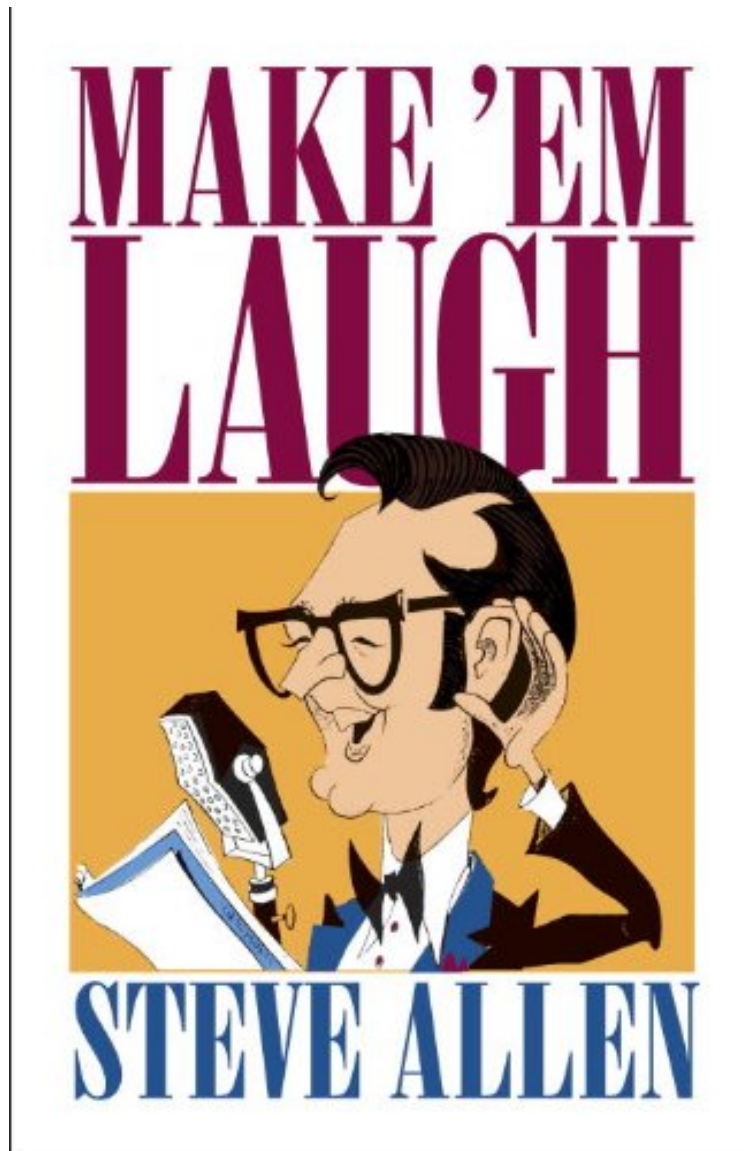


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**Steve Allen : Make 'Em Laugh** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Make 'Em Laugh:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good, but Steve could've done more with it. By R. Bruce Denney Steve Allen was a brilliant Guy- a Renaissance man as it were. I think his heart wasn't so much "into" writing this book; it was just something that it had become time to do (and his publisher had probably urged it on him). He certainly had the capacity to make it funny while instructing the reader how to make humor, but the anecdotal

examples (while relevant) were less crisp and bright than I would have expected from Steverino. Were I planning to embark upon a foray into stand-up comedy, I would certainly read this, but I would go elsewhere for the craft behind the show as well. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I had fun with this book. By Dennis Skotak. Big Steve Allen fan that I am, I had fun with this book. And it is in perfect condition.

The success of Steve Allen's *How To Be Funny* led first to the republication of that book, and now occasioned a companion volume, *Make 'Em Laugh*. This new how-to book about the art of comedy includes an even richer assortment of examples of the author's unique humor. In *Make 'Em Laugh*, Allen laces his formal instruction with hilarious ad-libs, written jokes, TV comedy sketches, satires, song parodies, humorous essays, amusing autobiographical reminiscences, one-act plays, witty speeches, and stand-up monologues from his comedy concerts. Noel Coward called Steve Allen the most talented man in America, and he is probably the most borrowed-from comedian of all time. The perceptive reader will recognize many of the comic ideas that Allen originated during the "Golden Age" of television comedy - ideas that are still influential in the 1990's. If there were a college course in creating and performing comedy, *Make 'Em Laugh* would be the ideal textbook.