



What's So Funny?

Funny Books by Funny People

Allen, Steve

1994

Funny People

AC 792.7028 ALLEN

Long-time stand-up comedian and late night talk show host known for his melodious voice, Allen has written several books about life and laughter. A proven writer as well as entertainer, this book is sharply intelligent revealing Allen's clever wit and wisdom all while poking fun at American society and culture.

Also by Steve Allen:

Reflections

818.5407 ALLEN

Make'em Laugh

808.7 ALLEN

More Funny People

792.7028 ALLEN

Schmock-Schmock

818.54 A

Curses: or, How Never to be Foiled Again

808.87 A

Allen, Woody

2007

Mere Anarchy

818.5407 ALLEN

Movie director and actor widely recognized for his trademark look of dark-rimmed glasses and tousled hair as much for his nasally, nerdish voice. His latest project delivers more of his own musings and reflections on life in the 21st century. Naturally neurotic as always, fans of Allen's movies will get the most out of this read.

Barry, Dave

1995

Dave Barry's Complete Guide to Guys

818.54 BARRY

Dave Barry is known for his abundance of humorous books and essays. In this book he examines the male species detailing interesting facets of what comprises the everyday, all-american joe's livelihood. Both men and women will identify with Barry's analysis and motives behind the behavior of "guys".

Also by Dave Barry:

Dave Barry is Not Making This Up

814.54 BARRY

Dave Barry Hits Below the Belway

814.54 BARRY

Dave Barry Turns Fifty

814.54 BARRY

Dave Barry is from Mars and Venus

814.54 BARRY

Dave Barry Does Japan

818.5402 BARRY

Burns, George

1996

100 Years, 100 Stories

792.7028 BURNS

If anything, George Burns will be forever remembered as the actor and comedian with a cigar in his mouth and wisecrack on the tongue. Here he discusses his career in showbiz spanning nearly 7 decades in this, his own humorous memoir.

Also by George Burns:

Gracie: A Love Story

791.0922 BURNS

An Evening with George Burns

AC 814.54 BURNS

Dr. Burns' Prescription for Happiness

818.5402 BURNS

Bryson, Bill

2006

The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid

B BRYSON.

American expatriate and travel writer Bryson has written several books of wide appeal. In this personal memoir, he takes a look back at his Iowa childhood in 1950's America depicting such humorous past times as neighborhood brawls (with girls), sneaking into carnival tents, and 3 TV channels to choose from.

Also by Bill Bryson:*A Short History of Nearly Everything*

500 BRYSON

Carlin, George

2001

Brain Droppings.

818.54 CARLIN

Veteran stand-up comedian George Carlin offers his two-bits on life, liberty, and the humorous side of truth. Never one to mince words, Carlin's edgy style speaks pointedly about life's foibles and everyday comedic occurrences.

Also by George Carlin:*When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?*

818.5402 CARLIN

Cho, Margaret

2005

I Have Chosen to Stay and Fight

792.7028092 CHO

Left-leaning feminist comedienne Cho presents her attitudes and outlooks with a variety of loosely put together essays on race, politics, religion, family, dating, and sex. In the past decade, Cho has found a loyal following among Generation X'ers and her material in this book will resonate well with the 20 or 30-something age group.

Also by Margaret Cho:*I'm the One that I Want*

B CHO

Copeland, Brian

2006

*Not a Genuine Black Man, or,
How I Claimed My Piece of Ground
in the Lily-White Suburbs*

792.7028092 COPELAND

Brian Copeland is an immensely talented comic actor and dramatist out of California best known for his solo theatrical performances. In his first book, Copeland shares bits and pieces about his own life past and present while demonstrating his gifts for humorous creativity.

Cosby, Bill

2002

Cosbyology

B COSBY

Cosby muses on the difficulties of dieting and staying fit along with various anecdotes about his family's quirks and eccentricities. Parents will identify with Cosby's take on domestic life in general all while getting a good laugh.

