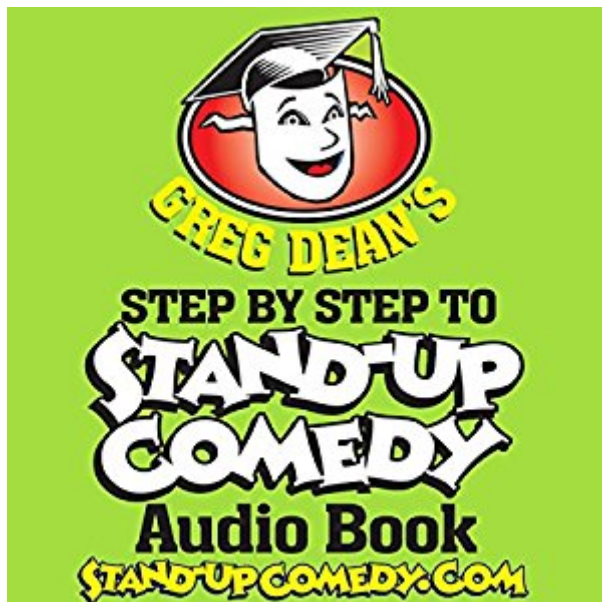


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# Step By Step To Stand-Up Comedy



## Synopsis

Step by Step to Stand-Up Comedy, written by Greg Dean, is a comprehensive guide for people who are funny, want to be funnier, or have dreams of being a stand-up comedian. This first-of-its-kind audiobook demystifies the craft of comedy by breaking it down to the fundamental skills used by professional funny people. Dean lays out these skills in simple-to-understand lessons that are easy to practice and master. Dean's original joke diagram explains how jokes are built around two interpretations of one magical element called the connector. You'll learn how to see both the expected interpretation and the unexpected reinterpretation of the connector. And you'll be writing jokes after just one listening. Dean also teaches "act outs" by explaining points of view (POVs). Act outs are the quick scenes comics act out during a routine. The three POVs inside a scene are the fundamental tools for understanding why act outs are so funny. You'll learn how to form jokes by shifting from one POV that creates an expected interpretation to another POV that reveals an unexpected interpretation. It's fun and easy, and it works. This audiobook also covers rehearsal, so you can remember your jokes in the same way as you tell a funny story in a social situation. Dean explains how the mind normally remembers in pictures, sounds, and feelings, and then forms those thoughts into words. Memorizing words changes the function of the mind and the sense of humor. Dean offers a simple method for turning every joke into a scene so you can remember in pictures, sounds, and feelings, and tell the story of your jokes. Memorization becomes almost automatic ! Step By Step to Stand-Up Comedy also covers overcoming stage fright, handling hecklers, coping with going blank, dealing with bombing, riffing with the audience, crossing the hurt line, and getting experience. Learn in hours of listening what most comedians learn through years of stage time.

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## Customer Reviews

This book gave plenty of practical tips for newbie stand-up comedians like me. I especially liked the explanation of joke structure (set up and punch line), what makes a joke funny, and the formula he recommends to writing jokes. I found this book extremely helpful and would highly recommend it to others who want to try stand-up. I didn't care for the discussion of the point of view and using different POV at different times. But I did like the many useful tips for handling a microphone and stand, how to handle hecklers, and how to write the MC's introduction of you.

This is a great book that outlines a practical process - for something as intangible as "funny." This book will help you rapidly gather your options, and know where the most likely material lies. Nothing can make you funny - but this process narrows down what is most likely to give you comedic and creative opportunities. Very revealing and practical.

Want to be like Anthony Jeselnik? This is how he started...Now I truly understand what makes a joke a joke and how to write them....:)

This book is a great book for learning a practical way of writing jokes and learning how to set jokes up. This is different from a lot of the business guided books that deal with the underpinnings of the comedy world and business tactics to get and keep work. This book is a how to book on working through the joke writing process and how to implement those jokes on stage.

I think the book would be a good read if you're into developing one-liners. The system in this book for writing one liners is fantastic, however, to develop long bits I think this book lacks material. Still, a must read for anyone who wants to learn stand up comedy writing as the concepts in this book are absolutely necessary to know, even if you don't use them.

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I really enjoyed this book as someone who has always been told that they are funny in a conversational setting, but has always had trouble actually writing down jokes. I believe that this is a

great place to start if you are wanting to learn more about what goes on in a joke and basics of writing. A few grammatical errors are present in the e-book version.

The first three chapters are good for understanding how to make jokes, then it turns into how to be a professional comedian.

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