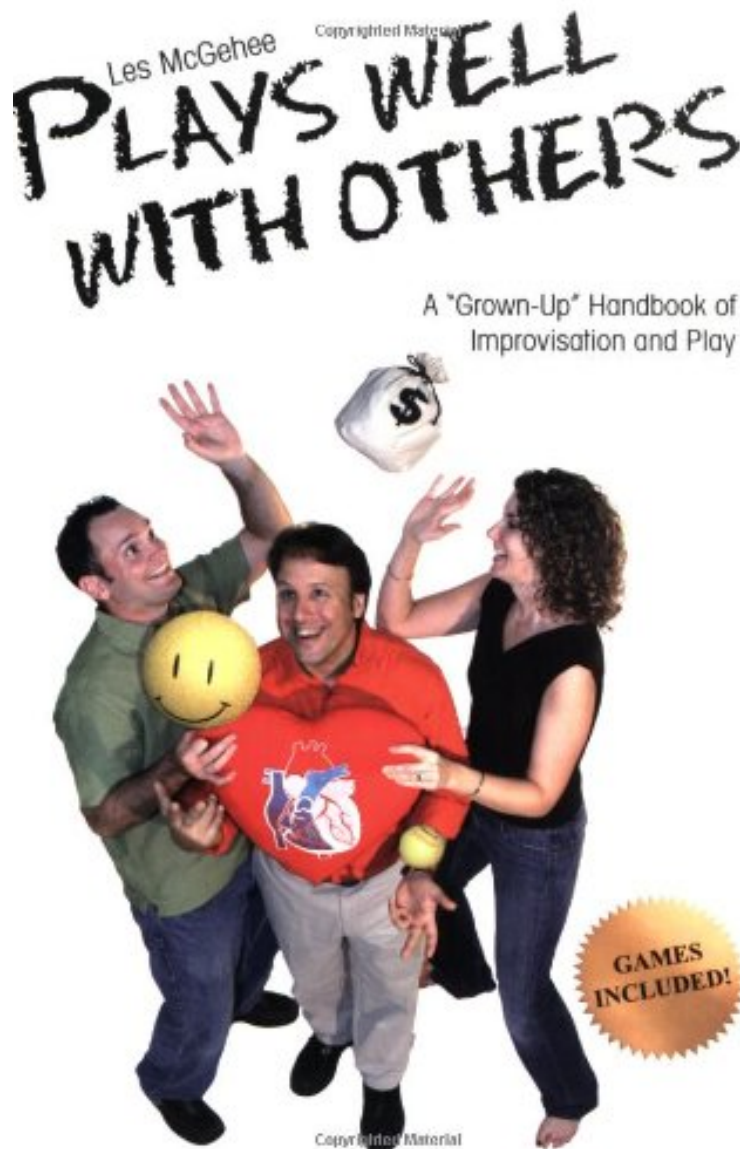


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Les McGehee's *Plays Well With Others, A Grown-Up Handbook of Improvisation and Play* is a breezy how-to book by an improvising pioneer that is part autobiography and part field guide to the life and habits of successful improvisers. It offers rare insights gained through over 20 years of improvisational experience in how to incorporate humor and positive affirmation of in-the-moment opportunities guaranteed to enhance both your business and personal life. With techniques McGehee uses in MBA and government programs, *Plays Well With Others* provides the basics for the layman and clear advanced tricks of the trade for the professional improviser. Cleverly divided into sections that can be read independently, the reader can delve deep or graze into the fields of play Les so clearly describes. It contains autobiographical passages illustrating how the improvisational life works, an annotated list of classic improv games for business and entertainment, diary entries of extensive improv tours, statistical references on the successful implementation of improvisational techniques in business, and recommendations on how to further your improv education locally, nationally, and internationally.

Les McGehee makes things up. Really. Just ask him. He makes things up and he swears it is the only way to live an authentic, successful life. And not only that, he has stats to prove it. Making it up as you go along? Great! That is exactly how you can make your life your own, according to improvising pioneer Les McGehee. The question is, what do you need to make that work for you all the time? How do you make it work for you when everything in this world seems so pre-formulated and scheduled to the nth degree? Well, McGehee knows. He has the secrets and he is willing to dish in his *Les McGehee Plays Well With Others: A Grown-Up Handbook of Improvisation and Play*, a refreshingly straight forward how-to that is part autobiography and part field guide to the life and habits of successful improvisers. McGehee, who has been making a living and supporting a family while making it all up for over 20 years, has distilled his extensive experiences in the seemingly mysterious world of improv (where working without a net is de rigeur) into a surprising and inspiring call to put down your scripts and simply follow the lead of whatever steps up to the plate. That's right. The idea is to let nothing throw you. And it is a surprisingly simple formula. All one has to do is be willing to use two words. I'll tell you one but I won't be a spoiler and tell you the second. All the fun, well most of it is in the second word, but here's the first one: Yes. And as crazy as it sounds, his advice has been put into use in as buttoned-down a place as the Comptroller's office of the state of Texas and in the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas, where this very book is required reading for MBA graduate students. Indeed, most of McGehee's clients are businesses, universities, and government agencies, the kind of places where you'd least expect the benefits of humor and flying by the seat of your pants to be appreciated. Yet, McGehee backs up his bold by yourself ideas with --PublisherAbout the AuthorLes McGehee is a working, award-winning comedian and improvisation pioneer who has entertained and trained millions of happier people throughout the U.S. and the world for more than 20 years. He has toured through 11 countries and performed thousands of shows. Les and his comedy companies have been featured on ABC, WB, Fox Family, and PBS. His writing credits include a book and many successful scripts and published articles. He has played with famous, and not-so-famous, stars of stage and screen including appearances with cast members of Saturday Night Live, *Whose Line is it Anyway?*, MadTV, *The Simpsons*, and others. He has provided improv training to Fortune 500 companies including ATT, IBM, and Dell, as well as government agencies and prestigious graduate schools of business. He was a founder of the Comedy League of America (ComedySportz), National Comedy Theatre, IMPROV MBA, and other companies and toured with the National Comedy Theatre's Tour for the Troops in 2004 and 2005. Les lives in Austin, Texas with his wife Christina and their daughters, Marina and Lucia.