

## A Stand Up Comic Sits Down With Jesus A Devotional

*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Ali Wong's heartfelt and hilarious letters to her daughters (the two she put to work while they were still in utero) cover everything they need to know in life, like the unpleasant details of dating, how to be a working mom in a male-dominated profession, and how she trapped their dad. "Knife-sharp . . . a genuine pleasure."—The New York Times NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Time • Variety • Chicago Tribune • Glamour • New York In her hit Netflix comedy special Baby Cobra, an eight-month pregnant Ali Wong resonated so strongly that she even became a popular Halloween costume. Wong told the world her remarkably unfiltered thoughts on marriage, sex, Asian culture, working women, and why you never see new mom comics on stage but you sure see plenty of new dads. The sharp insights and humor are even more personal in this completely original collection. She shares the wisdom she's learned from a life in comedy and reveals stories from her life off stage, including the brutal single life in New York (i.e. the inevitable confrontation with erectile dysfunction), reconnecting with her roots (and drinking snake blood) in Vietnam, tales of being a wild child growing up in San Francisco, and parenting war stories. Though addressed to her daughters, Ali Wong's letters are absurdly funny, surprisingly moving, and enlightening (and gross) for all. Praise for Dear Girls "Fierce, feminist, and packed with funny anecdotes."—Entertainment Weekly "[Wong] spins a volume whose pages simultaneously shock and satisfy. . . . Dear Girls is not so much a real-talk handbook as it is a myth-puncturing manifesto."—Vogue "[A] refreshing, hilarious, and honest account of making a career in a male-dominated field, dating, being a mom, growing up, and so much more... Yes, this book is addressed to Wong's daughters, but every reader will find nuggets of wisdom and inspiration and, most important, something to laugh at."—Bustle*

*Thor Ramsey (hereafter known as the Jon Stewart of the theological world) defends the essentials of the Christian faith in this volume of comedy for the thinking person. Armed with only a laptop and a rapier wit, he defends the inspiration of the Bible ("all Scripture is inspired by God"—in other words, when you tell someone off, quote the Bible), the doctrine of total depravity (calling someone out for their sins is a tricky business, especially if you don't know how to operate a bullhorn), and the supremacy of Christ (or why Thor's God is bigger than your god), along with a host of other essential doctrines of the Christian faith. Packed with funny stories and hard-hitting truths, this comprehensive collection of biblical insights and personal anecdotes will surprise readers, destroy their misconceptions and leave them wanting more. For readers looking alternatives to the conversation of traditional faith, or those who have a taste for fearless (and hilarious) honesty, A Comedian's Guide to Theology will permanently change how we all look at Christianity—or at least offer a good-hearted shove out of the box (or back in the box, if that's where you need to be). "What a supreme pleasure to read a book that I find powerfully honest, theologically kapow dead-on, and incredibly and ACTUALLY funny funny funny funny! This book is so brilliantly funny and dead-on that if I weren't a very mature Christian I might be jealous." —Eric Metaxas, New York Times best-selling author of Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery, and former editor of The Yale Record.*

*Seinfeld and the Comic Vision analyzes the television situation comedy Seinfeld to form a theory of comedy—the comic vision—arguing that comedy should not be seen merely as entertainment, but deserves to be taken seriously as expressing a philosophical worldview. Whitley Kaufman demonstrates how in Seinfeld, and in comedy on a larger scale, characters are given license to violate social norms and to fail to live up to societal ideals in a way that shows they remain fundamentally decent people. Kaufman examines how comedy can be seen as a celebration of the "lower" aspects of human nature—our more animal or bodily side—but argues that the comic vision is not cynical or pessimistic, but rather fundamentally affirmative of human nature and of life, despite the many human limitations. Scholars of television studies, media studies, pop culture, and philosophy will find this book particularly useful.*

*One of the cultural phenomena to occur in Ireland in the last two decades has been the highly successful growth of stand-up comedy as a popular entertainment genre. This book examines stand-up comedy from the perspective of the narrated self, through the prism of the fabricated comedy persona, including Tommy Tiernan, Dylan Moran and Maeve Higgins.*

*A Very Punchable Face*

*Comic Insights*

*I'll Be Here All Week*

*More Conversations About Life and Comedy*

*I'm Dying Up Here*

*Music to My Years*

*A Global Search for What Makes Things Funny*

*Part road-trip comedy and part social science experiment, a scientist and a journalist travel the globe to discover the secret behind what makes things funny, questioning countless Louis C.K., along the way.*

