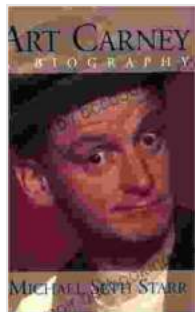


Art Carney Biography: A Hollywood Legend's Life and Career



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Art Carney (November 4, 1918 – November 9, 2003) was an American actor who won an Academy Award for Best Actor for his role as Harry Coombes in the 1974 film *Harry and Tonto*. He is also known for his role as Ed Norton in the classic television sitcom *The Honeymooners*.

Early Life and Career

Arthur William Matthew Carney was born in Mount Vernon, New York, the son of Helen (née Farrell) and Edward Michael Carney. He attended A.B. Davis High School in Mount Vernon and began his career as a stand-up comedian in the mid-1940s.

Carney's big break came in 1951 when he was cast as Ed Norton in *The Honeymooners*, a spin-off of the popular sketch comedy show *The Jackie Gleason Show*. Norton was a lovable but hapless bus driver who was constantly getting into trouble with his wife, Trixie (played by Joyce Randolph). *The Honeymooners* was a huge success, and Carney became one of the most popular comedians in America.

Later Career

After *The Honeymooners* ended in 1957, Carney continued to work in television and film. He appeared in a number of successful films, including *The Apartment* (1960), *The Odd Couple* (1968), and *Going in Style* (1979).

In 1974, Carney won an Academy Award for Best Actor for his role as Harry Coombes in *Harry and Tonto*. Coombes was an elderly man who travels across the country with his cat, Tonto, after losing his home and job. Carney's performance was praised for its warmth, humor, and pathos.

Personal Life

Carney was married twice, first to Jean Myers from 1940 to 1965, and then to Barbara Isaac from 1966 until his death in 2003.

Carney was a lifelong Democrat and supported many liberal causes. He was also a close friend of Jackie Gleason, and the two men remained close until Gleason's death in 1987.

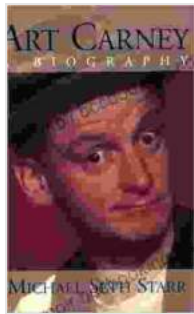
Legacy

Art Carney was one of the most beloved actors in American history. He brought warmth, humor, and pathos to every role he played. His performance in *Harry and Tonto* is considered one of the greatest performances in the history of film.

Carney's legacy continues to live on through his work. He is an inspiration to actors and comedians around the world, and his work continues to bring joy to audiences of all ages.

Books About Art Carney

- *Art Carney: A Biography* by David Bianculli (2003)
- *Art Carney: The Life and Career of a Comic Genius* by Ronald L. Smith (2004)



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