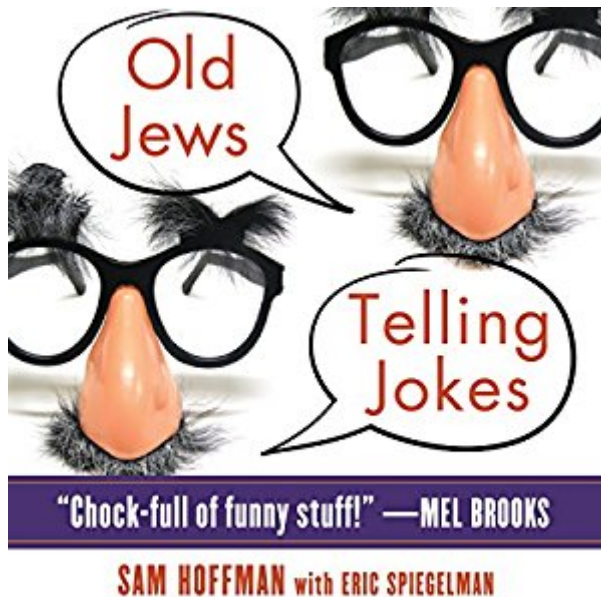


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# Old Jews Telling Jokes: 5,000 Years Of Funny Bits And Not-So-Kosher Laughs



## Synopsis

Jews have a centuries-old tradition of telling jokes, from the ghettos of Europe to Hollywood and the Catskills. Jewish jokes are entertainment, the oral history of a culture, insightful social criticism, and survival tactic rolled into one. In 2008, Hollywood director and producer Sam Hoffman launched a website called Old Jews Telling Jokes. It's just what it says: Jewish men and women over 60 sharing their favorite stories, tales, riddles, and punchlines. The jokes are funny and reassuringly familiar, each told with gusto and infused with a lifetime of experience. For the audiobook, they are organized into chapters: Jewish Mothers, Food, Rabbis, Husbands and Wives, Sex, Illness and Doctors, Getting Old, Death, Oral Sex. Yes, you read that right. You'll also hear judiciously chosen curses and other off-color language. Things get risquÃ©. So what can you do? Enjoy, and laugh out loud. Explicit Language Warning: You must be 18 years or older to purchase.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book because it was advertised on the "Old Jews Telling Jokes" website, one of my favorite humor sites on the web. If you are unfamiliar with the website, then the book is probably great for you. Unfortunately, most or all of the jokes in the book so far are taken from that commercially-paid website. Unless you are hearing-impaired, and are 'religiously' opposed to commercials, the website is a much better experience. Jokes are simply funnier when told, with all the inflection, timing, acting and accents. The book is funny enough; but I suppose I was hoping for a lot of stuff not shown on the website.

What started out as a 44-minute DVD released in September 2009 (see my review of that on ), is now a three-hour "audio book". The video showed some older Jews (both male and female) telling jokes. They stood in front of a curtain and (usually) made you laugh. These weren't visual jokes so the visuals weren't needed. Director Sam Hoffman put out the word to have folks submit jokes and audition for the audio-only version. He got hundreds of replies. The result is that the best of the lot are included on the 3-disc CD set. While many of the jokes - recorded in front of a live audience - are told by their contributors, some are read by Hoffman himself - with acknowledgement to the submitter. Hoffman has also, expanded the concept in this audio version by adding introductions to many of the jokes, or the "chapters" (actually subject headings). He provides a background on Jewish humor and nearly always translates or defines certain Jewish or Yiddish words necessary in order to understand the joke. A few of these "jokes" are legendary and have lived on through the years. But many were new to me and I found myself laughing out loud in public places while listening through my earbuds. Sometime it was the punch line; sometime the delivery. And what defines "old" in the title. I'd change it to "older" if I could (but it wouldn't be funny, right? Most of the story tellers appear to be in the 50+ age range. While non-Jews might find some interest in this product, it's aimed at the Jewish population. And I can certainly recommend it for a few fun hours to lighten your day. Life is too short. Laugh a little!

Steve Ramm "Anything Phonographic"

as an 81 year old product of a Jewish father and a Shiksa mother this collection of oft told anecdotes. These jokes are conveniently arranged by topic. Keep this book by your bedside instead of your spouse. Don't even think of memorizing these nuggets of gold. Dr. Roy suggests a small spoonful taken at least three times daily. As usual beat their mailing deadline.

I started reading the website when it first appeared online. Adorable. I bought the book for a friend who was starting chemo, because I thought she needed a good laugh (I read it before giving it to her). She loved it. She saw the play in NYC and hurt from laughing. That's my next stop.

I have enjoyed their web site and the book. It is easy to read and provides much entertainment for many people. I use it at parties and it is always a hit. I highly recommend the book. Richard

Before purchasing this book, I read parts in a store and was impressed. Now that I have had the opportunity to read the whole book, I found the jokes on the whole to be original and first rate. I liked

the background on the tellers which allowed for a better understanding of how the particular joke developed. I would recommend a leisurely journey through the book, enjoying each joke and sharing it with someone who would also appreciate it,

We bought this for our 31 year old son who has a great memory and was spouting out the jokes within minutes of finishing the book. We all loved the jokes! Jewish humor is in a league all its own and this book nails it.

After falling in love with the web site and videos on which this book is based, I had to see the book which is a delight. But there's nothing like hearing someone tell a joke which the videos capture so beautifully. Bravo on a job well done! Earthy and addictive -- laughter is indeed the best medicine.  
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