*From Judd Apatow comes an intimate portrait of his mentor, the legendary stand-up comic and star of The Larry Sanders Show, with never-before-seen journal entries and photos, contributions by fellow comedians and writers. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NEW YORK Garry Shandling was a singular trailblazer in the comedy world. His two shows, It's Garry Shandling's Show and The Larry Sanders Show, broke new ground and influenced future sitcoms like 30 Rock and Curb Your Enthusiasm, and his stand-up laid the for a whole new generation of comics. There's no one better to tell Shandling's story than Judd Apatow—Shandling gave Apatow one of his first jobs and remained his mentor for t life—and the book expands on Apatow's Emmy Award-winning HBO documentary, The Zen Diaries of Garry Shandling. Here, Apatow has gathered journal entries, photographs, and es close-up look at the artist who turned his gaze back onto the world of show business. Beyond his success, though, Shandling struggled with fame, the industry of art, and the chil brother, which forever affected his personal and professional lives. His diaries show Shandling to be self-aware and insightful, revealing a deep philosophical and spiritual side. Cont comedians and other leading lights of the industry, as well as people who grew up with Shandling, along with never-before-seen pieces of scripts and brilliant jokes that he never p*

light on every facet of his life and work. This book is the final word on the lasting impact of the great Garry Shandling.

DESCRIPTION The King Of All Liars is a work of humorous fiction by author Teni Abegunde. This book is billed as the first 'sit-down' comedy, in the opposite sense to 'stand-up.' The simple: you read the book as though its author was a stand-up comic delivering the lines to you in your own home. From early life to the here and now, Teni makes it clear that he and this book is a lazy, luxurious way to enjoy comedy without having to go out to a show. REVIEW "Teni Abegunde's comedic style is mostly observational, and the book certainly fits directly addressing an unseen audience in the stand-up comedy fashion. Some of the stories in The King Of All Liars are pretty incredulous, and others point out the very amusing aspects of everyday life that we can all relate to." —Readers' Favorite FROM THE AUTHOR The concept of a sit-down comedy book evolved gradually. The idea started in high school during a hangout with my friends. I noticed that two girls who were visiting us that day weren't laughing at the jokes I'd been telling. Puzzled, I asked one of my friends if the girls were pregnant—they're not pregnant—they're deaf," she replied. At first, I thought she was joking, but one of my other classmates confirmed it. Later that day, the two girls sent a note to me asking down what I'd said that had made everyone laugh. Though I didn't mention in the note I sent back to them that I'd asked if they were pregnant, I did include a couple of things I said funny. The one-page joke I sent to those girls that day was the beginning of my sit-down comedy book. Many more notes followed as they kept on asking for more. These girls were named: "the Funny Hand of God." I adopted the name quickly. It was better than the nickname my friends at school called me. You don't want to know. Stand-up comedy has been around for decades, and in that time many great comedians have emerged, keeping the tradition alive. These include: George Carlin, Steve Harvey, Lenny Bruce, Dave Chapelle and many more. You know millions of people who know these comedians from watching and listening to them, many have only known them by name, and by the books some of them authored. The best material a comedian is only known to those who can hear them. A year ago at Dulles Airport, I met one of those girls who visited our school that day. She reignited the memories we shared and I can describe the feelings I felt when she gestured that I am the funniest person she has ever known. From that moment on I decided I want to be known as the funniest comedian that has ever stood on stage. I want to deliver stand-up comedy inside a book. Someone has to do it. This is how the first sit-down comedy book came to be. And many more will follow. If you are looking for something to make you laugh, check out The King Of All Liars. I promise, it won't disappoint you.

Steve Martin has been an international star for over thirty years. Here, for the first time, he looks back to the beginning of his career and charmingly evokes the young man he once was. Born in Texas but raised in California, Steve was seduced early by the comedy shows that played on the radio when the family travelled back and forth to visit relatives. When Disneyland opened a couple of miles away from home, an enchanted Steve was given his first chance to learn magic and entertain an audience. He describes how he noted the reaction to each joke in a notebook or 'quiet' - and assiduously studied the acts of colleagues, stealing jokes when needed. With superb detail, Steve recreates the world of small, dark clubs and the fear and exhilaration of the spotlight. While a philosophy student at UCLA, he worked hard at local clubs honing his comedy and slowly attracting a following until he was picked up to write for TV. From there, Steve Martin became an acclaimed comedian, packing out venues nationwide. One night, however, he noticed empty seats and realised he had 'reached the top of the rollercoaster'. BORN TO LAUGH is a funny and riveting chronicle of how Steve Martin became the comedy genius we now know and is also a fascinating portrait of an era.

