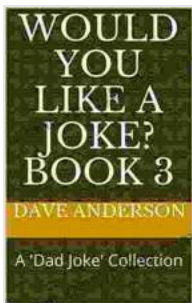


Would You Like a Joke? The Wit and Wisdom of the Oldest Jokes in the World

We all love a good joke. They make us laugh, they make us think, and they can even bring people together. But where do jokes come from? And how have they changed over time?



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In his new book, *Would You Like a Joke?*, author Joel Levy takes readers on a journey through the history of jokes, from the earliest known examples to the modern day. Levy shows that humor is a universal human experience, and that jokes have been used for centuries to entertain, educate, and challenge the status quo.

The oldest jokes in the world date back to ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. These jokes were often simple puns or riddles, but they reveal a sophisticated understanding of language and humor. For example, one of

the oldest known jokes is a pun on the word "beer." In ancient Egypt, the word for "beer" was "shen." So, the joke goes, "What do you call a man who drinks shen? A Shen-anigan!"

Over time, jokes became more complex and sophisticated. In ancient Greece, philosophers like Plato and Aristotle wrote about the nature of humor. And in medieval Europe, jesters and court fools used humor to entertain and criticize the powerful.

In the modern day, jokes are more popular than ever before. We tell jokes to our friends, our family, and even our co-workers. Jokes can be found in movies, TV shows, and even on the internet. And with the rise of social media, jokes can now be shared with people all over the world in an instant.

So, what makes a good joke? According to Levy, there are three key elements: surprise, incongruity, and resolution. Surprise is what makes us laugh out loud. Incongruity is what makes us think, "Wait, what?" And resolution is what ties it all together and makes us feel satisfied.

Would You Like a Joke? is a fascinating and entertaining look at the history of humor. Levy's book is full of jokes from all over the world and from all different eras. So, whether you're a fan of puns, riddles, or just good old-fashioned slapstick, you're sure to find something to make you laugh in *Would You Like a Joke?*

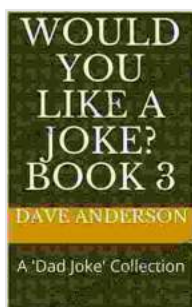
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