Also by Bill Cosby:*Kids Say the Darndest Things*

817.54 COSBY

Childhood

313.2302 COSBY

Fatherhood

306.8742 COSBY

Love and Marriage

306.70207 COSBY

The Entertainers [videorecording]

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- DeGeneres, Ellen** 2003
The Funny Thing Is-- 814.54 DEGENERE
 Quirky comic-turned-talk show host Degeneres offers her own tour de force in this, her second book of comic essays. It won't surprise you that her words on paper seem to spill out in the same hurried manner as when she speaks. Focusing on anything and everything (or nothing in particular), Ellen speaks her mind on topics ranging from opening CD cases to everyday self-esteem.
- Also by Ellen Degeneres:
My Point—and I Do Have One 818.5402 DEGENERE
- Diller, Phyllis** 2005
Like a Lampshade in a Whorehouse 792.7028 DILLER
 Generally revered as the first female stand-up comedian, housewife-turned-performer Phyllis Diller has used her zany onstage antics and gaudy performance persona to amuse audiences for decades. A true American success story, Diller tells all (and bares some) in this hilarious book chronicling her stay-at-home-mom transition into Hollywood stardom.
- Engvall, Bill** 2007
Just a Guy: Notes from a Blue Collar Life B ENGVALL
Blue Collar Tour member Engvall explores his own funny and adventurous lifestyle all while poking fun at society in his autobiography.
- Foxworthy, Jeff** 2005
Jeff Foxworthy's Redneck Dictionary: Words You Thought You Knew the Meaning Of 818.5402 FOXWORTH
 Likely the most notable of all *Blue Collar* comedians, Foxworthy's trademark moustache, twangy voice, and "redneck" jokes seem to offer something for everyone as evidenced by his widespread popularity. The "Redneck Dictionary" is both a funny collection of anecdotes and an astute (if not outlandish) social commentary.
- Also by Jeff Foxworthy:**
Jeff Foxworthy's Redneck Dictionary II 818.5402 FOXWORTH
No Shirt, No Shoes—No Problem! 792.028 FOXWORTH
Blue Collar Comedy Tour [videorecording] DVD 792.0922 BLUE
Hick is Chic 818.5402 FOXWORTH
You Might be a Redneck if-- 818.5402 FOXWORTH
- Franken, Al** 2005
The Truth (with Jokes) 973.931 FRANKEN
 Intellectual TV personality and part-time comic humorously analyzes America's current political climate with heavy emphasis on President Bush and the GOP agenda. While not altogether indicting, Franken's wit and biting acerbity will attract readers interested in American Politics.
- Grizzard, Lewis** 1994
It Wasn't Always Easy, But I Sure Had Fun 814.54 GRIZZARD
 Well-traveled Southern comic and writer Grizzard has delighted audiences for years with his down-home style and wacky stories. Author of over ten books all focusing on

his life's misadventures at home and abroad, Grizzard's deep-rooted collection of jokes and capers will be sure to entertain.

Also by Lewis Grizzard:

<u><i>Chili Dawgs Always Bark at Night</i></u>	814.54 GRIZZARD
<u><i>When My Love Returns from the Ladies Room,</i></u>	
<u><i>Will I Be too Old to Care</i></u>	814.54 GRIZZARD
<u><i>Shoot Low Boys—They're Ridin' Shetland Ponies</i></u>	814.54 GRIZZARD
<u><i>If Love Were Oil, I'd Be About a Quart Low</i></u>	814.54 GRIZZARD
<u><i>I Took a Lickin' and Kept on Tickin'</i></u>	814.54 GRIZZARD

Hope, Bob

1990

Don't Shoot, It's Only Me

B HOPE

Legendary actor and comedian Bob Hope tells about his life and times throughout his near century long career in entertainment. From his USO appearances to his movies and interaction with numerous political figures, Hope's own autobiography shows why his comic genius is so much a part of American heritage.

Keillor, Garrison

1988

The Prairie Home Comedy:

Radio Songs and Sketches [sound recording]

AC FIC KEILLOR

Plump, conservative and thoroughly Midwestern comedian Keillor has found a near cult following with his "Prairie Home Companion" radio program centered around his own monologues and skits. His nearly emotionless manner and delivery baffles some and brings others to riotous laughter.

Larry the Cable Guy

2006

Git-R-Done

818.602 LARRY

Known for his appearances on the blue-collar comedy tour, Larry the Cable Guy has become a hugely popular entertainer, well-renowned for his offhanded bluntness and crude but honest depictions of personal hygiene, bathroom humor and Southern crassness.

Leno, Jay

1997

Leading with My Chin

B LENO

Leno needs no introduction. His years on the stand-up circuit and successor to Johnny Carson as host of the Tonight Show speak for themselves. In his own autobiography, read how America's nighttime companion got to where he is now.

