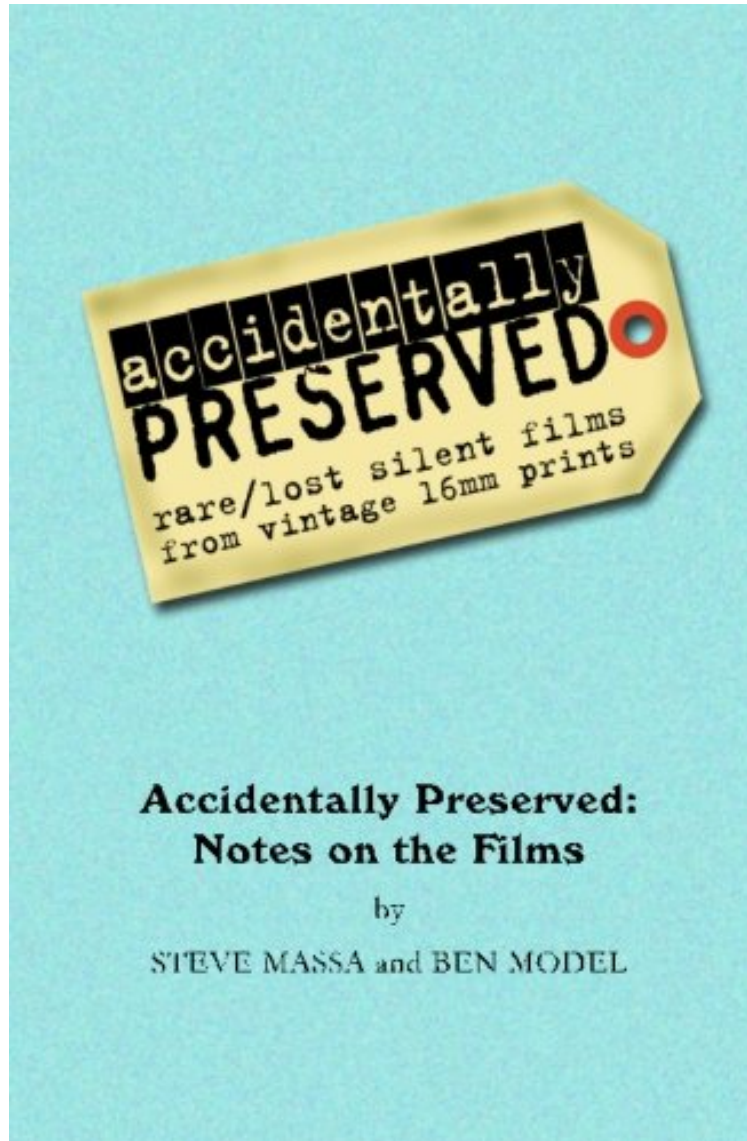


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ACCIDENTALLY PRESERVED Vol. 2 disc, it's a great appetizer for more rare short films (mostly silent comedies) to come. Steve's notes are entertainingly written little min-film-history lessons that put the films and their creators in perspective and enlighten on some once big names now nearly forgotten. In addition, they highlight some folk who were not known by the average movie goer of time past, and explain the role they played in bringing these mini-entertainments to life. If you ever wondered how people collected movies before there was VHS and Betamax, Ben's notes on the trials and tribulations of collecting on actual film (not sparing the reader the horror of "vinegar syndrome") will add to your appreciation of this effort in getting otherwise lost films out to folks who may not have known they wanted to see them until they did! If you don't already have AP1, check out the description and reviews elsewhere on . If you order the DVD and book together, you'll find the book fits nicely under the clips on the inside cover of the DVD, Bravo, Ben and Steve. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An invaluable reference for the silent comedy film fan! By Ivan G. Shreve Jr. With the recent news from the Library of Congress that 75% of our silent film heritage has been scattered to the winds (the victim of the ravages of time and neglect), the efforts of film historian-silent movie accompanist Ben Model to retrieve classic comedies (that often constitute the only remaining prints of these films) and feature them in the DVD collection ACCIDENTALLY PRESERVED are greatly appreciated more than ever. Fans of these films can also take solace that a second DVD volume of ACCIDENTALLY PRESERVED is in the works as well. So it only logically follows that you will want a copy of ACCIDENTALLY PRESERVED: NOTES ON THE FILMS a 54-page companion guide written by Model and silent comedy historian Steve Massa that chronicles the content on the two DVDs; presenting a fascinating account of many of the players in these shorts in one section and a how-these-films-came-to-light history in the other. The splendid feature to this book is that it tucks right inside the DVD case, so if you need to access the information it's at the ready. (Some of us have a tendency to misplace things, you know.) If you've been searching high and low for the perfect gift for the classic movie cinephile in your family your quest is complete! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Historical Background By Jim Reid This is an excellent companion piece to the similarly excellent DVD collections. These wonderful early short films take you back to a day when you would go to the theater to see movies, not a single movie. Besides a feature, you would have a newsreel, a cartoon and if you were very lucky, a one or two reel comedy. Now this book gives you not only the historical background of the productions, but of the stars and those behind the camera. An added bonus, which the film collector in me loves, are title by title notes on the actual prints used in the production of the DVDs. Steve, Ben and their associates have done not only an excellent job, but a great service to fans of early film.

This companion guide to the "Accidentally Preserved" DVD series volumes 1 and 2 contains notes on the silent films by historian Steve Massa and notes on the 16mm prints themselves by Ben Model. The 54-page booklet includes frame-grabs from the films, several of which are main titles not seen on the DVDs. The book has been designed so that it fits perfectly inside the DVD case of your copy of Accidentally Preserved.