A Comic's Life

The Book

Point Your Face at This

The Comic Killer a Novella

Make 'Em Laugh

A Comedian and an Activist Walk into a Bar

Kicking Through the Ashes

Comedy is a powerful contemporary source of influence and information. In the still-evolving digital era, the opportunity to consume and share comedy has never been as available. And yet, despite its vast cultural imprint, comedy is a little-understood vehicle for serious public engagement in urgent social justice issues – even though humor offers frames of hope and optimism that can encourage participation in social problems. Moreover, in the midst of a merger of entertainment and news in the contemporary information ecology, and a decline in perceptions of trust in government and traditional media institutions, comedy may be a unique force for change in pressing social justice challenges. Comedians who say something serious about the world while they make us laugh are capable of mobilizing the masses, focusing a critical lens on injustices, and injecting hope and optimism into seemingly hopeless problems. By combining communication and social justice frameworks with contemporary comedy examples, authors Caty Borum Chattoo and Lauren Feldman show us how comedy can help to serve as a vehicle of change. Through rich case studies, audience research, and interviews with comedians and social justice leaders and strategists, A Comedian and an Activist Walk Into a Bar: The Serious Role of Comedy in Social Justice explains how comedy – both in the entertainment marketplace and as cultural strategy – can engage audiences with issues such as global poverty, climate change, immigration, and sexual assault, and how activists work with comedy to reach and empower publics in the networked, participatory digital media age.

The New York Times bestselling writer and comedian Demetri Martin is back with a brand new collection of drawings that urge you to: POINT YOUR FACE AT THIS In his first book, This Is a Book, Demetri Martin introduced fans and readers to his unique brand of long-form humor writing. That book spent twelve weeks on the New York Times bestseller list Now Demetri returns with an eclectic volume devoted entirely to his trademark drawings and word play. POINT YOUR FACE AT THIS contains hundreds of hilarious drawings and visual jokes, showcasing Martin's particular penchant for brevity. With a sensibility all its own, this is a great gift book and an absolute must-have for fans of the brainy, ambidextrous, comedian, palindromist (and author),

Demetri Martin.

In Colin Quinn's new book, the popular comedian, social commentator, and star of the shows Red State Blue State and Unconstitutional tackles the condition of our union today. Utah: The Church of States Vermont: The Old Hippie State Florida: The Hot Mess State Arizona: The Instagram Model State Wisconsin: The Diet Starts Tomorrow State The United States is in a fifty-states-wide couples' counseling session, thinking about filing for divorce. But is that really what we want? Can a nation composed of states that are so different possibly hang together? Colin Quinn, comedian, social commentator, and writer and star of Red State Blue State and Unconstitutional, calls us out state-by-state, from Connecticut to Hawaii. He identifies the hypocrisies inherent in what we claim to believe and what we actually do. Within a framework of big-picture thinking about systems of government—after all, how would you put this country together if you started from scratch today?—to dead-on observations about the quirks and vibes of the citizens in each region, Overstated skewers us all: red, blue, and purple. It's ultimately infused with the same blend of optimism and practicality that sparked the U.S. into being.

Stand-Up Comedian Adam Kessler shares his best jokes in his second book. A collection of one liners and observational humor. Adam Kessler started performing stand-up comedy when he was 5 years old (back in 1981) in the living room for his mom. He would watch comedians on TV and then come out & recite the jokes during commercials. He has since developed a style all of his own, he's on a mission to entertain crowds with only 100% clean material. He tells jokes he wants you to be able to repeat to your mom without being embarrassed about the joke or it's subject matter. Adam places being a comedian above almost everything else, he's always loved telling jokes and making people laugh. He's headlined his own shows and worked as a feature act for some of his favorite touring comedians. Adam Kessler is a one of a kind stand-up comic who writes jokes every day and loves everything about the world of stand-up comedy. He watches a lot of stand-up comedy and can recite a joke he heard back in 1981 as if he heard it this morning. He has performed all over Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, and Canada. He's going to go on to perform at venues all over the world (concert venues, comedy clubs, churches, and corporate events) so keep an eye out for him coming to a town near you. Adam Kessler thinks that the world needs more laughter and he never gets tired of hearing, reading, or watching people tell jokes. The next time you see him you should tell him a joke or ask him to tell you one. Being a comedian has always been Adam Kessler's dream and he thinks living your dream is pretty important too.