Lopez, George

2004

Why You Crying? My Long, Hard Look

At Love, Life, and Laughter

B LOPEZ

Stand-up comedian and sitcom star George Lopez provides the full history of his life with all while poking fun at American cultural dynamics and his own family foibles. Any fan of his popular TV series will be sure to get a kick out of his tongue-in-cheek memoir.

Mac, Bernie

2003

Maybe You Never Cry Again

B MAC

Bernie Mac has been a mainstay on TV since his riotous stand-up performances on the “Kings of Comedy” tour made him a household name. But Mac’s in-your-face delivery and deep voice were honed far away from the limelight as a child getting his first laughs in Chicago and honing his act at small clubs throughout the country.

Also by Bernie Mac:

*Bernie Mac on How Life Is:
I Ain’t Scared of You*

B MAC

Maher, Bill

2006

Does Anybody Have a Problem with That

817 MAHER

“Politically Incorrect” comic and socially minded TV personality further expounds his opinions and outlooks on life in these United States with a series of vignettes and essays that definitely tow the line between inoffensive

Miller, Dennis

1996

The Rants

792.7028092

Highbrow comedian and Saturday Night Live alum Dennis Miller dishes out his spiel in typical wordy fashion covering everything from politics and society to women in Hollywood in this book that could almost be a transcript from his own standup routine. Even the most informed person will have trouble comprehending Miller’s far-reaching metaphors on some jokes.

Newhart, Bob

2006

I Shouldn’t Even Be Doing This

792.7028092 NEWHART

Newhart’s eclectic brand of wry humor and detached frankness has amused and entertained Americans for over four decades. In this, his first book, he chronicles his most hilarious incidents throughout his years in “the business” intermingling his own witty observations and insights.

Perry, Tyler

2006

Don’t Make a Mad Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings

818.6 PERRY

Actor, writer, and comedian Tyler Perry continues his hugely popular Madea routine with more “uninhibited commentaries on love and life” in the book that became a *NY Times* #1 Bestseller. Spouting the truth and consequences of marriage, kids, and beauty tips (that really work), Madea’s advice can’t steer you wrong.

Rickles, Don

2007

Rickles Book

792.7028092 RICKLES

Proven comic actor Rickles’ bald head and quirky style have brought laughter to millions of Americans for nearly 5 decades. His new book is a must-read for his long-time fans and newbies to his humorous nature, smart-aleck quips and raucous jokes.

Romano, Ray

1998

Everything and a Kite

814.54 ROMANO

Everybody Loves Raymond star Ray Romano transfers his family-oriented comedy to book form in his first book. Full of the jibes, frivolity, and laughter fans of the show have grown to love, the book delivers more of Ray’s fun-loving, down-to-earth humor.

Rooney, Andy

2002

Common Nonsense

814.54 ROONEY

60 minutes stalwart Andy Rooney continues his seemingly lifelong monologue with his own declarative assertions on topics ranging from health & medicine to education to sports. Not afraid to be cranky, Rooney will appeal to almost anyone with even the smallest gripe or concern about modern day life.

Also by Andy Rooney:Out of My Mind

814.54 ROONEY

Not that You Asked

814.54 ROONEY

The Most of Andy Rooney

814.54 ROONEY

Pieces of My Mind

814.54 ROONEY

And More by Andy Rooney

814.54 ROONEY

Roseanne

1994

My Lives

B ARNOLD

Groundbreaking female comic known for her laid-back approach and smart-alecky delivery, Roseanne was a television figurehead throughout the 80's and into the 90's on her own, self-titled sitcom. Roseanne (last name is Barr among others but goes by her first name primarily) humorously reveals facets and memories of her own rise to stardom and life in Hollywood.

Sykes, Wanda

2004

Yeah, I Said It

814.54 SYKES

Confrontational, wise-cracking comedian Sykes has used her attitude-driven personality to entertain and enlighten audiences over the past few years. Known for her high-pitched tone Sykes has also been a prominent voice-over actor in many cartoons and movies.

White, Ron

2006

I Had the Right to Remain Silent—But I Didn't Have the Ability

792.7028092 WHITE

Blue Collar comic best known for his not-so-sober demeanor and drink in hand when he does stand-up, Ron White has long provided laughs with his deadpan delivery and ironic one-liners. This book offers more of what *Blue Collar* fans have grown to love about his routine.