

Cora Sue Collins

Titles: 26 Sources: 3 Stills: 1

Born: Beckley, West Virginia†; April 19th 1927 [† or Clarksburg, Virginia]



With Sylvia Sidney in "**JENNIE GERHARDT**"

Source: *They Had Faces Then*

Halliwell's Filmgoer's Companion entry:

“American child star of the Thirties.”

They Had Faces Then – Superstars, Stars and Starlets of the 1930s entry:

“A ubiquitous face of the 1930S was that of child actress Cora Sue Collins. She might be the daughter of such mirthless mothers as Wynne Gibson in "**THE STRANGE CASE OF CLARA DEAN**", Claudette Colbert in "**TORCH SINGER**" or Sylvia Sidney in "**JENNIE GERHARDT**", or she might be the young Merle Oberon in "**THE DARK ANGEL**".

She was in any number of pictures, generally far down in the cast list and no threat at all to Shirley Temple. By the close of the thirties, she had reached adolescence and was still appearing in movies like "**ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER**", and "**STOP, LOOK AND LOVE**" - but ever so briefly.”

“Cora Sue was born in Clarksburg, Va., April 19, 1927, and, according to her early publicity, "She got her first job in movies due to her ability to cry easily." The fan magazines said that Greta Garbo personally chose Cora Sue to represent herself as a child in "**QUEEN CHRISTINA**". Cora Sue also played a small role in another Garbo film, "**ANNA KARENINA**", 1935. Her movie career ended as one of Rosalind Russell's large brood of children in "**ROUGHLY SPEAKING**", 1945. She now lives in Mexico, where her parties are "social events". ”

Those Endearing Young Charms entry:

“ Born: April 19, 1927.
Place of birth: Beckley, West Virginia.
Brown hair and brown eyes.
Excelled in tap and ballet dancing.

Cora Sue won a part in her first picture because the casting director felt that with her dirty hands and face she resembled a more normal child than did the remaining applicants. It all came about the day her mother received a phone call from a friend informing her that Universal Pictures was then carrying on screen tests for little girls Cora Sue's age.

It was an opportunity not to be wasted. Mrs. Collins rushed to the studio with Cora Sue and it was not until their arrival did she notice her daughter's appearance. She was ready to concede defeat when Stanley Bergerman, the casting director, noticed her.

So what seemed to be an obvious mistake turned out to be a blessing in disguise when Mr. Bergerman chose Cora Sue for the part in "**THEY JUST HAD TO GET MARRIED**".

Following "**MARRIED**", which she performed at the age of five, Cora Sue was seen in "**STRANGE CASE OF CLARA DEANE**" (5), "**QUEEN CHRISTINA**" (6), "**MYST-ERIOUS RIDER**" (6), "**JENNIE GER-HARDT**" (6), "**THE TORCH SINGER**" (6), "**SIN OF NORA MORAN**" (6), "**TREA-SURE ISLAND**" (7), "**THE SCARLET LETTER**" (7), "**EVELYN PRENTICE**" (7), "**LITTLE MEN**" (7), "**BLACK MOON**" (7)...

"**ELINOR NORTON**" (7), "**THE WORLD ACCUSES**" (7), "**ANNA KARENINA**" (8), "**PUBLIC HERO, NUMBER ONE**" (8), "**HARMONY LANE**" (8), "**TWO SINNERS**" (8), "**THE DARK ANGEL**" (8), "**MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION**" (8), "**THE HARVESTER**" (8), "**THREE MARRIED MEN**" (9), "**THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER**" (10), "**STOP, LOOK AND LOVE**" (12).

Today Cora Sue Collins is Mrs. Jim McKay of the fabulous Virginia City McKays and is the queen of the three-thousand-acre San Antonio Ranch between Carson City and Reno, Nevada.”

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
deb 33	5	THEY JUST HAD TO GET MARRIED	
33	6	STRANGE CASE OF CLARA DEANE	
33		QUEEN CHRISTINA	Christina as a child
33		MYSTERIOUS RIDER	
		<i>with Sherwood Bailey</i>	
33		JENNIE GERHARDT	
		<i>with David Durand</i>	
34	7	THE TORCH SINGER	
		<i>with Baby Leroy</i>	
--		SIN OF NORA MORAN	
34		TREASURE ISLAND	
		<i>with Jackie Cooper</i>	
34		THE SCARLET LETTER	
		<i>with Mickey Rentschler, Bobby Samarzich</i>	
34		EVELYN PRENTICE	
35	8	LITTLE MEN	
		<i>with Tad Alexander, Tommy Bupp, Ronnie Cosbey, David Durand, George Ernest, Dickie Jones, Dickie Moore, Silas "Buster" Phelps; Junior Durkin; Frankie Darro</i>	
--		BLACK MOON	
		<i>with David Holt</i>	
35		ELINOR NORTON	
35		THE WORLD ACCUSES	
		<i>with Dickie Moore</i>	
35		ANNA KARENINA	
		<i>with Freddie Bartholomew, Silas "Buster" Phelps</i>	
35		PUBLIC HERO No.1	
--		HARMONY LANE	
--		TWO SINNERS	
35		THE DARK ANGEL	
		<i>with George Breakston, Jimmy Butler</i>	
35		MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION	
--		THE HARVESTER	
36	9	THREE MARRIED MEN	
		<i>with Bennie Bartlett</i>	
38	10	THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER	
		<i>with Tommy Kelly, Mickey Rentschler, Jackie Moran, David Holt, George Billings, Phillip Hurlic</i>	
39	11	BAD LITTLE ANGEL	
		<i>with Virginia Weidler, Gene Reynolds, Mickey Kuhn</i>	
--	12	STOP, LOOK AND LOVE	
42	15	BLOOD AND SAND	Encarnacion as a child
		<i>with Rex Downing, Ann Todd, Cullen Johnson, Larry Harris, Ted Frye, Schuyler Standish</i>	