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This "hilarious and honest" bestselling memoir from a rising comedy star tackles issues of gender, sexuality, feminism, and the Catholic childhood that prepared her for a career as an outspoken lesbian comedian (Abby Wambach). Cameron Esposito wanted to be a priest and ended up a stand-up comic. Now she would like to tell the whole queer as hell story. Her story. Not the sidebar to a straight person's rebirth-she doesn't give a makeover or plan a wedding or get a couple back together. This isn't a queer tragedy. She doesn't die at the end of this book, having finally decided to kiss the girl. It's the sexy, honest, bumpy, and triumphant dyke's tale her younger, wasn't-allowed-to-watch-Ellen self needed to read. Because there was a long time when she thought she wouldn't make it. Not as a comic, but as a human. SAVE YOURSELF is full of funny and insightful recollections about everything from coming out (at a Catholic college where sexual orientation

wasn't in the nondiscrimination policy) to how joining the circus can help you become a better comic (so much nudity) to accepting yourself for who you are-even if you're, say, a bowl cut-sporting, bespectacled, gender-nonconforming child with an eye patch (which Cameron was). Packed with heart, humor, and cringeworthy stories anyone who has gone through puberty, fallen in love, started a career, or had period sex in Rome can relate to, Cameron's memoir is for that timid, fenced-in kid in all of us-and the fearless stand-up yearning to break free. INDIE BESTSELLERWASHINGTON POST BESTSELLERSEATTLE TIMES BESTSELLER ONE OF BUSTLE'S MOST ANTICIPATED BOOKS OF MARCH
[Easy 4-Step Guide to Writing and Performing Original Comedy Routines](#) Independently Published
 Judy Carter, guru to aspiring comedy writers and stand-up comics, tells all about the biz of being funny and writing funny in this bright, entertaining, and totally practical guide on how to draw humor from your life and turn it into a career. Do you think you're funny? Do you want to turn your sense of humor into a career? If the answer is yes, then Judy Carter's The Comedy Bible is for you. The guru to aspiring stand-up comics provides the complete scoop on being—and writing—funny for money. If you've got a sense of humor, you can learn to make a career out of comedy, says

Judy Carter. Whether it's creating a killer stand-up act, writing a spec sitcom, or providing jokes for radio or one-liners for greeting cards, Carter provides step-by-step instructions in The Comedy Bible. She helps readers first determine which genre of comedy writing or performing suits them best and then directs them in developing, refining, and selling their work. Using the hands-on workbook format that was so effective in her bestselling first book, Stand-Up Comedy: The Book, Carter offers a series of day-by-day exercises that draw on her many years as a successful stand-up comic and the head of a nationally known comedy school. Also included are practical tips and advice from today's top comedy professionals—from Bernie Brillstein to Christopher Titus to Richard Lewis. She presents the pros and cons of the various comedy fields—stand-up, script, speech and joke writing, one-person shows, humor essays—and shows how to tailor your material for each. She teaches how to find your "authentic" voice—the true source of comedy. And, perhaps most important, Carter explains how to take a finished product to the next level—making money—by pitching it to a buyer and negotiating a contract. Written in Carter's unique, take-no-prisoners voice, The Comedy Bible is practical, inspirational, and funny. Springer Nature

When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part.

Embrace the Pause St. Martin's Griffin

Stand-Up Comedy in Theory, or, Abjection in America is the first study of stand-up comedy as a form of art. John Limon appreciates and analyzes the specific practice of stand-up itself, moving beyond theories of the joke, of the comic, and of comedy in general to read stand-up through the lens of literary and cultural theory. Limon argues that stand-up is an artform best defined by its fascination with the abject, Julia Kristeva's term for those aspects of oneself that are obnoxious to one's sense of identity but that are nevertheless—like blood, feces, or urine—impossible to jettison once and for all. All of a comedian's life, Limon asserts, is abject in this sense. Limon begins with stand-up comics in the 1950s and 1960s—Lenny Bruce, Carl Reiner, Mel Brooks, Mike Nichols, Elaine May—when the norm of the profession was the Jewish, male, heterosexual comedian. He then moves toward the present with analyses of David Letterman, Richard Pryor, Ellen DeGeneres, and Paula Poundstone. Limon incorporates feminist, race, and queer theories to argue that the “comedification” of America—stand-up comedy's escape from its narrow origins—involves the repossession by black, female, queer, and Protestant comedians of what was black, female, queer, yet suburbanizing in Jewish, male, heterosexual comedy. Limon's formal definition of stand-up as abject art thus hinges on his claim that the great American comedians of the 1950s and 1960s located their comedy at the place (which would have been conceived in 1960 as a location between New York City or Chicago and their suburbs) where body is thrown off for the mind and materiality is thrown off for abstraction—at the place, that is, where American abjection has always found its home. As the first study of its kind, Stand-Up Comedy in Theory, or, Abjection in America will appeal to a wide audience including those interested in cultural studies, Jewish studies, gender and queer theory.

