

The Jewish Joke: A Short History with Punchlines

****By Sam Roberts****

For centuries, Jewish jokes have been a source of laughter and entertainment for people of all backgrounds. But where do these jokes come from? And what do they say about Jewish culture and identity? In his new book, *The Jewish Joke: A Short History with Punchlines*, award-winning author and humorist Sam Roberts explores the origins of Jewish jokes, their evolution over time, and their impact on Jewish culture and identity.



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Roberts begins by tracing the history of Jewish jokes back to the Bible. He notes that the Bible is full of stories that could be considered jokes, such as the story of Abraham and Isaac, in which Abraham is commanded by God

to sacrifice his son. Roberts argues that these stories served as a way for Jews to cope with the hardships of life in exile.

Over time, Jewish jokes evolved to reflect the changing circumstances of Jewish life. During the Middle Ages, for example, Jews were often persecuted by Christians. As a result, Jewish jokes often reflected the Jews' sense of persecution and their desire for a better life.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, Jewish jokes began to take on a more secular tone. As Jews assimilated into Western society, they began to tell jokes that were more reflective of their own experiences as Jews. These jokes often dealt with themes such as family, marriage, and money.

Today, Jewish jokes continue to be a popular form of entertainment. They can be found in newspapers, magazines, books, and even on television and radio. Jewish jokes have also been the subject of academic study, and there are a number of books and articles that have been written about them.

In *The Jewish Joke*, Roberts provides a comprehensive and entertaining look at the history of Jewish humor. He explores the origins of Jewish jokes, their evolution over time, and their impact on Jewish culture and identity. Roberts also includes a collection of over 100 Jewish jokes, each with its own unique punchline.

The Jewish Joke is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Jewish culture, Jewish humor, or the history of comedy. It is a book that will make you laugh, think, and appreciate the unique and enduring tradition of Jewish humor.

Reviews

"The Jewish Joke is a delightful and informative book that will appeal to anyone who loves to laugh. Sam Roberts has done a masterful job of tracing the history of Jewish humor and exploring its impact on Jewish culture and identity." - Jonathan Safran Foer, author of *Everything Is Illuminated*

"The Jewish Joke is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the history of Jewish humor. Sam Roberts has written a comprehensive and entertaining book that is sure to make you laugh." - Michael Chabon, author of *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*

"The Jewish Joke is a hilarious and insightful look at the history of Jewish humor. Sam Roberts has written a book that is both informative and entertaining. I highly recommend it." - Rick Perlstein, author of *Nixonland*

About the Author

Sam Roberts is an award-winning author and humorist. He is the author of several books, including *A Critic at Large: Baseball in the American Culture* and *The Brother: The Untold Story of the Rosenberg Case*. Roberts has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Atlantic Monthly*. He is a frequent commentator on NPR and other media outlets.



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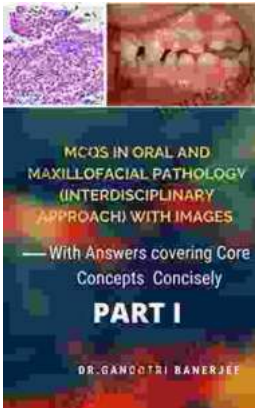
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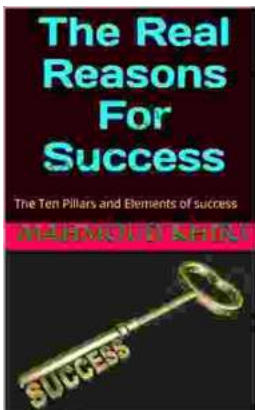
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