How to Be a Stand-Up Comic

Sit Down and Shut Up

It's Garry Shandling's Book

A Comedian's Guide to Theology

I Killed

A Devotional?

A Mixtape Memoir of Growing Up and Standing Up

This book focuses on the "dark side" of stand-up comedy, initially inspired by speculations surrounding the death of comedian Robin Williams. Contributors, those who study humor and comedy, join together to contemplate the paradoxical relationship between tragedy and comedy and expose over-generalizations about comic performers' troubled childhoods, addictions,

The book is divided into two sections. First, scholars from a variety of disciplines explore comedians' onstage performances, their offstage lives, and the relationship between the two.

The second section of the book focuses on amateur and lesser-known professional comedians who reveal the struggles they face as they attempt to hone successful comedy acts and likable comic personae. These comedians move beyond the hackneyed stereotype of the sad clown in order to reveal how stand-up comedy can transform both personal and collective tragedies by providing catharsis through humor.

This ebook features added multimedia content: an interview with George Carlin's daughter Kelly about life with her dad, and a tribute video with interviews with Susie Essman, Michael Ondaatje, Ben Elton, Belzer, George Wendt, and Jeffrey Ross, who talk about Carlin's incredible ability to make people laugh. One of the undisputed heavyweight champions of American comedy, with nine Emmy Awards, the Johnny Carson show, thirteen HBO specials, five Grammys, and a critical Supreme Court battle over censorship under his belt, George Carlin saw it all throughout his extraordinary first career. Last Words is the story of the man behind some of the most seminal comedy of the last half century, blending his signature acerbic humor with never-before-told stories, including encounters with a Who's Who of 1970s celebrity—from Lenny Bruce to Hugh Hefner—and the origins of some of his most famous standup routines. Carlin's early conflicts with alcohol and substance abuse, his turbulent relationships with his family, and his triumphs over catastrophic setbacks all fueled the unique comedic worldview he brought to the stage. From the little-known details to the points few knew about, Last Words is told with the same razor-sharp wit and unblinking honesty that made Carlin one of the best-loved comedians in American history.

In this memoir full of humor and heart, comedian, writer, and producer Cristela Alonzo shares personal stories of growing up as a first-generation Mexican-American in Texas and following her dream to pursue a career in comedy. When Cristela Alonzo and her family lived as squatters in an abandoned diner, they only had two luxuries: a television and a radio, which became her pop culture guiding light. Cristela shares her experiences and struggles of being a first-generation American, her dreams of becoming a comedian, and how it feels to be a creator in a world that is not always inclusive to people of color and women. Her stories range from the ridiculous—like the time she made her own tap shoes out of bottle caps or how the theme song of The Golden Girls landed her in the limelight—to the sobering moments, like how she turned to stand-up comedy to grieve the heartbreaking loss of her mother and how, years later, she's committed to giving back to the community. A significant moment of the book relates to a song, and the resulting playlist is deeply moving, resonant, and unforgettable. Music to My Years will make you laugh, cry, and even inspire your own.

"Ward Anderson flays open the perceived rock star glamour of stand-up comedy to show us how it really is."—Aisha Tyler Falling in love is like stand-up comedy. You have to be crazy to love it.

stand-up comedian whose claim to fame is a one-time appearance on The Late Late Show. Eight years ago. Since then, he's been living on the road, working in clubs like The Comedy The Laff Shack—if he's lucky. More often than not, his agent lands him gigs in country western bars. On a good night, he gets free drinks; on a bad night, he offends the audience and thinks he should find a nice girl and settle down. His ex-wife's husband thinks he should stop having his mail sent to their house. What does Spence think? That trying to have a relationship is a laughing matter. Especially when he meets Sam. . . She's smart, she's beautiful, and she's Canadian—but she's not putting up with his schtick. Sam wants Spence to drop the jokes and become a man who's funny for a living. But the closer they get, the more successful Spence becomes. Can a stand-up comic live happily ever after with the girl of his dreams. . .without it? Here All Week does more than offer a window into the life of a stand-up comic. Any reader would feel like they are actually on that stage, living the life and hoping that they'll get a love story that is sweet and funny." --Ophira Eisenberg, standup comic and author of Screw Everyone: Sleeping My Way to Monogamy

A Stand-Up Comic Sits Down with Jesus

Sitting in the Earth and Laughing

I Funny

Go Zero to Funny in One Book!

