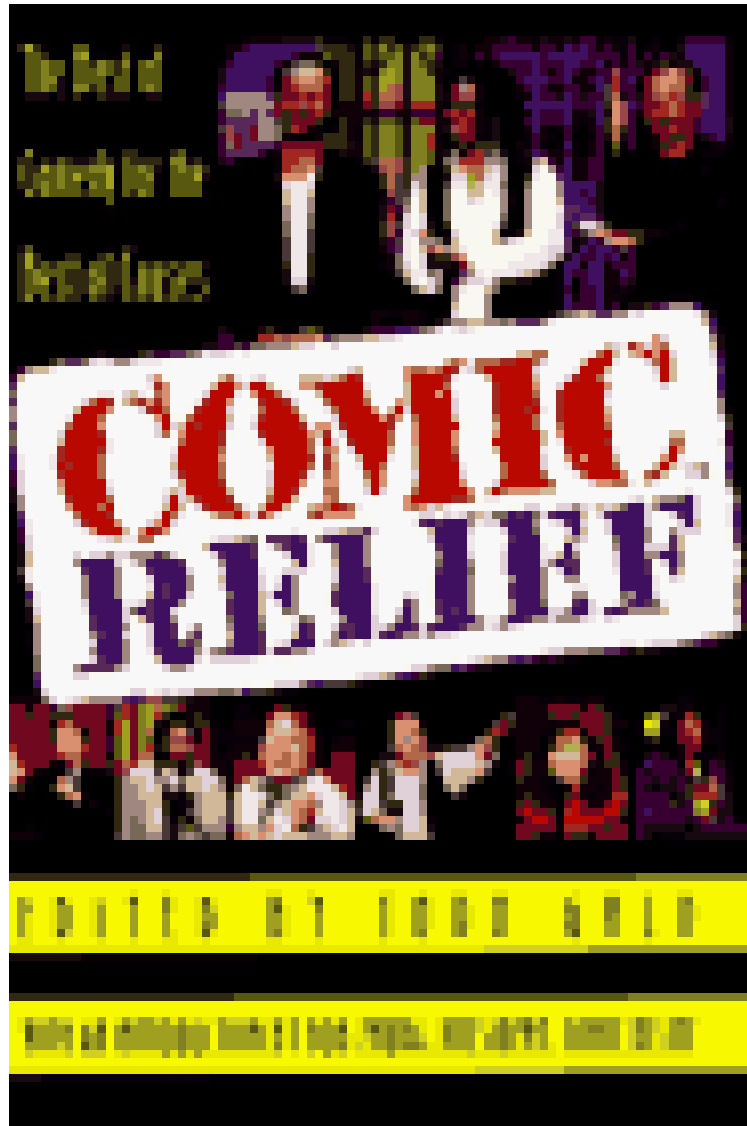


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Mother of All Comedy Books By Joel L. Gandelman On the back book cover of this book it bills itself as The Mother of All Comedy Books...and it is. Comic Relief is a quick-read, laugh-out loud collection of some of the very best comedy routines that appeared on the Comic Relief HBO specials from 1986-1995. Among the many (not all are listed in this review) comedians' work contained here are: Louie Anderson, Richard Belzer, Elayne Boosler, Billy Crystal, Whoppi Goldberg, Richard Jeni, Richard Lewis, Bill Maher,

Dennis Miller, Paula Poundstone, Gary Shandler, Bob Saget -- you get the idea. A question does arise: if you READ a comedian's routine (his or her "set") is it still funny? The unequivocal answer is: it depends. I loved this book. I laughed at loud when I read this book. But it's interesting how some comedians you like a LOT are not as funny when you read what they are actually saying. The reason: their persona (their body language, their speech pattern) has a lot to do with the laughs they elicit. On the other hand, there are others who you may not have appreciated whose material is an absolute howl when you read it on the page. It's easy to see which comedians have achieved success partly due to their persona and which other ones seem to have risen to the top largely due to sharp writing and editing that's funny even when you read it without seeing the delivery. So this book is worth OWNING for several reasons:--If you love comedy, there's some great stuff in it. You can put this book down, then go back after a year and read it again and it's still funny.--If you are a student of comedy, it shows you some great comedy scripts. You'll be amazed at how you'll react at some of these bits if you don't SEE the comedians...and how amazed you'll be at how well written some of these monologues are. If you're doing comedy writing or performing it has some excellent routines that you can analyze to see what makes audiences laugh. Standouts as far as being funny in script form include routines by Louie Anderson (the most anecdotal of all comedians), Gary Shandling, Richard Belzer, Richard Jeni (truly hilarious), Elayne Boosler, Rita Rudner, Stephen Wright (the best modern comedian to read in printed form), Bob "Bobcat" Goldthwait (whose mantra is "Scott Baio is the antichrist...") and Richard Lewis (who seamlessly blends strong persona and extremely strong comedy script). This book also has short sections on homelessness and is a pitch for getting more money for "the cause." Overall, a fun book to read, to own, to study (if you're into comedy and/or a comedian) and to re-read. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Comic Relief By Adam Comic Relief was excellent. It was probably the fastest I have ever finished a book. It had all the stand-up comedians from comic relief years past and they kept me laughing non stop. If you like to laugh then you'll love to read this book.

Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Comic Relief telethon for the homeless, a collection of the best humor from past performances includes stand-up by its hosts--Robin Williams, Whoopi Goldberg, and Billy Crystal--along with other top comedians. 300,000 first printing.

From Library Journal This volume commemorates the tenth anniversary of Comic Relief™, the hilarious telethon that has raised more than \$35 million for the homeless. First printing: 300,000 copies. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Comic Relief, the organization and the TV program, began in 1986 as a fund-raising vehicle for charities dealing with homelessness. The idea was to put on a stand-up comedy TV pledge drive. Seven of the big laff riots have aired to date, also a number of other programs, fund-raisers all, notably including a 24-part cable series derived from the big shows. This is a sampler of routines drawn from the seven basic broadcasts, and it, too, is a fund-raiser. Contributors include such stars as Billy Crystal, Garry Shandling, Dennis Miller, Whoopi Goldberg, and Robin Williams. In between the routines are stories of homeless individuals helped by Comic Relief^--supported charities. Deprived of the comics' distinctive attitudes and vocal styles, the comedy loses something, but there are certainly enough stand-up fanatics to guarantee readers for this collection. Ray Olson Ten years ago Bob Zmuda brought together some major comics for a show to benefit the homeless: this evolved into a series of programs which over the space of ten years benefitted the homeless. Skits from the best stand-up routines are here gathered in a volume which provides many fun moments. -- Midwest Book