

Saddle Tramp

US : 1950 : dir. Hugo Fregonese : Universal International : 77 min
 prod: : scr: Harold Shumate : dir.ph.: Charles Boyle
Orley Lindgren; Jimmy Hunt; Gordon Gebert; Gregory Moffett
 Joel McCrea; Wanda Bendrix; John Russell; John McIntyre; Jeanette Nolan; Ed Begley;
 Russell Simpson; Antonio Moreno; John Ridgely; Walter Coy; Joaquin Garay; Peter Leeds

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Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide
 1996 review:

"Homey western with McCrea in title role, "adopting" four kids and fighting the good cause. **½ "

Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

"Amusing family Western in which cowboy McCrea takes care of four boys orphaned by the death of their father, a friend of McCrea's. 19-year old Hendrix joins the group when she runs away from her uncle. Meanwhile McCrea wants to figure out the quarrel between ranchers McIntyre and Moreno, which brings him into collision with bad guy Russell and the rustlers. These are outwitted with the help of the boys, and McCrea finds love with Hendrix. Harold Shumate wrote the film and Charles Boyle shot it. Hendrix was at that time married to Western star Audie Murphy, and young Gebert (one of the four boys) would play the young Audie in "TO HELL AND BACK" (1955). **½ "

Halliwel's Film Guide review

"A wandering cowboy adopts four orphan children and after various adventures marries the eldest of them¹. Mild family Western for star fanciers."

¹ Orley Lindgren? No, Joel McCrea doesn't marry the boy. It's not that kind of Western...

Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89
 review:

"McCrea plays a lovable "saddle tramp" who doesn't want any trouble but ends up right in the middle of a big-scale range war². Entertaining. *** "

TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995 review:

"Veteran film cowboy Joel McCrea offers one his most likeable characterisations as the hobo on horseback in this well-made Western about a drifter reluctantly involved with a large family of children and their problems. Character-full supporting cast includes John Russell, John McIntyre, Jeanette Nolan, Ed Begley and former silent screen idol Antonio Moreno. ** "

[no listing in "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

Radio Times review:

"An engaging western starring the laconic Joel McCrae as a cowboy who takes care of four orphaned children, trying to keep them a secret from his child-hating boss. It was made as a family film, but director Hugo Fregonese manages to keep sentimentality in check - no

² Hardly. More of a local skirmish - not even the bad guys get killed.

mean feat given the nature of the material. A very appealing and charming film. *** ”

“Western starring Joel McCrea. Cowboy Chuck Conner finds himself stretched when he is

entrusted to look after a dead friend’s children, as well as keep them secret from his child-hating boss. *** ”

No further information currently available

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