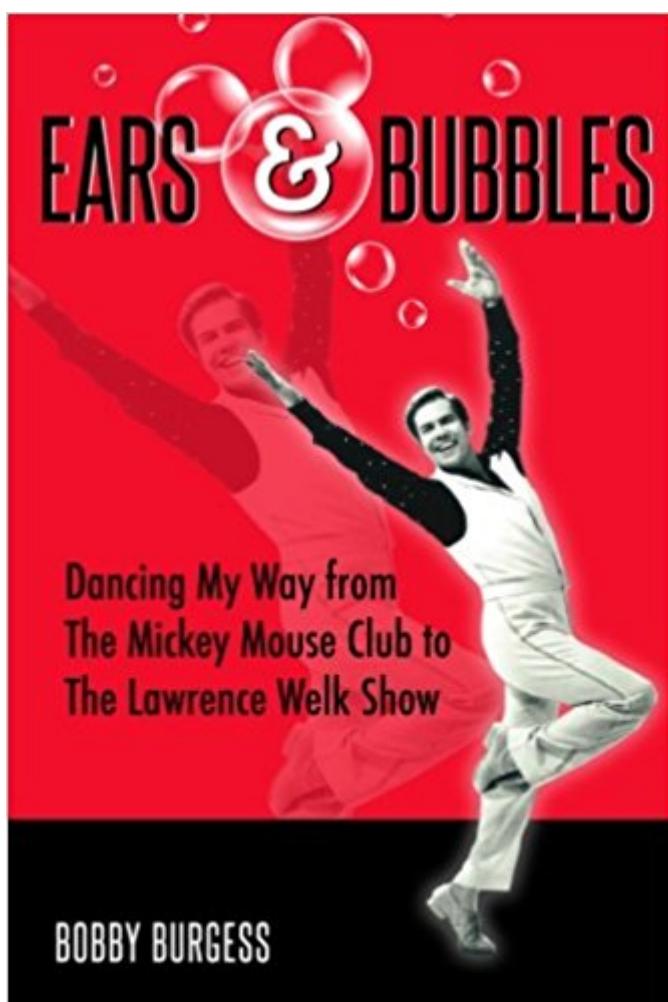


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# **Ears & Bubbles: Dancing My Way From The Mickey Mouse Club To The Lawrence Welk Show**



## Synopsis

Dancing for Mickey and the MaestroBobby Burgess, known to generations of fans as a Mouseketeer on the original Mickey Mouse Club and then as a dancing star on The Lawrence Welk Show, recounts his eventful life in this official autobiography full of humorous, heartwarming tales and behind-the-scenes showbiz stories. You'll meet Bobby's fellow Mouseketeers as well as the all-important people in back of the Mouse-ka-Camera, including Mrs. Seaman, who taught the Mouseketeers in the Red Schoolhouse on the Studio lot between film shoots and rehearsals, and "Jack the Clanker", whose romantic designs on Annette Funicello brought out the beast in her protective parents. Then, Bobby takes you from the Mouse to the Maestro, from the "ears" to the "bubbles", as he becomes one of the leading performers on The Lawrence Welk Show, and shares his memorable encounters with the Hollywood elite, his fellow Welk dancers and musicians, and the often eccentric fans who enlivened the show's national tours. In Ears & Bubbles, you'll share the feel-good moments of Bobby's life, including: Skyrocketing to fame on the Mickey Mouse Club, and how rock 'n' roll was instrumental in getting Bobby his ears; Landing a lifetime gig on the Lawrence Welk Show, and how Welk built an empire on the basis of a handshake and family values; Finding success as a businessman with the Burgess Cotillions, and enjoying new happiness as a father and grandfather; Bobby's™ poignant, final meetings with his two showbiz fathers, Walt Disney and Lawrence Welk; Plus over four dozen photos from Bobby's personal albums; Put on your earsâ "and your dancing shoesâ "and join Bobby Burgess on a family-friendly, up-tempo journey from ears to bubbles!

