

MISSING SUSPENSE SHOWS (last updated 9/9/2012)

This is the most current list of missing shows of Suspense. Many files with these dates are circulating in the hobby, but they are usually misdated. Many of these are obvious, such as the recording has a star in the leading role other than the actor who actually appeared that week. For example, a commonly mislabeled show is "Night on Red Mountain" from 9-15-1957 starring Richard Crenna. There are many copies of the 11-20-60 version with Mandel Kramer floating around with the 1957 date, and Mandel Kramer is obviously not Richard Crenna.

There are two excellent resources to check common Suspense episode identification errors. One is at <https://sites.google.com/site/otrerrors/s-errors/suspense-errors>

Also look at this site which identifies the missing shows and date confusions

<http://www.usfamily.net/web/wpattinson/otr/suspense/suslost.shtml> (note: this site has not been updated for a while; some of the shows noted as missing have been discovered)

Two excellent resources for the series are *Suspense: Twenty Years of Thrills and Chills* by Martin Grams, Jr. available from the author at <http://oldtimeradiotapes.homestead.com/suspense.html> and *Suspense* by Darryl Shelton available at http://www.bearmanormedia.com/index.php?route=product/product&filter_name=suspense&product_id=358

The books are also available through Amazon.com. The Shelton book has a short story adapted from the script of a missing show, and also includes a script of a missing program. They are noted below.

Many of the missing shows have been found as Armed Forces Radio Service recordings. Transcription collector Randy Riddle has posted instructions to determine if you have one of the missing shows as an AFRS version if one finds AFRS transcriptions <http://randesotericotr.podbean.com/do-you-have-a-lost-episode-of-suspense/> (copy and paste this link)

The following is the list of the missing shows as of the date of this writing. About half of the scripts were performed on other dates. The others were one-time performances.

- ◆ 07/01/42 Life of Nellie James -- Jeanne Cagney (only performance on Suspense)
- ◆ 07/08/42 Rope -- Richard Widmark (only performance on Suspense)
- ◆ 07/15/42 Third Eye -- unknown cast (only performance on Suspense)
- ◆ 07/22/42 Witness on the Westbound Limited-- unknown cast (only performance on Suspense)
- ◆ 07/29/42 Philomel Cottage -- Alice Frost (also performed on 10/7/43 and 12/26/46)
- ◆ 08/05/42 Finishing School -- Margo (also performed on 12/30/43)
- ◆ 08/12/42 Suspicion -- Pedro deCordos (also performed on 2/10/44 and 4/3/48)
- ◆ 01/26/43 Death Went Along For The Ride -- Ralph Bellamy (also performed on 4/27/44)
- ◆ 02/09/43 Hangman Won't Wait -- Sydney Greenstreet (I have part 1; need full episode) (only performance on Suspense)
- ◆ 02/23/43 Will You Walk Into My Parlor -- Geraldine Fitzgerald (I have part 1; need full episode) (only performance on Suspense)
- ◆ 03/02/43 The Night Reveals -- Fredric March (also performed on 12/9/43, 4/18/46, and 5/26/49)
- ◆ 03/09/43 The Phantom Archer -- Ralph Bellamy (only performance on Suspense)
- ◆ 03/16/43 Cabin B-13 -- Ralph Bellamy (also performed on 11/9/43)
- ◆ 07/26/45 Fury And Sound -- Norman Lloyd (only performance on Suspense); adapted as a short story in the Darryl Shelton book
- ❖ 01/10/46 This Was A Hero -- Phillip Terry (only performance on Suspense; AFRS transcription recently sold on eBay)
- ❖ 02/07/46 Too Little To Live On -- George Murphy (also performed on 12/26/47)
- ❖ 02/28/46 The Keenest Edge -- Richard Greene (only performance on Suspense); script is in the Darryl Shelton book
- ❖ 03/20/47 The Waxworks -- Claude Rains (also performed on 5/1/56 and 3/1/59)
- ❖ 03/27/47 Trial By Jury -- Nancy Kelly (also performed on 6/16/57)
- ❖ 07/17/47 Beyond Good And Evil -- Vincent Price (previously performed on 10/11/45)
- ❖ 12/19/47 Wet Saturday -- Boris Karloff (previously performed on 6/24/42, 12/16/43, and later performed on 3/20/48)
- ❖ 01/31/48 A Bet With Death -- Lee Bowman (also performed on 11/10/42 as "Will You Make a Bet with Death?")
- ❖ 07/08/48 The Last Chance -- Cary Grant (only performance on Suspense)
- ❖ 06/15/50 Deadline -- Broderick Crawford (only performance on Suspense; adapted from Radio City Playhouse 2/28/49)
- ❖ 09/07/50 The Tip -- Ida Lupino (also performed on 7/6/54)
- ❖ 05/24/51 Fresh Air, Sunshine And Murder -- Jeff Chandler (only performance on Suspense)
- ❖ 11/05/51 Trials Of Thomas Shaw -- Joseph Cotton (only performance on Suspense)
- ❖ 11/12/51 Mission Of The Betta -- John Hodiak (only performance on Suspense)
- ❖ 11/19/51 The Embezzler -- John Lund (only performance on Suspense)
- ❖ 11/26/51 Misfortune In Pearls -- Frank Lovejoy (only performance on Suspense)
- ❖ 12/24/51 Twas the Night Before Christmas -- Greer Garson (also performed on 12/21/53)
- ❖ 09/15/52 Sorry, Wrong Number -- Agnes Moorehead (performed 7 other times on the series; this one has Larry Thor as announcer)
- ❖ 01/06/55 Murder Aboard The Alphabet -- William Conrad (previously performed on 8/21/47)
- ❖ 08/23/55 Beetle And Mr. Bottle -- Eric Snowden (also performed on 9/20/59)
- ❖ 01/03/56 The Eavesdropper -- Lawrence Dobkin (only performance on Suspense)
- ❖ 04/24/56 A Case Of Nerves -- Parley Baer (previously performed on 6/1/50)
- ❖ 08/01/56 Massacre At Little Big Horn -- Stacy Harris (only performance on Suspense)
- ❖ 09/15/57 Night On Red Mountain -- Richard Crenna (also performed on 1/11/59 and 11/20/60)

The only circulating copy of the 3/15/51 show, "Strange for a Killer", is a rehearsal recording; a complete broadcast version is still needed.