From Stand-up to Sitcom--The Comedy Writer's Ultimate "How To" Guide Simon and Schuster

Have You Ever Watch In Awe As Someone Performs Amazing Stand Up Comedy? Ever Thought If You Could Do The Same Thing? Do You Want To Make People Laugh Endlessly By Becoming A Stand Up Comedian? Why Stand Up Comedy? Being a stand up comedian is something which many people aspire to become. Stand up comedy has the tremendous effect of bring a lot of joy to other people. It is perhaps one of the greatest occupation in the world - bring people laughter in their lives. A stand up comedian is someone who simply goes on stage and share jokes. The jokes can come from different topics. Stand up comedy is perhaps the most creative form of entertainment. A stand up comedian requires a lot of guts in order to start off in the field in the very first place. Do You Have What It Takes To Be A Success In Stand Up Comedy? In How To Be A Stand Up Comedian - The Beginners Guide Towards Becoming A Successful Stand-up Comedian, you would learn a step by step method of starting out in stand up comedy. Simon Cavalli has written a guide on his journey of becoming a stand up comedian. It is filled with methods of preparing yourself mentally and how to approach a gig. Start Out As A Stand Up Comedian? The most important chapter is perhaps on how to approach being a stand up comedian for the first time. It involves having the right mindset to become a stand up. You would learn how to develop a stand up comedian mindset and to create a comic environment. You would also learn to debunk a great myth in stand up comedy - that stand up comedians are extroverts. Simon also shares why stand up comedy is a spiritual experience as well - a great journey of knowing yourself. You would learn what is important to you, what tickles your funny bone and how you relate to others. How To Be A Stand Up Comedian For Beginners If you are someone who has aspiration to become a stand up comedian but simply find it too tough to start, this guide would help you with the process of observing the stand up comedy masters as well. You would learn to develop a certain comedic personality and how to write great jokes based on them. You would learn how to build your joke and create a hilarious punchline. The aspiring stand up comedian would also learn how to test and polish their jokes. It includes a sub-chapter on "Tips That Would Help You Test Your Jokes" and "How Sitcoms Are Being Written". However, it doesn't stop there. You would learn how to present your jokes and to learn from the various performances. Finally, in the last chapter, Simon creates a checklist of what it takes to be a great stand up comedian. Before you start your first stand up comedy gig, be sure to go through this checklist. Stand Up Comedy For Dummies In short, How To Be A Stand Up Comedian is a great "stand up comedy how to" or the perfect "stand up comedy for dummies" book. If you are someone with great aspirations in stand up comedy, this book is a great starting point. In short this book would answer these common questions of aspiring stand up

comedians: How To Prepare For The First Time In Becoming A Stand Up Comedian What Topics Should You Speak About That Would Get Great Responses How To Write Jokes For Stand Up Comedy How To Polish And Test Your Jokes If you want to know more about this book, click LOOK INSIDE to learn more about How To Be A Stand Up Comedian.

[How to Be a Stand Up Comedian](#) Penguin Group Australia

Joe Abercrombie's Best Served Cold meets George R. R. Martin's A Game of Thrones in the final novel in Richard K. Morgan's epic A Land Fit for Heroes trilogy, which burst onto the fantasy scene with The Steel Remains and The Cold Commands. Ringil Eskiath, a reluctant hero viewed as a corrupt degenerate by the very people who demand his help, has traveled far in search of the Illwrack Changeling, a deathless human sorcerer-warrior raised by the bloodthirsty Aldrain, former rulers of the world. Separated from his companions—Egar the Dragonbane and Archeth—Ringil risks his soul to master a deadly magic that alone can challenge the might of the Changeling. While Archeth and the Dragonbane embark on a trail of blood and tears that ends up exposing long-buried secrets, Ringil finds himself tested as never before, with his life and all existence hanging in the balance. Praise for The Dark Defiles “A finale that displays all the purposefully hard edges and grim magnificence that made the first two volumes stand out.”—Kirkus Reviews “Morgan brings his mammoth A Land Fit for Heroes fantasy trilogy to a rousing conclusion. . . . Expect surprises and suspense, along with the usual derring-do and entertaining characters.”—Booklist Praise for Richard K. Morgan and his acclaimed series, A Land Fit for Heroes “Bold, brutal, and making no compromises—Richard K. Morgan doesn't so much twist the clichés of fantasy as take an axe to them. Then set fire to them.”—Joe Abercrombie “Morgan has taken traditional sword and sorcery tropes and given them a hard, contemporary kick. The anitithesis of the cosy fairytale, this one is for big boys.”—The Times (London) “A crisp stylist who demonstrates equal facility with action scenes and angst.”—The New York Times Book Review “A full-immersion experience, uncompromising and bleakly magnificent.”—Kirkus Reviews