How to Get Started & Manage Your STAND-UP COMEDY Career

A Middle School Story

Born Standing Up

**A Stand-Up Comic Sits Down with Jesus A Devotional? Revell**

**Comedian Richard Belzer promises that he can turn anyone into a stand-up comedian. Here he makes good on that promise and provides a generous helping of laughs in the process. This irreverent and informative book prepares wannabe comedians with tips and inside information from a seasoned veteran. Photographs.**

**The Comic Event approaches comedy as dynamic phenomenon that involves the gathering of elements of performance, signifiers, timings, tones, gestures, previous comic bits, and other self-conscious structures into an "event" that triggers, by virtue of a "cut," an expected/unexpected resolution. Using examples from mainstream comedy, The Comic Event progresses from the smallest comic moment-jokes, bits-to the more complex caricatures, sketches, sit-coms, parody films, and stand-up routines. Judith Roof builds on side comments from Henri Bergson's short treatise "Laughter," Sigmund Freud's Jokes and Their Relation to the Unconscious, and various observations from Aristotle to establish comedy as a complex, multifaceted practice. In seeing comedy as a gathering event that resolves with a "cut," Roof characterizes comedy not only by a predictable unpredictability occasioned by a sudden expected/unexpected insight, but also by repetition, seriality, self-consciousness, self-referentiality, and an ouroboric return to a previous cut. This theory of comedy offers a way to understand the operation of a broad array of distinct comic occasions and aspects of performance in multiple contexts.**

**What would happen if comedy were combined with growing deeper in your faith? You would have a fun devotional for learning more about God. One of America's top comedians brings his unique style to an unlikely venue--a devotional? Laugh out loud with Rich Praytor as he looks at the humorous side of everyday aspects of life, such as marriage, money, or work while discovering something about God and his plan for us. Made up of 31 chapters (representing a full month), A Stand-Up Comic Sits Down with Jesus starts each entry with a clean, funny joke followed by a Scripture reference, and some thoughts on that particular subject. Just try to keep a straight face when reading Keeping a Journal, Being Too Churchy, Honoring Your Parents, and Marriage II. This is a devotional like no other! Author also includes two "intermission" chapters of personal reflection.**

**Overstated**

**Stand-ups swap the stage for the page**

**The Second Best Joke Book I Ever Wrote**

**Punk Rock Commentaries on Buddha, God, Truth, Sex, Death, and Dogen's Treasury of the Right Dharma Eye  
Sicker in the Head**

**Can't Stand Up For Sitting Down**

In 2003, Brad Warner blew the top off the Buddhist book world with his irreverent autobiography/manifesto, Hardcore Zen: Punk Rock, Monster Movies, and the Truth about Reality. Now in his second book, Sit Down and Shut Up, Brad tackles one of the great works of Zen literature, the Shobogenzo, by thirteenth-century Zen master Dogen. Illuminating Dogen's enigmatic teachings in plain language, Brad intertwines musings on sex, meditation, death, God, sin, and happiness with an exploration of the punk rock ethos. In chapters such as " Evil Is Stupid," " Kill Your Anger," and " Enlightenment Is for Sissies," Brad melds the antiauthoritarianism of punk with that of Zen, mixing in a travelogue of his triumphant return to Ohio to play in a reunion concert of Akron punk bands. For those drawn to Buddhist teachings but scared off by their stiff austerity, Brad writes with a sharp smack of truth, in teachings and stories that cut to the heart of reality.

The Crenshaw Vampire: Jack Lewis is an ex-police officer who lives a triple lifestyle; to his wife he's a lovable husband and family man, in the street life he deals in the underworld and is a known womanizer; However, Jack has a dark side to him that's furious and dangerous that leads him on a path of uncontrollable murders. Can Jack be stopped before another person comes up dead? The Comic

Killer: Growing up in Hollywood, CA, Denver Thomas was destined to be a rising stand-up comic star. Moving into a shelter after the death of his mother and the incarceration of his father, Denver became interested in pursuing a career in stand-up comedy. However, after a series of events happened, Denver Thomas sets up a plan to get his revenge on the entire comedy game.

