

DuPont Show of the Month – R. L. Stevenson

UK TV : 1960 : dir. : c88 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
[Richard O'Sullivan](#)
 Boris Karloff; Hugh Griffith; Max Adrian

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[E! Online](#) synopsis:

“This live production created specifically for television includes all of Robert Louis Stevenson’s immortal characters in addition to the original DuPont commercials. Distributor: Video Yesteryear ”

[no listing in "Halliwell's Television Companion", "History of Television", "Television's Greatest Hits" or "25 Years of ITV - 1955-1980"]

Excerpt from **The Moving Picture Boy** entry on O'Sullivan:

“His father was a mechanic, and Richard started elocution and dancing lessons when he

was four. Three years later he made his film debut, playing Trevor Howard's son in "THE STRANGER'S HAND", and two years after that, in "DANGEROUS EXILE", he was royalty: a somewhat fictional version of poor Louis XVIII, happily escaped to Wales.

O'Sullivan, by now sporting his characteristic twisted smile, pressed on into a mixture of teenage rave-ups and grown-up weepies: "THE NUN'S STORY" (60), "A STORY OF DAVID" (60), "AND WOMEN SHALL WEEP" (60), "SPARE THE ROD" (61), "THE YOUNG ONES" (62), then "CLEOPATRA" (63, as Ptolemy), "WONDERFUL LIFE" (64), "A DANDY IN ASPIC" (68), "THE HAUNTED HOUSE OF HORROR" (69) and so on into the Seventies.”

No further information currently available. Since no other major boy characters come to mind from Stevenson’s works, O’Sullivan presumably played Jim Hawkins (and one can easily see Karloff and Griffith in characters from “*Treasure Island*” also) which makes this the ninth of twenty adaptations from that story currently in the archive. What isn’t clear from the above is whether this was a straight TV adaptation of “*Treasure Island*”, or a portmanteau of scenes from his other works. O’Sullivan was 16.

See also “**Dupont Show of the Month – The Red Mill**” and “**Dupont Show of the Month – The Browning Version**” for other TV plays from the same sponsor. See **Treasure Island – General Note** for a full list of other adaptations, and subject index under **HISTORY, KIDS OUTWIT THE CROOKS, SEAFARING / PIRACY, TREASURE HUNTS** and **TV PLAYS**.