
Viva La Repartee Clever Comebacks And Witty Retorts From History's Great Wits Wordsmiths Mardy Grothe

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Neverisms PublicAffairs

The Essential Cult TV Reader is a collection of insightful essays that examine television shows that amass engaged, active fan bases by employing an imaginative approach to programming. Once defined by limited viewership, cult TV has developed its own identity, with some shows gaining large, mainstream audiences. By exploring the defining characteristics of cult TV, The Essential Cult TV Reader traces the development of this once obscure form and explains how cult TV achieved its current status as legitimate television. The essays explore a wide range of cult programs, from early shows such as Star Trek, The Avengers, Dark Shadows, and The Twilight Zone to popular contemporary shows such as Lost, Dexter, and 24, addressing the cultural context that allowed the development of the phenomenon. The contributors investigate the obligations of cult series to their fans, the relationship of camp and cult, the effects of DVD releases and the Internet, and the

globalization of cult TV. The Essential Cult TV Reader answers many of the questions surrounding the form while revealing emerging debates on its future.

Studies in Ethnopragmatics,
Cultural Semantics, and
Intercultural Communication
Methuen Publishing

Let life shine in 2023 with insight from the stars above to help guide your path forward towards brighter prospects. Ancient astrological techniques blended with modern science, this book enables you to discover how the planetary forces above affect your

daily living. Bring the magic of the constellations into everyday life and feel the essence of manifestation around your world as you work in alignment with a flow of universal energy to improve your circumstances. Dive into the magic of cosmic attunement with this in-depth astrological guidebook. Plan your year utilizing the science of astrology. This book provides a weekly (four weeks to a month) horoscope forecast for the zodiac star sign Aries. Unlock the secrets of astrology with this in-depth zodiac guide. Delve into the mystery of the Moon or connect with the sacred wheel of the year. Growth and evolution are part of your cycle of change and self-development. Understanding how the seasons and the lunar cycles affect your emotional awareness on a deeper level is integral in revealing knowledge that empowers and enriches your day-to-day life. This astrological guide lets you move forward in 2023 with confidence, ability, and self-knowledge. It includes two blank pages each month to set

intentions for each New Moon and Full Moon.

Battle for the Big Top Harper Collins

Spanning most of the years of the one-party South, the public career of Virginian Claude A. Swanson, congressman, governor, senator, and secretary of the navy, extended from the second administration of Grover Cleveland into that of Franklin Roosevelt. His record, writes Henry C. Ferrell, Jr., in this definitive biography, is that of "a skillful legislative diplomat and an exceedingly wise executive encompassed in the personality of a professional politician." As a congressman, Swanson abandoned Cleveland's laissez faire doctrines to become the leading Virginia spokesman for William Jennings Bryan and the Democratic

platform of 1896. His achievements as a reform governor are equaled by few Virginia chief executives. In the Senate, Swanson worked to advance the programs of Woodrow Wilson. In the 1920s, he contributed to formulation of Democratic alternatives to Republican policies. In Roosevelt's New Deal cabinet, he helped the Navy obtain favorable treatment during a decade of isolation. The warp and woof of local politics are well explicated by Ferrell to furnish insight into personalities and events that first produced, then sustained, Swanson's electoral success. He examines Virginia educational, moral, and social reforms; disfranchisement movements; racial and class politics; and the impact of the woman's vote. And he records the

growth of the Hampton Roads military-industrial complex, which Swanson brought about. In Virginia, Swanson became a dominant political figure, and Ferrell's study challenges previous interpretations of Virginia politics between 1892 and 1932 that pictured a powerful, reactionary Democratic "Organization," directed by Thomas Staples Martin and his successor Harry Flood Byrd, Sr., defeating would-be progressive reformers. A forgotten Virginia emerges here, one that reveals the pervasive role of agrarians in shaping the Old Dominion's politics and priorities.

Win Every Argument Zondervan Academic

What do Mae West, John F. Kennedy, Victor Hugo, and H. L. Mencken have in common? They all indulged in chiasmus-a

literary device in which word order is reversed to hilarious or poignant effect. When Mae West said, "It's not the men in my life, it's the life in my men," she was using chiasmus; when John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," he was doing the same. Dr. Mardy Grothe has compiled hundreds of examples of chiasmus in this whimsically illustrated collection, bringing this witty and thought-provoking device out of obscurity and into the public imagination.

