

# J. Eddie Peck

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A veteran actor of seven television series; actor, producer, writer, and host J. Eddie Peck has both domestic and international appeal. Known to a half billion viewers worldwide due to his thirteen-year stint in daytime television. J. Eddie starred as Cole Howard on CBS' number one daytime drama, *The Young and the Restless*; Hawk Hawkins on NBC's, *Days of Our Lives*, and more recently, as Dr Jake Martin on ABC's, *All My Children*. In addition, his starring roles on *Dallas* and *Dynasty* are still watched today by millions of viewers all over the world.

Peck has also starred in nine films and two MOWs: one being the critically acclaimed Hallmark Hall of Fame MOW, *Breaking Home Ties* on ABC, opposite Jason Robards and Eva Marie Saint. The other, *To Grandmother's House We Go*, a lighthearted comedy starring J. Eddie and the Olsen Twins which was one of the most successful MOWs for ABC in the 90's and is still a holiday classic to this day.

Recently, J. Eddie recurred as the worlds "second" smartest human in the role of scientist, Adam Baylin on ABC Family's all-time highest rated series, *KYLE XY*. Originally hired for a two-episode guest star, the show opted to bring his character back from the dead, enabling Peck to recur in seventeen of the last 27 episodes.

Once voted by "Teen Magazine" as "TV's Sexiest New Star", J. Eddie is one of only two daytime actors to ever shoot the cover of "TV Guide" magazine. He's also appeared on eleven daytime covers within his first twelve months on *The Young and the Restless*, as well as over 75 covers throughout his daytime career. While at CBS, the Network approached the actor about an "at home special" featuring Peck and his family on their California horse ranch. Originally slated for a daytime viewing, CBS later decided to air the show in a prime-time slot. The special didn't go unnoticed by the network executives and J. Eddie was soon hired to host the *Miss Teen USA* and later, the *Miss USA*, which proved to be the highest rated *USA Pageants* in CBS history.

J. Eddie Peck has been a guest on over 50 television talk shows, including *Donahue*, *Good Day LA*, *Regis and Kathie Lee*, *Access Hollywood* and *Entertainment Tonight*. This former disc jockey also enjoys holding the mic, having hosted for E's *Pure Soap* and *Along for the Ride with J. Eddie Peck*, an equestrian lifestyle show, which he created and executive produced. In addition, Peck has served as guest correspondent for *Crook and Chase*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *Access Hollywood* and was a celebrity panelist on 22 episodes of the syndicated game show, *Match Game*.

J. Eddie has always been a fan of Westerns. He starred in *Return of the Outlaws*, an independent Western set in the 1870's and released by Lions Gate in March 2009. Currently, he's producing the independent thriller, "*4<sup>th</sup> and Alameda*," which is in preproduction and slated to start filming late September 2010.

A self-proclaimed "Jack of all trades, master of none," Peck is often referred to as a modern day Renaissance man. Handy with an artistic eye, Eddie enjoys rolling up his sleeves, from landscape and finish carpentry, to performing a "frame-off" restoration on his Classic '57 Chevy truck.

Don't get the wrong impression, Peck is not all work and no play, J. Eddie, who rides and trains his horses in his spare time, still appreciates his boyhood passion for basketball, motorcycling and biking; but most of all, he enjoys doing all of the above with his wife, Sonya and their two sons, Austin and Dalton.

Eddie's humor, on-camera presence, warm personality, and genuine love for humanity have been the staple of his career. The kid who got his first agent on his second day in LA because they liked his "Ozark Twang" accent is still the same guy today, just with a little less accent and a few more credits.