Comedian Ritch Shydney is one of America's funniest and most enduring stand-up comics, a wry observer of life around him and a survivor of the 1980s comedy boom. Besides becoming a comic's comic over the decades, he has starred on television's "Married With Children" and won awards for his writing as a member of the "Roseanne" staff. The book's introduction is by Bill Maher, host of HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher." Dozens of photos and index!

Road Dog is comedian, actor, and writer, Dov Davidoff's unflinching memoir told through reflections of twelve months on the road. Davidoff travels across the country from college campuses to local theaters doing stand-up comedy and telling it like it is. He's been known to wax poetic about everything from encounters with large fake breasts, to people who have too many kids, to magnum condoms the size of CD cases. He is hilarious and relatable and will have you laughing at yourself in no time. But there's more to the road dog life than TV features and sold out comedy shows, there's a dark underbelly and Dov knows it well. His memoir chronicles the highs and often very low lows of performance life with honesty, clarity, and humility. Dov takes readers from his fractured childhood days spent in a New Jersey junkyard with a gruff Jewish father and commune-loving hippie Protestant mother to the intense hyperactive persona that his fans know and expect discussing the relationships, drugs, and demons that he has fought along the way. With an eye for self-reflection, and a penchant for hilarious irony, Dov pulls back the curtain on a life hard-made on the road.

Heartbreak and High Times in Standup Comedy's Golden Era

The Serious Role of Comedy in Social Justice

Road Dog

My Life As a Stand-Up in the 1980s Comedy Boom

The first sit-down comedy.

The Crenshaw Vampire a Novelette by Derrick Ellis

A Coast-to-Coast Roast of the 50 States

***Barron's ESL Proficiency Series: Prepositions provides comprehensive coverage of this most difficult topic in English grammar. The idiosyncratic nature of prepositions often makes them a barrier to achieving English language proficiency. Jean Yates offers clear explanations with lots of examples and opportunities to practice. Content is organized into simple 15-minute units each of which has its own practice exercises. An answer key is included in the back of the book. The ESL Proficiency Series is a valuable tool for ESL teachers, tutors and learners who want to advance their English language skills for work, school or to prepare for proficiency tests such as TOEFL, IELTS, or TOEIC. It is ideal for independent study.***

***The work includes many of Dr. Eckardt's own fanciful stories, essays, and verses as well as material derived from student malapropisms, from children, and from professional humorists and comedians. Appearing at a time of burgeoning scholarly and popular interest in the domain of humor, Sitting in the Earth and Laughing shows how humor and laughter lie within the realm of human mysteries--together with tragedy, suffering, and love--that can be comprehended and relished.***

***"Saturday Night Live head writer and Weekend Update co-anchor, Colin Jost, has six sets of stitches on his face alone. He's been punched in at least four different sketches on Saturday Night Live, including once by his boss, Lorne Michaels. But if there's one trait that makes someone well suited to comedy, it's being able to take a punch--metaphorically and, occasionally, physically. From growing up as an overweight kid in a family of firefighters on Staten Island to commuting three hours a day to high school and "seeing the sights" (like watching a Russian woman throw a stroller off the back of a ferry) to attending Harvard while Facebook was created (and choosing comedy instead!), Colin shares how he has navigated the world like a "slightly smarter Forrest Gump." You'll also discover things about Colin that will surprise and confuse you. You'll go behind the scenes at SNL (where he's written some of the most iconic sketches and characters of the past fifteen years) and Weekend Update (where's he's been "the white guy next to Leslie Jones.") And you'll experience the life of a touring stand-up comedian--from performing in rural cafeterias at noon to opening for Dave Chappelle at Radio City Music Hall. For every accomplishment (hosting the Emmys), there is a setback (hosting the Emmys). And for every absurd moment (watching paramedics give CPR to a raccoon), there is an honest, emotional one (recounting his mother's experience on the scene of the Twin Towers' collapse on 9/11.) A Very Punchable Face reveals the brilliant mind behind some of the dumbest sketches on television and lays bare the heart and humor of a hardworking guy--with a face you can't help but want to punch"--***

