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Guide to the

**Captain Kangaroo scripts**

1959-1964

\*T-Mss 1998-038

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## Summary

**Creator:** Stone, Jon

**Title:** Captain Kangaroo scripts

**Date:** 1959-1964

**Size:** 27 volumes

**Source:** Scripts: bequest, Jon Stone, 11/23/1998

**Abstract:** Jon Stone winner of 18 Emmy awards for his work in television was the writer of the Captain Kangaroo program. Captain Kangaroo began in 1955 and was an award winner program for children. The scripts span the years 1959 to 1964. There are some gaps.

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## Creator History

Jon Stone, who won 18 Emmy Awards for his work in television, was the writer, producer and director of *Captain Kangaroo*, and later wrote the pilot script for *Sesame Street* and was the original head writer and one of the three original producers of that program. He remained the principal director of *Sesame Street* until a year before his death in 1997. "His reputation was that he was probably the most brilliant writer of children's television material in America," said Joan Ganz Cooney, a founder of the Children's

Television Workshop, in his obituary published in the New York Times.

## **Custodial History**

The collection was a bequest to the Billy Rose Theatre Division from the estate of Jon Stone in 1998.

## **Scope and Content Note**

*Captain Kangaroo*, CBS's award-winning series for children, began in 1955. The hour-long program aimed at a pre-school audience ran every weekday morning as well as on Saturdays and successfully combined education and entertainment. The collection consists of bound typescripts, incomplete, that include light and sound cues, props, and notations on timing, some handwritten. Dates covered are November 2, 1959 to October 23, 1964 for the weekday show with gaps: March 21, 1960-August 5, 1960 and May 13, 1961-July 23, 1961. Saturdays are complete from October 31, 1959-September 19, 1964.

## **Key Terms**

### **Titles**

Captain Kangaroo (Television program)

### **Subjects**

Children's television programs

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Scripts

### **Names**

Stone, Jon

Keeshan, Robert

## Container List

- b. 1 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* November 2, 1959-March 18, 1960 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1001-1100] are for the weekday show.
- b. 2 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* August 8, 1960-October 14, 1960 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1201-1250] are for the weekday show.
- b. 3 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* October 17, 1960-December 23, 1960 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1251-1300] are for the weekday show.
- b. 4 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* December 26, 1960-March 3, 1961 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1301-1350] are for the weekday show.
- b. 5 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* March 6, 1961-May 12, 1961 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [ #1351-1400] are for the weekday show.
- b. 6 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* July 24, 1961-September 29, 1961 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1451-1500] are for the weekday show.
- b. 7 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* October 2, 1961-December 8, 1961 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1501-1550] are for the weekday show.
- b. 8 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* December 11, 1961-February 16, 1962 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1551-1600] are for the weekday show.
- b. 9 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* February 19, 1962-April 27, 1962 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1601-1650] are for the weekday show.
- b. 10 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* April 30, 1962-July 6, 1962 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1651-1700] are for the weekday show.
- b. 11 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* July 9, 1962-September 14, 1962 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1701-1750] are for the weekday show.
- b. 12 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* September 17, 1962-November 23, 1962 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1751-1800] are for the weekday show.
- b. 13 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* November 26, 1962-February 1, 1963 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1801-1850] are for the weekday show.
- b. 14 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* February 4, 1963-April 12, 1963 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1851-1900] are for the weekday show.
- b. 15 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* April 16, 1963-June 21, 1963 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1901-1950] are for the weekday show.
- b. 16 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* June 24, 1963-August 30, 1963 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#1951-2000] are for the weekday show.
- b. 17 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* September 2, 1963-November 8, 1963  
Bound typescripts [#2001-2050] are for the weekday show.
- b. 18 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* November 11, 1963-January 17, 1964 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#2051-2100] are for the weekday show.
- b. 19 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* January 20, 1964-March 27, 1964 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#2101-2150] are for the weekday show.
- b. 20 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* March 30, 1964-June 5, 1964 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#2151-2200] are for the weekday show.
- b. 21 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* June 8, 1964-August 14, 1964 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#2201-2250] are for the weekday show.

- b. 22 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* August 17, 1964-October 23, 1964 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#2251-2300] are for the weekday show.
- b. 23 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* October 31, 1959-October 8, 1960 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#200-249] are for the Saturday show.
- b. 24 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* October 15, 1960-September 23, 1961 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#250-299] are for the Saturday show.
- b. 25 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* September 30, 1961-September 8, 1962 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#300-349] are for the Saturday show.
- b. 26 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* September 15, 1962-August 24, 1963 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#350-399] are for the Saturday show.
- b. 27 *Captain Kangaroo (Television scripts)* August 31, 1963-September 19, 1964 (1 volume)  
Bound typescripts [#400-455] are for the Saturday show.