[Dear Girls](#) Random House

Karl Chandler is a funny bugger and so are his mates. In fact, our local talent has been killing it in clubs and festivals the world over. Lucky for us, these comics have worked around their hectic schedules - setting their alarm clocks for before midday and logging off Twitter - to cough up some of the most pants-wettingly funny stuff you'll read all year. This is a line-up of the hottest comedians around, giving you a front-row seat to their best material. I stopped writing a diary when I read Anne Frank's effort. That genre has been conquered. HANNAH GADSBY Television is a very powerful tool. But then again, so is Eddie McGuire. GREG FLEET Throw your hands in the air like you just don't care. Unless you're at an auction. DAVE THORNTON The other day I got a big pile of money and burned it. Sorry, I mean I joined a gym. CELIA PACQUOLA I like to go to the library, get all the books on feng shui out, and put them back in the wrong section. KARL CHANDLER **The Beginners Guide Towards Becoming a Successful Stand-Up Comedian** Random House Colin Quinn, 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.

Zen and the Art of Stand-Up Comedy Simon and Schuster

"If you're looking at this book, trust your instincts," says Jim Rauth founder of the Comedy College a standup comedy school located in Milwaukee and Chicago. Jim has been teaching "Standup Comedy 101" for the last 19 years. Jim's students have appeared on HBO, Comedy Central, NBC's "Last Comic Standing", Jimmy Fallon, Conan O'Brien and more! Jim also has managed a comedy club and has produced over 600 comedy shows. "In the early years, I was producing an open mic in Chicago and in the same room we had TJ Miller, Kumail Nanjiani, Kyle Kinane, Nate Bargatze and Hanibal Burress when they were starting their careers on a Tuesday," said Rauth. If you're looking

to be funnier for the next party or you're heading for a national television gig, this workbook will get you there. It's worked for numerous Comedy College students who have made to national television shows and others who make their living doing standup. The book is an easy read and the exercises are simple to follow. It's designed to help you get your comedy act together for you first comedy performance, and then to help you keep building your comedy career.

The Complete Guide to Becoming a Successful Comedian Grand Central Publishing

Comedians of the San Francisco Bay Area changed comedy forever. From visiting acts like Richard Pryor, Steve Martin and Whoopi Goldberg to local favorites who still maintain their following and legacy, the Bay Area has long been a place for comedians to develop their voice and hone their stand-up skills. Popular spots included Cobb's, the Purple Onion, Brainwash, and the holy grail of San Francisco comedy during the 1980s boom, the Holy City Zoo. For over seventy years, these iconic venues and others fostered talent like Ali Wong, Moshe Kasher and the Smothers Brothers, introducing them to local crowds and the world beyond. Join comedians Nina G and OJ Patterson on a hilarious and thoughtful tour through the history of Bay Area comedy.

The Book Dell

When Jagdish Chaturvedi, a doctor-turned-innovator-turned-author, could not balance his schedule effectively to perform as an actor, he chose to transition from theatre to a comparatively less schedule-intensive art form - stand-up comedy. This book is about the first year of his transformational journey, and it delves into several aspects of being a successful comedian, such as the process of writing jokes, delivering them, promoting a show, branding oneself, understanding the audience and even rescuing the show. What are the challenges? How do you overcome them? How much can you earn and how can you sustain it on a regular basis? What are the key learnings to take from bad experiences? What shouldn't I do? This book shares raw experiences of a growing stand-up comedian and includes a separate section that provides valuable advice from seasoned and experienced stand-up comedians. This book aims to be a struggling comic's answer to all unanswered questions with the hope to help accelerate their journey towards faster growth as a stand-up comedian [The Soul, Wit, and Bite of Comedy and Comedians of the Last Five Decades](#) Simon and Schuster In this engaging and disarmingly frank book, comic Jay Sankey spills the beans, explaining not only how to write and perform stand-up comedy, but how to improve and perfect your work. Much more than a how-to manual Zen and the Art of Stand-Up Comedy is the most detailed and comprehensive book on the subject to date.

