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Jay Arthur : Your Seventh Sense: How to Think Like a Comedian before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Your Seventh Sense: How to Think Like a Comedian:

20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. One long advertisement. By Customer This book is, essentially, one long advertisement for one of the author/comedian/public-speakers behind it - Karyn Ruth White. If that's what you're looking for in a book then you might enjoy it, but otherwise you're likely to be very frustrated and feel like

you've paid for promotional material. The book starts out fairly well but gets worse and worse as it goes along. In the first few chapters the text is interspersed with quotes and examples from well-known comedians. Most of these are really funny and support the text well. As the book goes on it increasingly begins to refer to one of the co-authors in the third person, use her jokes in the break-out boxes, quote her, refer to her techniques and praise her techniques and abilities. This is fine once or twice but it soon starts feeling like self-promotion and becomes really obnoxious. By the end of the book it becomes very clear that the whole book is, first and foremost, a pitch to hire Karyn Ruth for events, as a humor coach, etc. I was extremely frustrated realizing that I had essentially paid her to advertise to me. This situation is made worse by the fact that the co-author/comedian in question really doesn't seem to be very funny, especially in comparison with the people quoted earlier on. Now I fully realize that each person has their own sense of humor, but to me Karyn Ruth White is only marginally funny. Whether you enjoy her humor or not, the bottom line is that in buying this book you are buying an advertisement.

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Quick read...By L. MassaarI bought the Kindle version and I gotta say I quite enjoyed this. It didn't feel like a near-200 page book though. In fact, the whole thing just flew by.I must admit I didn't feel as though I learned too much. I saw where the authors were going and for sure others will gain insight from the words. But the overall message is pretty simplistic.Quite frankly you can hone your comedic instincts just as well (probably) with a far meatier book such as "Comedy Writing Secrets" by Melvin Helitzer.For what it's worth though, I do believe the techniques in "Your Seventh Sense: How to Think Like a Comedian" are pretty sound. I would just like more... certainly more examples or even tidbits from individual comedians to try and tap into their insight.I couldn't quite believe when I got to the end... it was over and I remember thinking "huh... is that it?"But I did like it... and I have tried the techniques and can attest that they do work. I certainly have faith (following their advice) that it gets easier in the long run. However, I may be the wrong person to comment, as I've often spotted patterns myself and love humor in all its forms. So immersed and surrounding yourself with books and movies and tv sitcoms, you can't NOT have some of that rub off on you. :)

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Geat book to help expand on practicingBy JeffLove it. The psychology that goes into it helped me better understand areas that other books would quickly go over but wouldn't explain in more depth. Very easy to read. Alot of exercises to do to help find the "comedian path".

Want to be the last comic standing? You can! Learn how to think like a comedian and find the funny in everyday life. For the last seven years Jay Arthur, a master practitioner in Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) has been studying and reverse engineering how comedians think. With his co-author Karyn Ruth White, a standup comedian and professional speaker, they have refined the process and come up with the essential skills of how to think like a comedian. In *Your Seventh Sense* you'll find a step-by-step guide to creating and developing humor. There are four main steps: 1. Prospecting for Humor: First learn to develop your comedy radar. 2. Mining the Humor - The next step involves creative lateral thinking. Comedians ask themselves: "What's this like?" "How are women like cars?" "How is dating like a laundromat?" Learning comedy is a great way to develop your creativity. 3. Refining the Humor - Next, comedians distill their thinking down into the traditional joke format: setup-punchline-punchword. "Take my wife please!" 4. Presenting Humor: Finally, determine what point of view, attitude, and character would be best for this particular joke. Are you mad, sad, or glad? Is it hard, weird, scary, or stupid? What do you do when you bomb? This book also has detailed examples from actual workshops about how to develop a joke from start to finish. There is even a chapter about how to add humor to any speech; it's ideal for corporate executives or anyone who speaks to groups. Anyone can do it. It is up to you to decide how far you will take your comedy career...Maybe just to a backyard barbecue or all the way to a comedy club.

Karyn Ruth shows you the art of humor and Jay delivers the science. Together they reveal the inner workings of the comedic mind and, best of all, how you can do it too. --LeAnn Thieman, Co-Author of *Chicken Soup for the Nurse's Soul*As a single mom for two decades, I know firsthand how challenging and overwhelming life can be for single parents. That is why being able to laugh is so important! "*Your Seventh Sense: How to Think Like A Comedian*" is an essential guide to bringing more humor into your life. --Nancy Vogl, Co-Author of *Chicken Soup for the Single Parent's Soul*About the AuthorKaryn Ruth White, Denver, Colorado, has been a stand-up comedian and professional speaker for 20 years. She teaches others to use humor to manage stress and better cope with life. Karyn presents funny keynote programs and business-related motivational humor nationally. Jay Arthur, the KnowWare @ Man, Denver, Colorado, is a master practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming and has studied and reverse engineered how comedians think over the last seven years.