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*Last Words*

*Sit-Down Comedy*

*The Dark Side of Stand-Up Comedy*

*Performance and Identity in Irish Stand-Up Comedy*

*35 Years of the Comic Strip, the Greatest Comedy Club of All Time!*

*Drawings*

*Life and Reflections from the Road as a Stand-up Comic*

**This is a great book for any person interested in how to get started as a stand-up comedian. Written by a professional comedian and coach, sections include everything from Open Mike nights to becoming an M.C., then a featured comic and ultimately a headliner. Covered: booking rooms, getting paid, getting an agent, hecklers, and much more. Over 100 chapters on the serious business of comedy.**

**Full of revealing portraits of many of the best-known comedic talents of the 1970s, "I'm Dying Up Here" is also a poignant tale of the price of success and the terrible cost of failure--professional and moral.**

**Presents interviews with such comedians as Jerry Seinfeld, Richard Belzer, Ellen DeGeneres, Richard Lewis, and Roseanne, and includes tips about careers in stand-up comedy.**

**The Stand-Up while Sitting Down Years...Jo Brand is one of our best-loved comedians, according to a quote she made up. This memoir is full of hard-won wisdom, hilarity and her views on life, laughs, friendships and all the good and bad things in the world. If she was Prime Minister, the country would be in even more of a mess than it is.**

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**Stand-Up Comedy**

**Comedic Performance from the 1950s to the Present**

**Dear Girls**

**The Art of Stand-up Comedy**

**Seinfeld and the Comic Vision**

**40 Laugh Provoking Devotionals**

In James Patterson's heartwarming #1 New York Times bestseller, middle schooler Jamie Grimm faces bullying and self-doubt as he chases his dream to become the world's greatest comedian. Jamie Grimm is a middle schooler on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest standup comedian--even if he doesn't have a lot to laugh about these days. He's new in town and stuck living with his aunt, uncle, and their evil son Stevie, a bully who doesn't let Jamie's wheelchair stop him from messing with Jamie as much as possible. But Jamie doesn't let his situation get him down. When his Uncle Frankie mentions a contest called The Planet's Funniest Kid Comic, Jamie knows he has to enter. But are the judges only rewarding him out of pity because of his wheelchair, like Stevie suggests? Will Jamie ever share the secret of his troubled past instead of hiding behind his comedy act? Following the bestselling success of the hilarious Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life, James Patterson continues to dish out the funnies in another highly-illustrated, heartfelt middle school story. (Includes more than 175 black-and-white illustrations.)

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • An all-new collection of honest, hilarious, and enlightening conversations with some of the most exciting names in comedy—from lifelong comedy nerd Judd Apatow. “When I need to read an interview with a comedian while in the bathroom, I always turn to Judd Apatow for deeply personal insights into the comedic mind. Place one on your toilet today.” —Amy Schumer** No one knows comedy like Judd Apatow. From interviewing the biggest comics of the day for his high school radio show to performing stand-up in L.A. dive bars with his roommate Adam Sandler, to writing and directing Knocked Up and producing Freaks and Geeks, Apatow has always lived, breathed, and dreamed comedy. In this all-new collection of interviews, the follow-up to the New York Times bestselling Sick in the Head, Apatow sits down with comedy legends such as David Letterman, Whoopi Goldberg, and Will Ferrell, as well as the writers and performers who are pushing comedy to the limits, and defining a new era of laughter: John Mulaney, Hannah Gadsby, Bowen Yang, Amber Ruffin, Pete Davidson, and others. In intimate and hilariously honest conversations, they discuss what got them into comedy, and what—despite personal and national traumas—keeps them going. Together, they talk about staying up too late to watch late-night comedy, what kind of nerds they were high school, and the right amount of delusional self-confidence one needs to “make it” in the industry. Like eavesdropping on lifelong friends, these pages expose the existential questions that plague even the funniest and most talented among us: Why make people laugh while the world is in crisis? What ugly, uncomfortable truths about our society—and ourselves—can comedy reveal? Along the way, these comics reminisce about those who helped them on their journey—from early success through failure and rejection, and back again—even as they look ahead to the future of comedy and Hollywood in a hyper-connected, overstimulated world. With his trademark insight,

curiosity, and irrepressible sense of humor, Apatow explores the nature of creativity, professional ambition, and vulnerability in an ever-evolving cultural landscape, and how our favorite comics are able to keep us laughing along the way.

