

Gunsmoke Opening Narrative:

(From The First Episode Only Narrated by John Wayne)

"Good evening. My name's Wayne. Some of you may have seen me before. I hope so-I've been kickin' around Hollywood for a long time. I've made a lot of pictures out here, all kinds. Some of 'em have been Westerns, and that's what I'm here to tell you about tonight-a Western. A new television show called Gunsmoke. When I first heard about the show Gunsmoke, I knew there was only one man to play in it-James Arness. He's a young fella, and maybe new to some of you, but I've worked with him, and I predict he'll be a big star. And now I'm proud to present Gunsmoke."

(On some of the earlier episodes, James Arness narrated this short sermon from Boot Hill in his role as Matt Dillon)

"On Saturday night in Dodge City, too many men think they'll find courage at the bottom of a whiskey bottle. I know, because I'm the United States Marshal Matt Dillon."