A Comic's Life Del Rey

What is it to be a stand-up comedian? To be funny, solo? You have no character-role, no double-act partner, and nowhere to look but out into the darkness, with just a microphone, an audience and your imagination. This is a job without an annual appraisal; a job where you are publicly appraised every ten seconds. The results are harsh and obvious: if the audience isn't laughing, you 'died'; if they can't stop, you 'killed'. Deborah Frances-White and Marsha Shandur unpack the inner-workings of the minds of comics, sharing their secrets, insecurities and successes; their bêtes noires and their biggest fears. Featuring interviews with a host of comedians including Eddie Izzard, Moshe Kasher, Sarah Millican, Jim Jeffries, Stewart Lee, Lewis Black, Jenny Eclair, Todd Barry, Richard Herring, Marc Maron, Stephen K Amos, Rich Hall, Zoe Lyons, Marcus Brigstocke, Phill Jupitus, Gary Delaney, Mark Watson, Greg Davies and many more, this excellent book lets you in to the hearts and minds of celebrated comedians, away from the stage and off the mic.

Mastering Stand-Up Knopf

The first book in twenty-five years from “one of our great comic minds” (The Washington Post) features Seinfeld's best work across five decades in comedy. Since his first performance at the legendary New York nightclub “Catch a Rising Star” as a twenty-one-year-old college student in fall of 1975, Jerry Seinfeld has written his own material and saved everything. “Whenever I came up with a funny bit, whether it happened on a stage, in a conversation, or working it out on my preferred canvas, the big yellow legal pad, I kept it in one of those old school accordion folders,” Seinfeld writes. “So I have everything I thought was worth saving from forty-five years of hacking away at this for all I was worth.” For this book, Jerry Seinfeld has selected his favorite material, organized decade by decade. In this “trove of laugh-out-loud one-liners” (Associated Press), you will witness the evolution of one of the great comedians of our time and gain new insights into the thrilling but unforgiving art of writing stand-up comedy.

[The Art of Stand-up Comedy](#) Notion Press

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The Best Lines from Australian Stand-up Comedy Bloomsbury Publishing

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

[One Year of Stand up Comedy](#) Stand-Up ComedyThe Book

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 as well as those who perform comedy, join together to contemplate the paradoxical relationship between tragedy and comedy and expose over-generalizations about comic performers' troubled childhoods, addictions, and mental illnesses. 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 half 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. The goal of this collection is to 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.

The Art of Stand-up Comedy Writers Digest Books

The author states that she will teach comedy, but to be funny she gives experienced advice, gives assignments, and gives examples from established comedians

The Book PublicAffairs

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 just 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 ledger - 'big laugh' 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 standing in 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 here on,

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 STANDING UP 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.

Heartbreak and High Times in Standup Comedy's Golden Era Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "An inspiring story that manages to be painful, honest, shocking, bawdy and hilarious." —The New York Times Book Review From stand-up comedian, actress, and breakout star of Girls Trip, Tiffany Haddish, comes *The Last Black Unicorn*, a sidesplitting, hysterical, edgy, and unflinching collection of (extremely) personal essays, as fearless as the author herself. Growing up in one of the poorest neighborhoods of South Central Los Angeles, Tiffany learned to survive by making people laugh. If she could do that, then her classmates would let her copy their homework, the other foster kids she lived with wouldn't beat her up, and she might even get a boyfriend. Or at least she could make enough money—as the paid school mascot and in-demand Bar Mitzvah hype woman—to get her hair and nails done, so then she might get a boyfriend. None of that worked (and she's still single), but it allowed Tiffany to imagine a place for herself where she could do something she loved for a living: comedy. Tiffany can't avoid being funny—it's just who she is, whether she's plotting shocking, jaw-dropping revenge on an ex-boyfriend or learning how to handle her newfound fame despite still having a broke person's mindset. Finally poised to become a household name, she recounts with heart and humor how she came from nothing and nowhere to achieve her dreams by owning, sharing, and using her pain to heal others. By turns hilarious, filthy, and brutally honest, *The Last Black Unicorn* shows the world who Tiffany Haddish really is—humble, grateful, down-to-earth, and funny as hell. And now, she's ready to inspire others through the power of laughter.

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