The Rough Guide to Film Collins Reference

What do "the whole kit and caboodle," "the whole shebang," "the whole megillah," "the whole enchilada," "the whole nine yards," "the whole box and dice," and "the full Monty" have in common? They're all expressions that mean "the entire quantity,"

and they ' re all examples of the breadth and depth of the English-speaking world ' s vocabulary. From the multitude of words and phrases in daily use, the author of this delightful exploration into what we say and why we say it zeroes in on those expressions and sayings and their variations that are funny, quirky, just plain folksy, or playfully dressed up in rhyme or alliteration. Some may have become clich é s that, as it ' s said with “ tongue in cheek, ” should be “ avoided like the plague. ” Others have been distorted, deemed politically incorrect, or shrouded in mystery and must bear some explanation. Among the topics the author delves into are expressions that shouldn ' t be taken literally (“ dressed to kill ” and “ kick the bucket ”), foreign expressions that crept into English (“ carte blanche, ” “ carpe diem, ” and “ que sera, sera ”), phrases borrowed from print

ads and TV commercials (“ where there ' s life, there ' s Bud ” and “ where the rubber meets the road ”), animal images (“ a barrel of monkeys ” and “ chasing your tail ”), and food and drink (“ cast your bread upon the water, ” “ chew the fat, ” “ bottom ' s up! ” , and “ drink as a lord ”). Here ' s a book for everyone who delights in the mysteries of language and the perfect gift for all the “ wordies ” in your life.

Aries 2023 Paw Prints

This is the essential guide for anyone interested in film. Now in its second edition, the text has been completely revised and expanded to meet the needs of today's students and film enthusiasts. Some 150 key genres, movements, theories and production terms are explained and analyzed with depth and clarity. Entries include: * auteur theory*

Blaxploitation* British New Wave* feminist
film theory* intertextuality* method acting*
pornography* Third World Cinema*
Vampire movies.

No, You're Not Entitled to Your Opinion
Penguin

The murals in restaurants are on a par with the food in museums. America is an enormous frosted cupcake in the middle of millions of starving people. Critics are like pigs at the pastry cart. Describing something by relating it to another thing is the essence of metaphorical thought. It is one of the oldest activities of humankind—and one of the most impressive when done skillfully. Throughout history, many masters of metaphor have crafted observations that are so spectacular they have taken up a permanent residence in our minds. In *I Never Metaphor I Didn't Like*, quotation maven Dr.

Mardy Grothe fixes his attention on the three superstars of figurative language—analogy, metaphors, and similes. The result is an extraordinary compilation of nearly 2,000 feats of association that will entertain, educate, and occasionally inspire quotation lovers everywhere.

In this intellectual smorgasbord, the author of *Oxymoronica* and *Viva la Repartee* explains figurative language in a refreshingly down-to-earth way before taking readers on a tour of history's greatest word pictures. In chapters on wit, love, sex, stage and screen, insults, politics, sports, and more, you will find quotations from Aristotle and Maya Angelou to George Washington and Oprah Winfrey.

Rationale of the Dirty Joke Red Wheel/Weiser
For most of us, that perfect retort or witty reply often escapes us when we need it most, only to come to mind with perfect clarity when it's too

late to be useful. The twentieth-century writer Heywood Broun described this all-too-common phenomenon when he wrote "Repartee is what we wish we'd said." In *Viva la Repartee*, Dr. Mardy Grothe, author of *Oxymoronica*, has lovingly assembled a collection of masterfully composed -- and perfectly timed -- replies that have turned the tables on opponents and adversaries. This delightful volume is a celebration of the most impressive retorts, ripostes, rejoinders, comebacks, quips, ad-libs, bon mots, off-the-cuff comments, wisecracks, and other clever remarks ever to come out of the mouths -- and from the pens -- of people throughout history. Touching on all areas of human endeavor, including politics, the arts, literature, sports, relationships, and even the risqué, the book features contributions from Oscar Wilde, Mark Twain, Dorothy Parker, Mae West, Groucho Marx, Winston Churchill, Dolly Parton, and scores more. As entertaining as it is intellectually enriching, *Viva la Repartee* is sure to capture the attention of language lovers and is the perfect antidote for anyone who's ever thought I wish I'd said that!

In a Manner of Speaking Harper Collins

“ Les Standiford takes us under the big top and behind the curtain in this richly researched and thoroughly engaging narrative that captures all of the entrepreneurial intrigue and spirit of the American circus. ” —Gilbert King, Pulitzer Prize – winning author of *Devil in the Grove* Millions have sat under the “ big top, ” watching as trapeze artists glide and clowns entertain, but few know the captivating stories behind the men whose creativity, ingenuity, and determination created one of our country ’ s most beloved pastimes. In *Battle for the Big Top*, New York Times – bestselling author Les Standiford brings to life a remarkable era when three circus

