

Darryl Hickman

Titles: 38 Sources: 2 Stills: 3

Born: Los Angeles; July 25th 1930
Educated at the Meglin School and Loyola University
Elder brother of [Dwayne Hickman](#) [qv]



*Hollywood in-joke – in “**GLAMOUR BOY**” Jackie Cooper (left) plays a former child star assigned to coach a new one (Hickman – who is dressed exactly as Cooper had been for “**SKIPPY**”).*
Source: The Moving Picture Boy

Halliwell's Filmgoer's Companion entry:

“American juvenile actor who was later seen in heavy roles, and the TV series “**The Blue and the Gold**.”

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“One of Hollywood's most appealing boy actors – no relation to Cordell Hickman, who was somewhat darker – was named by his screen-struck mother after Darryl F Zanuck. The views of his father, an insurance salesman, aren't known, but it was when he was talking insurance with a lady called Ethel Meglin – who happened to run a famous drama school

for children – that the boy's die was finally cast. He had been showing off almost as soon as he could walk ("I was the biggest hambone that ever lived", he said later) and it was now a matter of developing and polishing the talent.

In his early years Darryl had the air of a soulful duckling – irresistible when he was also trying to look tough and independent. One eye he caught was that of Bing Crosby, visiting the Meglins to pick some song-and-dance kids for "**THE STAR MAKER**". Bing's brother Everett, an agent, was sufficiently impressed to take Darryl on, and soon afterwards landed him a five-year contract with MGM. Archer Winston of the New York Post described his performance in "**MEN OF BOYS TOWN**" as "equal parts Al Capone and Tiny Tim".

Darryl's younger brother Dwayne Hickman appeared with him in "**CAPTAIN EDDIE**", and went on to play more parts in the late Forties, largely in the **RUSTY** (dog and boys) series. He returned to the screen a decade later and played several adult leads in the Sixties, besides achieving TV fame as Dobie Gillis.

Darryl himself has continued more or less unabatedly in show business, apart from an unexpected moment in 1951 when he entered a seminary to study for the priesthood. (A month later he was out again.) He was a regular screen teenager for some time, in films like "**FIGHTING FATHER DUNNE**" (48) and "**THE HAPPY YEARS**" (50, playing opposite a new boy star, Dean Stockwell).

His twenty or so films in the Fifties and Sixties included "**DESTINATION GOBI**" (53), "**TEA AND SYMPATHY**" (56), "**THE IRON SHERIFF**" (57), "**THE TINGLER**" (59) and "**JOHNNY SHILOH**" (62). He had also been doing some stage work of a song-and-dance nature, and in 1963 took over from Robert Morse on Broadway in "*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*". He wrote for TV, and in the 1970's was a TV programmer for CBS, then executive producer on the soap opera "**Love of Life**". At the same time he and Dwayne had taken over the running of their father's insurance business. Darryl still played occasional screen roles, as in "**NETWORK**" (76) and "**SHARKY'S MACHINE**" (81)."

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
36	6	THREE CHEERS FOR LOVE with <i>Billy Lee</i>	
38	8	IF I WERE KING	
39	9	EMERGENCY SQUAD with <i>Tommy Bupp, Sonny Bupp</i>	
39		THE STAR MAKER with <i>Gene Collins</i>	
40	10	THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER	
40		THE GRAPES OF WRATH with <i>Wally Albright</i>	
40		MYSTERY SEA RAIDER	
40		UNTAMED	
40		THE WAY OF ALL FLESH with <i>Tommy Bupp, James West</i>	
40		YOUNG PEOPLE with <i>Bobby Anderson</i>	
41	11	COFFINS ON WHEELS with <i>Tommy Baker, Larry Nunn</i>	
41		GLAMOUR BOY (aka "HEARTS IN SPRINGTIME")	
41		MEN OF BOYS' TOWN as "Flip" with <i>Jackie Cooper, Harry McKim, Larry Nunn, Mickey Rooney, Bobs Watson, Bobby Winkler, etc</i>	
41		MOB TOWN	
41		SIGN OF THE WOLF	
42	12	GOING TO PRESS with Our Gang	
42		HEART BURN	
42		JACKASS MAIL with <i>Bobby Larson</i>	
42		JOE SMITH, AMERICAN (aka HIGHWAY TO FREEDOM)	
42		KEEPER OF THE FLAME	
42		NORTHWEST RANGERS with <i>Drew Roddy</i>	
42		YOUNG AMERICA with <i>Conrad Binyon</i>	
43	13	ASSIGNMENT IN BRITTANY	
43		THE HUMAN COMEDY with <i>Conrad Binyon, David Holt, Jackie "Butch" Jenkins, Darwood Kaye, Bobby Samarzich</i>	
43		SONG OF RUSSIA	
44	14	AND NOW TOMORROW with <i>Merrill Rodin</i>	
44		HENRY ALDRICH – BOY SCOUT with <i>David Holt, Harry McKim</i>	
44		MEET ME IN ST LOUIS with <i>Margaret O'Brien</i>	
44		SALTY O'ROURKE	
44		TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST †	
45	15	BOOGIE WOOGIE	
45		CAPTAIN EDDIE with brother <i>Dwayne</i>	
45		KISS AND TELL	
45		LEAVE HER TO HEAVEN	
45		RHAPSODY IN BLUE	
46	16	BOYS' RANCH with <i>Skippy Homeier, Jackie "Butch" Jenkins</i>	
46		DANGEROUS YEARS with <i>Scotty Beckett, Dickie Moore</i>	
46		THE STRANGE LOVE OF MARTHA IVERS with <i>Mickey Kuhn</i>	

48	18	FIGHTING FATHER DUNNE with <i>Billy Cummings, Donn Gift, Billy Gray, Eric Roberts</i>
50	20	THE HAPPY YEARS with <i>Dean Stockwell, Scotty Beckett, Donn Gift, Jerry Mickelsen, Danny Mummert</i>
51	21	LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE

[† not released until 1946]