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One of director John Ford’s defining movies, it also elevated John Wayne to stardom. The film opens as a stagecoach is set to make the perilous journey from. Stagecoach was Ford’s first western in more than a decade, and it helped elevate the genre from B-film status to serious fare. While it featured the tense action sequences that were standard for westerns, Dudley Nichols’s script offered psychological insight into the characters. The film was a breakthrough for Wayne, who had been toiling in lesser westerns. On John Ford's Stagecoach. Serious Westerns weren't in fashion in 1938 when John Ford and company went to Monument Valley to shoot Stagecoach. In 1971, Ford and his cast and crew reminisced in the DGA’s Action magazine about making a film that truly changed the genre. Adapted from the dga's action magazine (sept/oct 1971). (Photo Credit: PHOTOFEST). John Ford, director. I found the story for Stagecoach by reading it in Collier's. It wasn't too well developed, but the characters were good. Stagecoach is a 1939 American Western film directed by John Ford and starring Claire Trevor and John Wayne in his breakthrough role. The screenplay by Dudley Nichols is an adaptation of "The Stage to Lordsburg", a 1937 short story by Ernest Haycox. The film follows a group of strangers riding on a stagecoach through dangerous Apache territory. Stagecoach was the first of many Westerns that Ford shot using Monument Valley, in the American Southwest on the Arizona-Utah border, as a location, many of