kings—James Bailey, P. T. Barnum, and John Ringling—all vied for control of the vastly profitable and influential American Circus. Ultimately, the rivalry of these three men resulted in the creation of an institution that would surpass all intentions and, for 147 years, hold a nation spellbound. Filled with details of their ever-evolving showmanship, business acumen, and personal magnetism, this Ragtime-like narrative will delight and enchant circus-lovers and anyone fascinated by the American experience. Robert E. Sherwood and the Classical Tradition DK Publishing (Dorling Kindersley)
Get the lowdown on the best fiction ever written. Over 230 of the world ' s greatest novels are covered, from Quixote (1614) to Orhan Pamuk ' s Snow (2002), with fascinating information about their plots and their authors — and suggestions for what to read next. The guide comes complete with recommendations of the best editions and translations for every genre from the most enticing crime and punishment to love, sex, heroes and anti-

heroes, not to mention all the classics of comedy and satire, horror and mystery and many other literary genres. With feature boxes on experimental novels, female novelists, short reviews of interesting film and TV adaptations, and information on how the novel began, this guide will point you to all the classic literature you ' ll ever need.

Insults Every Man Should Know Harper Collins

This volume explores the reception of the classical past in the works of twentieth-century American dramatist Robert E. Sherwood and his use of the ancient world to critique key events and trends in American history. It explores his comedies and the influence of both Greek Old and New Comedy, as well as his mediation of his experiences in World War I through Livy ' s account of the war with Carthage. During the

1930s, Sherwood used the Peloponnesian War as a template for bringing to the attention of an unaware public the danger of an impending war between the forces of democracy and the totalitarianism represented by Nazi Germany, and post-war he raised awareness of the dangers of nuclear war through the lens of the Greek gods. As well as looking at his use of the classical past in his work, since Sherwood wrote drama deeply concerned with the major social and political events of his day, his plays open windows onto the major social and political challenges facing the United States and the world from the outbreak of World War I until the beginning of the nuclear age. This volume will be of interest to anyone working on the Classical Tradition and Classical Reception, as well as to students of twentieth-century American literature, drama, history, and politics.

The History of Apologetics Chronicle Books
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Experience the book that started the Quiet Movement and revolutionized how the world sees introverts—and how introverts see themselves—by offering validation, inclusion, and inspiration “ Superbly researched, deeply insightful, and a fascinating read, Quiet is an indispensable resource for anyone who wants to understand the gifts of the introverted half of the population. ” —Gretchen Rubin, author of The Happiness Project NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY People • O: The Oprah Magazine • Christian Science Monitor • Inc. • Library Journal • Kirkus Reviews At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. They are the ones who prefer

listening to speaking; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion; who favor working on their own over working in teams. It is to introverts—Rosa Parks, Chopin, Dr. Seuss, Steve Wozniak—that we owe many of the great contributions to society. In *Quiet*, Susan Cain argues that we dramatically undervalue introverts and shows how much we lose in doing so. She charts the rise of the Extrovert Ideal throughout the twentieth century and explores how deeply it has come to permeate our culture. She also introduces us to successful introverts—from a witty, high-octane public speaker who recharges in solitude after his talks, to a record-breaking salesman who quietly taps into the power of questions. Passionately argued, impeccably researched, and filled with indelible stories of real people, *Quiet* has the power to permanently change how we see introverts and, equally

important, how they see themselves. Now with Extra Libris material, including a reader's guide and bonus content

The Thinking Life Workman Publishing Company

Reflects the rich diversity of Buddhist traditions, while concentrating in particular on the Pali canon, which contains the *Dhammapada*. Also included are extracts from the later Mahayana sutras, traditional Buddhist tales and fascinating koans (riddles) from Zen masters. Introductory passages of commentary illuminating key meanings. The book's ten chapters mirror stages of the Buddha's healing role, from diagnosis (starting with the chain of causation) to cure (ending with enlightenment). Rooted in knowledge acquired thousands of years ago in

the foothills of the Himalayas, the insights of the Buddha remain just as relevant today, because the issues we encounter in our search for true happiness are universal and timeless. Teachings of the Buddha Routledge

From its early days as an unknown start-up, The Conversation published landmark essays such as Patrick Stokes's 'No, you're not entitled to your opinion', which saw the organisation grow into an important and valued part of the news media. It has since expanded to eight regions around the world and is published in four languages. Contained within this ten-year anniversary collection are the essays that put The Conversation on the map: contemporary slavery, how Jesus wasn't white, how long sex usually lasts, and the close friendships birds form with people. There are

timeless thought pieces and analysis of some of the biggest news events of recent times - the election of Donald Trump, Brexit, coronavirus and the #MeToo movement - as well as insights into why bad moods are good for you and why tests won't help kids who are poor spellers. These pieces chart not only the course of one media organisation but also the world over the past decade. Contributors include: Eva Cox Michelle Grattan Raimond Gaita Tim Flannery Judith Brett Patrick Stokes Denis Muller Alison Whittaker Peter Ellerton Frank Bongiorno Alice Gorman Robyn J Whitaker Clare Corbould Jennifer Power Leah Ruppanner Michelle Arrow Andrew Whitehouse Xanthe Mallett

