The Many Hats of Robert Altman: A Life in Cinema

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McCabe & Mrs. Miller (1971)

Though McCabe & Mrs. Miller is one of Altman’s most popular films and is now respected as a “classic,” it received mixed reviews upon release. There are many laudatory film reviews and fan letters in the archive, but also some detractors, including influential critic Rex Reed, who called it “an incoherent, amateurish, simple-minded, boring and totally worthless piece of garbage…”

“Altman is the kind of director who lets actors do whatever they feel like doing.”
- Rex Reed

“Rather than write this review of McCabe & Mrs. Miller, I would much rather go back and see the movie again. And again, and again, and again.”
- Bruce Cook