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## Customer Reviews

Mr. Burgess's fascinating life is vividly portrayed in this amazing book. My only regret was that it ended!!! The friendly narrative meanders through the ins-and-outs of show-biz and one suddenly realizes Bobby has gone from child star to a star in the dance world-- from Mouseketeer to professional dancer and choreographer on the "Lawrence Welk Show." Bobby's humor is infectious, and his sweet and kind nature pours through the pages. He's the real deal... this is not a faked persona he turns on and off. What is on the page is what one meets in real life. I'm so grateful, now, that my grandma MADE me watch the Welk show every week. I have a great appreciation for that type of music (now) and it was a pleasure watching Bobby on the Mickey Mouse Club, growing into the wonderful person he is (from the years on the Lawrence Welk program) to now, with his involvement with Cotillion. A wonderful read!!!

I am a Long Beach girl!!! Bobby brings such beautiful memories and great experiences that I was fortunate to have had growing up in the great city of Long Beach! I know Bobby and his lovely family and I can tell you that I have such respect and admiration for Mr. Burgess!! I loved this book! I am a Long Beacher (even though I now live behind the Orange Curtain ~O.C.). Long Beach is a very special place if you were fortunate enough to grow up there in the 50's and 60's! Bobby brought back so many great memories of the place I am so fond of and had forgotten over the years! I had the pleasure of meeting Bobby in the late 1980's in which I became involved in his Cotillion. I know his lovely family and wonderful wife Kristie and they are what every family strives to be; good, honest, caring, fun and loving people to each other and all those that are lucky enough to know them!! Bobby Burgess is one of the most genuine people I know, a true gentleman and a great family man that he has made such a fine example for others! His book was a great read; easy to read, hard to put down!! I must say I was so impressed by ALL his fantastic experiences, meeting and performing with such famous stars and it never took away the down to earth mannerisms and genuinely great man Bobby is today!! Bobby's fame never went to his head and he has kept friendships with those he grew up with, those he worked with and is always the same friendly, warm and wonderful man he has been probably all his life!!! If you want to be entertained, laugh and experience a life of integrity, hard work, great family and friends and FUN do yourself a favor and get your copy of Ears & Bubbles!!! The title will make more sense when you read it if you are young and couldn't be a part of an era that was so GRAND and meaningful!!! Experience it through

Bobby's book if you were not able to live it yourself or if you did live it but might have forgotten how truly wonderful from 1945 on was for so many!! ENJOY!!! Monica

I bought this book for my 91-year-old mom who's been a fan of all things Lawrence Welk for decades. I haven't read it, so I can't speak to the writing or content quality. I CAN say that Mom totally enjoyed the book, and probably anyone who has been a fan of the original Mickey Mouse Club and/or Lawrence Welk would enjoy it, too.

I loved reading all about the Mouseketeers and Lawrence Welk stars. Even though Bobby's sister was my best friend and I was always at the Burgess home, I learned a great deal I hadn't known. He truly came from a simple, loving family. His writing made all the personalities come to life. Easy read. He makes you want to make your own "bucket list" of places to see. Those of us who grew up watching these programs were blessed. Knowing some of these people was an extra bonus for me.

Simply written, but thoroughly engaging. I only wish it had been longer! I would have loved to have had him share memories of some of the other mousketeers like Dennis, who along with Bobby, was my favorite of the boys. Same with the Welk group! But it just proves that nice guys do finish first and that Bobby, of the ever present big smile is genuine and indeed blessed!

I enjoyed "Ears an Bubbles" book by Bobby Burgess. I've been a fan of his since he started with the Mickey Mouse Club and right through the entire Lawrence Welk years up to the present time. He is a fantastic person with a wonderful family both personal and business wise. It was fun reading!!

**EXCELLENT!!!** An overall great book! I would recommend this book for so many reasons....laughter, interesting facts and information about two of the leading icons of our show biz memories, first hand insight and stories written in an upbeat manner! Just a great and very fun read!

Good information, history of TV represented through the career of Bobby Burgess. Long before "Dancing with the Stars" Bobby used ballroom dancing to choreograph performances to popular songs. His recount of his years with Walt Disney's and Lawrence Welk's shows is entertaining.

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