

Tom Brown

Titles: 6 Sources: 2 Stills: 2

Born: New York; January 13th 1913
Died: Los Angeles; June 3rd 1990, of cancer

Halliwell's Filmgoer's Companion entry:

"American juvenile lead of the thirties; the "boy next door" type. Re-emerged in the sixties as one of the villagers in the long-running TV series **"Gunsmoke"**."

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"The parents of this square-jawed, blue-eyed child, Harry Brown and Marie Francis, were both theatre actors, and Thomas Edward Brown first faced the footlights as a babe in his mother's arms. At two he became a national face advertising Arrow Collars, and later was "The Buick Boy". In 1924, after training at the Professional Children's School, he landed his first film role as the pathetic urchin Shocky in **"THE HOOSIER SCHOOLMASTER"**. The following year Tom appeared on the New York stage in the Gleason comedy "Is Zat So?", and in "Neighbours" (26). He was already quite a veteran of radio.

In 1929, aged 16, he had a good role in **"THE LADY LIES"**, and his tough but innocent looks soon made him a popular teenage star in films like **"FAST COMPANIONS"** (role-model to Mickey Rooney), **"HELL'S HIGHWAY"** and **"TOM BROWN OF CULVER"** (all 1932, and the title of the last one merely a happy coincidence). He went on to be Tyrone Power's brother **"IN OLD CHICAGO"** (38) and Wallace Beery's son in **"SERGEANT MADDEN"** (39). Brown remained in such parts till World War Two and even after it, latterly essaying a less angelic image in **"THE PAY-OFF"** (42), **"THE HOUSE ON 92ND STREET"** (45) and **"RINGSIDE"** (49).

He was recalled to the U.S. Army for service in Korea, rising to lieutenant-colonel, and when that was over resumed his acting career, though now mainly on TV. He had leading roles in the **"Gunsmoke"** and **"General Hospital"** series."



Debuting in **The Hoosier Schoolmaster**
Source: *A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen*



As a late teenager-cum-gym hunk
Source: indeterminate

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
deb 24	11	THE HOOSIER SCHOOLMASTER	as Shocky
25	12	THE WRONGDOERS	
26	13	SONS OF THE LEGION	
26		THAT OLD GANG OF MINE	
29	16	THE LADY LIES	
30		QUEEN HIGH	
32	18	FAST COMPANIONS	
		with Mickey Rooney	
32		HELL'S HIGHWAY	
32		TOM BROWN OF CULVER	
		with Kit Wain	
33	19	THREE CORNERED MOON	
34	20	ANNE OF GREEN GABLES	
34		JUDGE PRIEST	
35	21	FRECKLES	