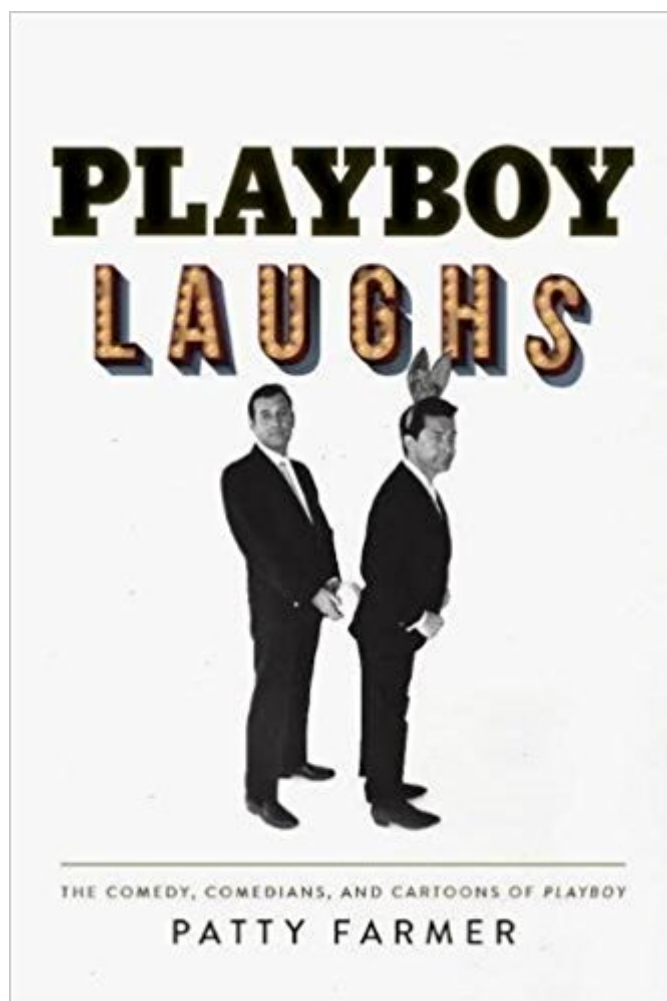


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Playboy Laughs: The Comedy, Comedians, And Cartoons Of Playboy



Synopsis

Following her success with *Playboy Swings*, Patty Farmer looks at Playboy's relationship with comedians and cartoonists in her new book *Playboy Laughs*. *Playboy Laughs* invites readers onto the sets of the organization's groundbreaking TV shows, *Playboy Penthouse* and *Playboy After Dark*. These popular variety series brought top-tier comedians, impressionists, and monologists—as well as the finest musicians—into people's homes each week. Readers will learn how before he ever dreamed of conquering the magazine publishing world—and along the way establish a worldwide brand—Hugh Hefner harbored aspirations of making his mark in the world as a cartoonist. *Playboy Laughs* delves into the darker aspects of the time as well, tackling the ways Playboy and its comedy stars helped break down social and racial barriers as well as sexual ones. Known for her devotion to meticulous research and clear, honest storytelling, Farmer has gained the full cooperation of the Playboy organization—and Hugh Hefner himself—making this not only an entertaining read but a trustworthy history of an under-appreciated aspect of American comic culture.

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"I want to thank Patty Farmer for understanding the importance of gathering all of this material together and making it fun to read and think about. Reading *Playboy Laughs*, full of backstage stories about those days, took me back there like it was yesterday." (Bill Marx, Pianist, composer, arranger, and Son of Harpo) *Playboy* has published some of the most talented cartoonists and

writers of our time. Patty Farmer captures the essence of this golden period through her colorful profiles and interviews.â (Leonard Maltin, film critic and historian)

Patty Farmer is acknowledged as the leading expert on all things pertaining to music, entertainmentâand the entertainersâof Playboy. Sheâs also a businesswoman and former model, and has followed the entertainment industry as an insider, as well as an avid fan and archivist all her life. Her work draws upon a lifetime of friendship and socializing among personalities and celebrities around the world. In her previous book, *The Persian Room Presents*, she transported readers back to the halcyon days of New York City nightlife. Patty splits her time between New York, Texas, and France.

Well written and surprising! I was aware of the Playboy Club, but was surprised to learn how many well-known comedians performed there. The club really transformed the future of comedy. Patty has given me a look at another layer of Playboy that I wasn't aware of before! I'm always a fan of hers and very much enjoyed this read.

I literally have and have read over a hundred books on comedy...and 'Playboy Laughs' is one of the Ten Best... Great Research, Great Interviews, a MUST READ for Comedy buffs! ...Tommy Moore

I had no idea there was so much more to Playboy. Of course I knew about the Playboy Club but didn't know so many of my favorite comedians performed there. This book is great because it covers not only the individual entertainers but the culture itself. Highly recommend.

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