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Eddie Braben : Morecambe Wise Christmas Special before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Morecambe Wise Christmas Special:

A rib-tickling collection of seasonal sketches, songs and plays from Eric and Ernie's BBC television Christmas specials. "The greatest double act in the history of British television". (The Independent). Morecambe and Wise are one of the most popular and enduring double acts ever to appear on television. Their Christmas specials were amongst the highest-rated programmes of all time, with viewing figures in the tens of millions, and they soon became regarded as a national institution. These highlights from the years 1969 to 1975 feature a host of stellar guests including Eric Porter, Fenella Fielding, Peter Cushing, Glenda Jackson and Des O'Connor. Here, too, is Ernie's play Victoria and Albert, the classic Grieg's Piano Concerto with Eric as soloist, conducted by Mr Andre Previn/Preview and Eric's appearance at the flat with a giant Christmas tree taken from Trafalgar Square ('we were very lucky, there was only one left'). With the duo's inimitable style of delivery and repartee, it's no wonder that a BBC poll saw Morecambe and Wise voted 'Best Light Entertainment Performers of All Time'. This fantastic compilation represents the very best of Eric and Ernie's festive fun. Duration: 2 hours approx.

About the Author Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise began their award-winning double-act in 1941 after meeting in Jack

Hylton's revue, *Youth Takes a Bow* at the Nottingham Empire Theatre. They temporarily separated during the war, but reformed after and went on to star in a series of hit shows that spanned over 20 years and included the ratings smash *The Morecambe and Wise Show*. They became one of Britain's best-loved comedy duos and their partnership lasted until Eric Morecambe's death in 1984. Eddie Braben was born in Liverpool and started writing jokes in his spare moments while working on a fruit and veg stall. He went on to write material for some of the biggest comedians of his day including Ronnie Corbett, Ken Dodd and of course Morecambe and Wise. He currently lives in North Wales with his wife.