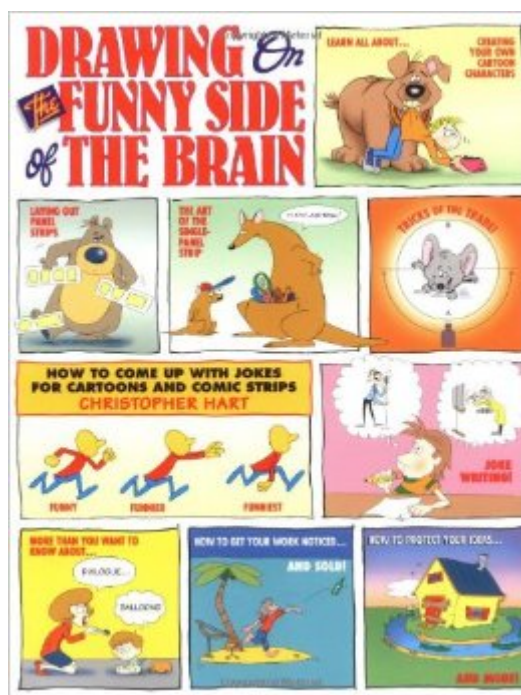


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Drawing On The Funny Side Of The Brain : How To Come Up With Jokes For Cartoons And Comic Strips



Synopsis

Teaching cartoonists how to evoke laughs is the latest great idea to come from a best-selling author who always knows just what readers want. Aspiring cartoonists and seasoned professionals all face the same problem: coming up with a steady stream of jokes for their drawings. But there's a science to funny art, and this book's complete course shows just how to create comic panels and strips that get laughs, setup right through to punch lines. The essential tools of joke writing are outlined: visual stereotypes of comic teaming (fat/skinny, short/tall): setting up a character's agenda, then putting up obstacles to create conflict; action that brings the surprise. Other valuable guidance includes whether to find resource materials for jokes, plus tips for drawing comic lettering styles and dialogue balloons.

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Before I finished my third book I decided it needed cartoons to visually explain some ideas (a picture is worth 1000 words) and provide humor to a tough subject. I started checking with hiring a professional artist (or student artist) to do the work. It quickly became clear the task would be time consuming, expensive and I may not get what I wanted in the end. First, it would be difficult to find someone who would be able to take what was in my mind and transfer it to a cartoon. Second, it became painfully clear it would be expensive (even with a student artist). I wanted around twenty five cartoons drawn. Third, some individuals wanted to discuss contracts and usage. My best option was to learn how to draw cartoons myself. I figured it would be less expensive (only the cost of books and art supplies), and frustrating and I would get exactly what was in my brain. It would take

some time to become proficient, but it sounded like a fun project. I was fortunately right. Drawing on the Funny side of the Brain by Christopher Hart and a couple other books helped me learn how to draw cartoons good enough to put in my latest book. Christopher Hart has done several books on drawing comics. He provides excellent common sense content, and teaches the skill very well through his words and cartoons. There were many excellent sections in the book that helped me draw faces, bodies hands and feet. There were also some drawings that gave me ideas for my own cartoons. Some the sections that I found especially helpful were: Humorous Head Construction, Funny Expressions, How to Draw the Cartoon Hand, and the Characters Sheet. After finishing my sketches, I used Adobe Elements software to polish up the work.

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