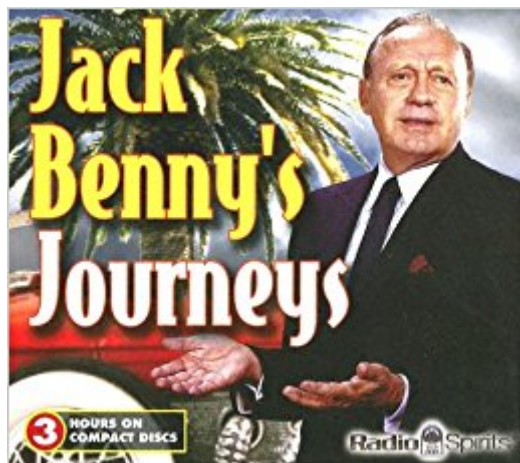


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On the first show, there are sound issues - some sort of background tinkling - that should've been cleaned up. It would have been nice to have more shows but I guess one hour is all that'll fit per CD.

I started listening to old radio shows several years ago (I'm not old enough to have heard them when first broadcast) and have found the Jack Benny Show to be among the best. The format and cast of characters were second to none. Some of the humor with Eddie Anerson's Rochester will make you cringe. Not as racist as Amos and Andy but still playing to a stereotype. I can't stand Irish tenors but Dennis Day's song only last 2 minutes. There are a lot of running gags and inside jokes, but the more shows you hear the more they will make sense. This CD set is better than "SPOOFS" another Radio Spirits set. Both are worth owning though.

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