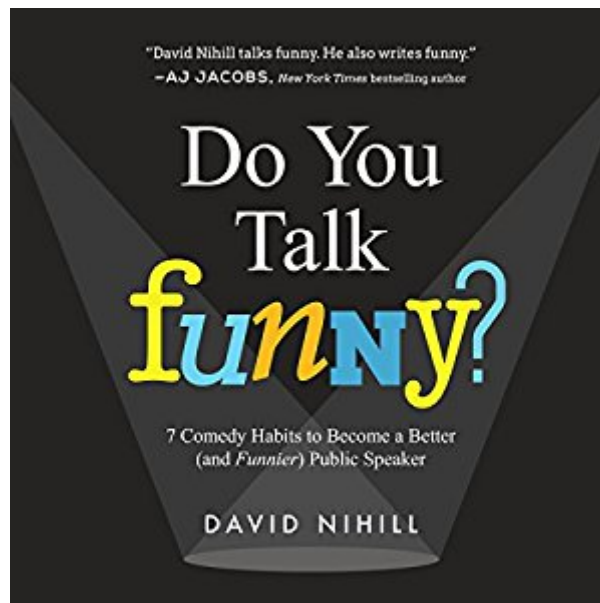




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Do You Talk Funny?: 7 Comedy Habits To Become A Better (and Funnier) Public Speaker



Synopsis

Public speaking can be terrifying. For David Nihill, the idea of standing in front of an audience was scarier than cliff jumping into a thorny pit of spiders and mothers-in-law. Without a parachute or advanced weaponry. Something had to change. In what doesn't sound like the best plan ever, David decided to overcome his fears by pretending to be an accomplished comedian called "Irish Dave" for one full year, crashing as many comedy clubs, festivals, and shows as possible. One part of the plan was at least logical: he was already Irish and already called Dave. In one year, David went from being deathly afraid of public speaking to hosting a business conference, regularly performing stand-up comedy and winning storytelling competitions in front of packed houses. And he did it by learning from some of the best public speakers in the world: stand-up comedians. *Do You Talk Funny?: 7 Comedy Habits to Become a Better (and Funnier) Public Speaker* shows how the key principles of stand-up comedy can be applied to your speaking engagements and presentations to make you funnier, more interesting, and better looking. (Or at least two of the three.) Whether you are preparing for a business presentation, giving a wedding toast, defending your thesis, raising money from investors, or simply want to take on something you're afraid of, this book will take you from sweaty to stage-ready. You'll learn how to:- Craft a story and content that your audience will want to listen to- Find the funniest parts of your material and how to get to them faster- Deal with stage fright- Master the two most important parts of your performance: timing and delivery Ten percent of the author's proceeds from this book will go to Arash Bayatmakou via Help Hope Live until he is fully back on his feet and thereafter to one of the many facing the same challenges after suffering a severe spinal cord injury. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

At the outset, let me state that I received an advanced copy to review without cost. I'm a member of a local Toastmasters club, completed my CC and working on a double DTM (if you're into TM, then you know what I mean). I was raised on PBS, British comedies, and have a highly idiosyncratic sense of humour - meaning that, generally, only long-time friends and family members get my humour. I'm fairly adept at academic, inspirational and informational speaking, but felt that I could use some humour training. I found Mr. Nihill's blog very helpful. That's how I ended up getting to review the book. This book takes the info on the blog (and his information out there in inter-verse) to a whole new level. I've read it once and plan on reading it again very soon. I was so engrossed that I would make up fictitious spills on my tablet screen so my co-workers didn't know I was taking it into the lavatory to read during my water-closeting breaks. The tone is conversational, like a public-speaking mentor you go out for pints with (which might count for the bit of wordiness here and there). The examples and suggestions are realistic and easy to comprehend. This is not an academic treatise or a "philosophy of funny" thesis - it's a good, basic, nuts and bolts guide to developing the skills necessary to grow as a humorous speaker. Maybe it is a bit basic for those of you who are naturally gifted and who pull guffaws out of people like bonobos pick chits out of fur, but for those of us who stumble in that area (being funny, not chit-picking), - the book is a real value. I wish I'd read this book before I gave my Humorous Speech Contest bomb on the Cain and Abel story. I'll be recommending it to a newbie Toastmaster I eventually get selected to mentor. Other than a free review book, I didn't get chit for writing this.

Very Helpful! Very Practical! Got a lot out of this book and felt the author was sincere in his desire to help others succeed. Got a lot out of his personal stories. His writing was simple and to the point and he impressed me with his humbleness. Don't usually get much out of these types of books but I read this one cover to cover.... pretty much a first. Thanks David, from Glenn

This book was excellent! Big thanks to David for sharing his journey and wisdom with us. Thanks to him and his book, I gained new insights and direction for my own goals and standards when preparing for any public speaking opportunity. So much so, that I'm recommending the book to my friends in the public speaking realm and will also make my impromptu speaking student competitors read it when they return to school in August. His efforts and words have had a positive impact on

me.

If you feel you need to apologize in advance for your boring presentation, read this book, learn to add some humor, then your presentation will become more fun, or at least tolerable, for you and the audience. (ever hear of comedy traffic schools?) The suggestions are helpful to the infrequent speech giver as well as to those who want to make a living by making others laugh. Good comedians make it look easy, but if you read the book you'll understand better how much hard work goes in to five minutes at the mic, making you smile, chuckle or howl with laughter.

I am not a comedian and I am not a speaker. I have done some sales training and some presentations and have always had a pretty good sense of humor. A couple of months ago I came across some information about the structure of jokes - I always thought funny people were just funny naturally. It never occurred to me that there was a structure and that people could learn to be funny, or funnier. That initial information brought me to David Hihill - I wanted to build on my newfound knowledge about being funny and David's information fit the bill. This book isn't about telling jokes or being funnier, specifically. He takes from his experience being a comedian and speaker and really breaks it down and really breaks down the process of giving a successful presentation or stand-up comedy set. I read part of the book but listened to the audiobook for most of it. I really enjoy when the author reads their books and this author did a great job - he definitely added something to the overall content of the book with his presentation of it (not just reading it out loud). This book is an enjoyable read on its own. It will also help you make any presentation funny and, I believe, to be funnier in your daily interactions.

I've read a few books on humor and being funny, and many books on literature, writing, and story. This book stands out as well researched, complete, concise, full of useful tips, lists, anecdotes, and references. David takes inspiration from many people I admire most and a few that I am now going to investigate. The book is a pleasure to read, from the funny but not overwrought humor, to the encouraging, supportive tone, and through every carefully considered solution, observation, and other signs of care. Of the many books I read every year, this is likely to be the only one that I look forward to reading and studying multiple times, trying out the techniques in one form or another. Not only have I been gearing up to write literate fiction and non-fiction more formally, in addition to my constant everyday writing, but I've been working on ways to combine entertainment and education in new ways to empower authors, educators, and learners. This seems to be the book, body of

material, and person I've been searching for to enable the humorous parts of that. See also:[...]

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