Go from zero to funny in one book with ABC's of Stand-up Comedy. This quick-hitting guide is essential to any person interested in a career in stand-up comedy.

To satisfy the needs of the hundreds of thousands of people who pay good money to see stand-up every year, Malcolm Hardee ('the comedian's comedian' WHSmith Online; 'a national monument' The Guardian) presents a comedy club on the page with a bill featuring the glitterati of British stand-up comedy. We let the famous names and new talents alike try out their written humour and their only brief is to make us laugh. We plan to make the book an annual event, and are sure it will soon become the world's largest virtual comedy club. Contributors include: Keith Allen, Jo Brand, Simon Day, Jenny -clair, Boothby Graffoe, Ricky Grover, Jeremy Hardy, Hattie Hayridge, John Hegley, Jeff Innocent, Mark Lamarr, Chris Lynam, Simon Munnery, Rob Newman, Mark Steel, Arthur Smith, Jim Tavare, Mark Thomas

The Humor Code

A Memoir

True Stories of the Road from America's Top Comics

Intimate Tales, Untold Secrets & Advice for Living Your Best Life

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Abcs of Stand-up Comedy

The Comic 'i'

*There was a time when Ralphie May was one of the biggest standup comedians in the country, both by ticket sales and by tonnage. While some things changed—Ralphie lost half his body weight—others did not: he will be remembered as one of the most successful comics of his time. Completed just months before his untimely passing, in This Might Get a Little Heavy, Ralphie takes readers on a behind-the-scenes tour of his life and career, one that winds across the country, over obstacles, beyond heartbreak, and through the golden age of stand-up. Raised in poor, rural, Arkansas by a single mom who struggled to make ends meet, Ralphie's early years were the perfect breeding ground for the kind of pain and stress and adversity that only comedy can cure. Bitten by the comedy bug at a Methodist sleep-away camp when he was 12 years old, Ralphie seized a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity six years later at an open-mic in a pizza parlor. Mentored and inspired by legendary comedian Sam Kinison to move to Houston, where he got his start, Ralphie packed his bags and never looked back. A major headliner for over twenty-five years, in This Might Get A Little Heavy, Ralphie finally tells the world how a chubby poor kid from Clarksville went from Arkansas to Houston to Hollywood and beyond. Full of never before told stories from Ralphie's life, This Might Get A Little Heavy will bust your gut, pull at your heart strings, and touch your soul.*

*The biggest names in standup comedy reveal the howlingly funny, completely shocking, and disturbingly bizarre moments they've experienced on the road.*

*This behind-the-scenes history of the legendary New York City club includes interviews with many top standup comedians. The Comic Strip on New York's Second Avenue is a historic landmark as a comedy showcase, and generations of standup comedians have cherished it as a venue that fosters growth and camaraderie, experimentation and freedom. This is an inside look at how it all happened, straight from the mouths of the stars who built their careers on its stage. Owner Richie Tienken and a wealth of comics open their hearts and souls to share their most intimate memories—the laughs and tears, the good times and the bad—painting a lively picture of this iconic club. With an introduction by Chris Rock, Make 'Em Laugh also includes reminiscences from: •Jerry Seinfeld •Gilbert Gottfried •Paul Reiser •Lisa Lampanelli •George Wallace •Billy Crystal •Jim Breuer •Susie Essman •Lewis Black •Ray Romano •Jim Gaffigan •Judah Friedlander •Colin Quinn •and many more*

*If you think you're funny, buy this book! Whether you dream of becoming a star . . . A better public speaker . . . A more effective communicator . . . A funnier, happier human being . . . You can learn to leave 'em laughing! David Letterman learned to do it. Jay Leno learned to do it. Roseanne Barr learned to do it. So can you! Now successful stand-up comic Judy Carter—who went from teaching high school to performing in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Lake Tahoe, and on over 45 major TV shows—gives you the same hands-on, step-by-step instruction she's taught to students in her comedy workshops. She shows you how to do it: create an act, perform it, make money with it, or apply it to everyday life. Discover: •The formulas for creating comedy material •How to find your own style •The three steps to putting your act together •Rehearsal do's and don'ts •What to do if you bomb •Ways to punch up your everyday life with humor*

*This Might Get a Little Heavy*

*The Comic Event*

*THE KING OF ALL LIARS*

*A Handbook of Humour*

*Prepositions*