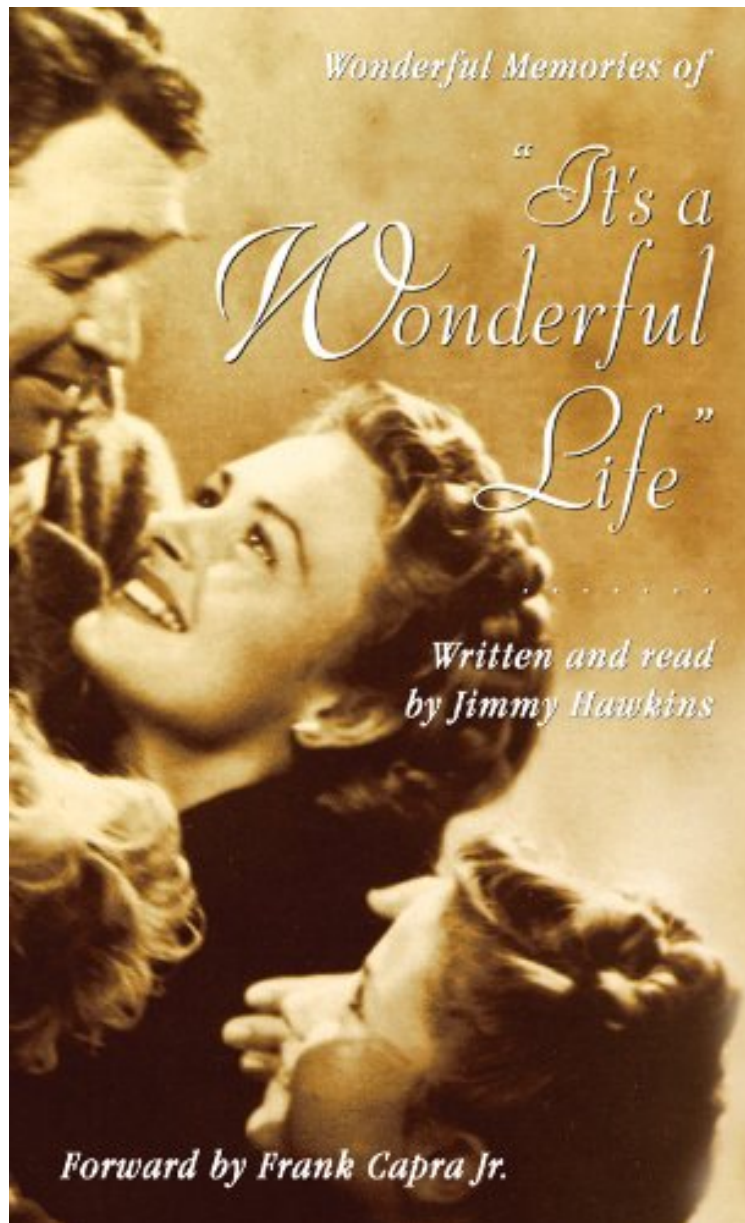


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When the movie *It's a Wonderful Life* opened in December 1946, it captured five Academy Award nominations. It also captured the hearts of millions of Americans. Over the past fifty years, *It's a Wonderful Life* has become as much a holiday tradition as Thanksgiving dinner and the Christmas tree. For many people, Christmas just isn't complete until they see Jimmy Stewart running down Main Street yelling, "Merry Christmas!" *It's a Wonderful Life* has become the American version of *A Christmas Carol*, with its own timeless message of innocence, personal struggle, and hope. Now listeners can hear about the making of this film firsthand from the memories of actor Jimmy Hawkins, who played four-year-old Tommy Bailey in the film, as well as archived interviews with Jimmy Stewart, director Frank Capra, and many others who were part of the filming of this treasured holiday classic.

About the Author In addition to *It's A Wonderful Life*, Jimmy Hawkins has over eighty motion picture credits to his name. He costarred in two MGM Elvis Presley movies and has appeared in over four hundred television shows, including six years as Tagg Oakley on *The Annie Oakley* series, eight seasons on *The Donna Reed Show*, and four years on *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*. He is also a producer with numerous movie and TV credits. Jimmy serves on the board of the Donna Reed Foundation and the Jimmy Stewart Museum. He lives in Los Angeles. From AudioFile *IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE*, in which Jimmy Stewart plays a man who wishes he had never been born, and gets his wish, became a Christmas staple on TV after its copyright lapsed. Fans of the 1946 classic will enjoy the recollections of actor Jimmy Hawkins, who played George Bailey's 4-year-old son and has written three books about the movie. He's helped out here by others involved, including Karolyn Grimes, who played ZuZu and who contributes minutiae about the movie. Most of the information is familiar, but the interviews are interesting. The tape also delves into the history of the original short story--which the author sent to friends as a Christmas carol. J.A.S. AudioFile 2003, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine