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The Magic Boomerang

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[no listing in "The Golden Age of Children's Television", "Halliwell's Television Companion", "History of Television", "How Sweet It Was", "Into the Box of Delights - a History of Children's Television", "Television's Greatest Hits" or "25 Years of ITV - 1955-1980"]

No further information currently available. Everybody can remember "**The Adventures of Skippy**", twee and folksy though that was, largely thanks to one of those inane but intractable title songs that burrow into your memory like a lamprey. "**Skippy**" was neither the best nor most entertaining of the children's series churned out by Australia in the fifties and sixties. Others included "**The Terrific Adventures of the Terrible Ten**", "**The Adventures of the Seaspray**" and "**The Adventures of Long John Silver**". (None of these, by the way, even rate a mention in the books listed above which claim to survey children's TV in the period.)

Scripts and characterisation generally ran to the standards of the UK Children's Film Foundation, which is to say trite and hackneyed, but one or two had the kernel of an interesting idea. This series concerned a boy whose boomerang was inscribed with mystic aboriginal symbols. When thrown, it circled perpetually overhead, and time would freeze for everyone but the person who had thrown it. Needless to say, this is quite an ace to have up your sleeve when it comes to a boy's natural business of Thwarting Crooks. Each episode would climax in a sequence where the cast would have to freeze stock still while the hero darted about righting wrongs and rescuing the needy. I was an avid viewer as a boy. In my own defence, I should add that children's TV was confined to an hour or so of after-school viewing on just two channels. Those were the days of take-it-or-leave-it broadcasting.

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