The Film Book Crown

The phenomenon returns! Originally

published in 1987, *The Book of Questions*, a New York Times bestseller, has been completely revised and updated to incorporate the myriad cultural shifts and hot-button issues of the past twenty-five years, making it current and even more appealing. This is a book for personal growth, a tool for deepening relationships, a lively conversation starter for the family dinner table, a fun way to pass the time in the car. It poses over 300 questions that invite people to explore the most fascinating of subjects: themselves and how they really feel about the world. The revised edition includes more than 100 all-new questions that delve into such topics as the disappearing border between man and machine—How would you react if you learned that a sad and beautiful poem that touched you deeply had been written by a computer? The challenges of being a parent—Would you completely rewrite your child's college-application essays if it would help him get into a better school? The never-endingly interesting topic of sex—Would you be willing to give up sex for a year if you knew it would give you a much deeper sense of peace than you now have? And of course the meaning of it all—If you were handed an envelope with the date of your death inside, and you knew you could do nothing to alter your fate, would you look? *The Book of Questions* may be the only publication that challenges—and even changes—the way you view the world, without offering a single opinion of its own.

Metaphors Be With You Harper Collins

This book is the first in a three-volume set that celebrates the career and achievements of Cliff Goddard, a pioneer of the Natural Semantic Metalanguage approach in linguistics. In addition, it explores ethnopragmatics and conversational humour, with a further focus on semantic analysis more broadly. Often considered the most fully developed, comprehensive and practical approach to cross-linguistic and cross-cultural semantics, Natural Semantic Metalanguage is based on evidence that there is a small core of basic, universal meanings (semantic primes) that can be expressed in all languages. It has been used for linguistic and cultural analysis in such diverse fields as semantics, cross-cultural communication, language teaching, humour studies and applied linguistics, and has reached far beyond the boundaries of linguistics into ethnopsychology, anthropology, history, political science, the

medical humanities and ethics.

The Words of Others HarperCollins

Your complete one-volume guide to the year 2023. This fantastic and in-depth book includes month-by-month forecasts for every sign and all you need to know to find out what is in store for you in the year ahead. The only one-volume horoscope you ' ll ever need.

Quiet Henry Holt and Company

Presents advice for dealing with difficult individuals in the workplace, using examples of specific situations along with responses and actions that can be effective in reducing conflict.

Never Let a Fool Kiss You or a Kiss Fool You Springer

Why do people tell dirty jokes? And what is it about a joke's dirtiness that makes it funny? G. Legman was perhaps the foremost scholar of the dirty joke, and as legions of humor writers and comedians know, his Rationale of the Dirty Joke remains the most

exhaustive and authoritative study of the subject. More than two thousand jokes and folktales are presented, covering such topics as The Female Fool, The Fortunate Fart, Mutual Mismatching, and The Sex Machine. These folk texts are authentically transcribed in their innocent and sometimes violent entirety. Legman studies each for its historical and socioanalytic significance, revealing what these jokes mean to the people who tell them and to the people who listen and laugh. Here -- back in print -- is the definitive text for comedians and humor writers, Freudian scholars and late night television enthusiasts. Rationale of the Dirty Joke will amuse you, offend you, challenge you, and disgust you, all while demonstrating the intelligence and hilarity of the dirty joke.

The Essential Cult TV Reader

ReadHowYouWant.com

The Art of the Political Putdown is a book of over 300 witty verbal jabs and ripostes from politicians

around the world, all of whom share a common sharp tongue. Liberal or conservative, humor can be a powerful weapon in any politician's arsenal, and political journalists Chris Lamb and Will Moredock have seen their fair share of quips, witty remarks, and sarcastic pleasantries. In mining the past few thousand years of political history, they've unearthed a treasure trove of humorous exchanges, from ancient Rome to modern day, to compile this collection of hilarious comebacks and putdowns. • Features 11 brief essays analyzing the use of humor and wit in various political contexts • Even-handed, intelligent, and lighthearted political humor that gives readers from the Left and the Right something to laugh about • Contains 20 political cartoon-style illustrations The Art of the Political Putdown is filled with famous and lesser-known politicians at their sassiest, along with short essays

and illustrations. This is a comprehensive, nonpartisan collection of witticisms, scathing burns, and mic-drop-worthy insults throughout history. • A rare political humor book with something for everyone, and a welcome reminder that politics can also be a source of laughter • Perfect for politics and history buffs and for anyone who appreciates smart humor and top-notch wit • Great for those who loved Whose Boat Is This Boat?: Comments That Don't Help in the Aftermath of a Hurricane by the Staff of The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Shade: A Tale of Two Presidents by Pete Souza, and The Wit & Wisdom of Winston Churchill by James C. Humes