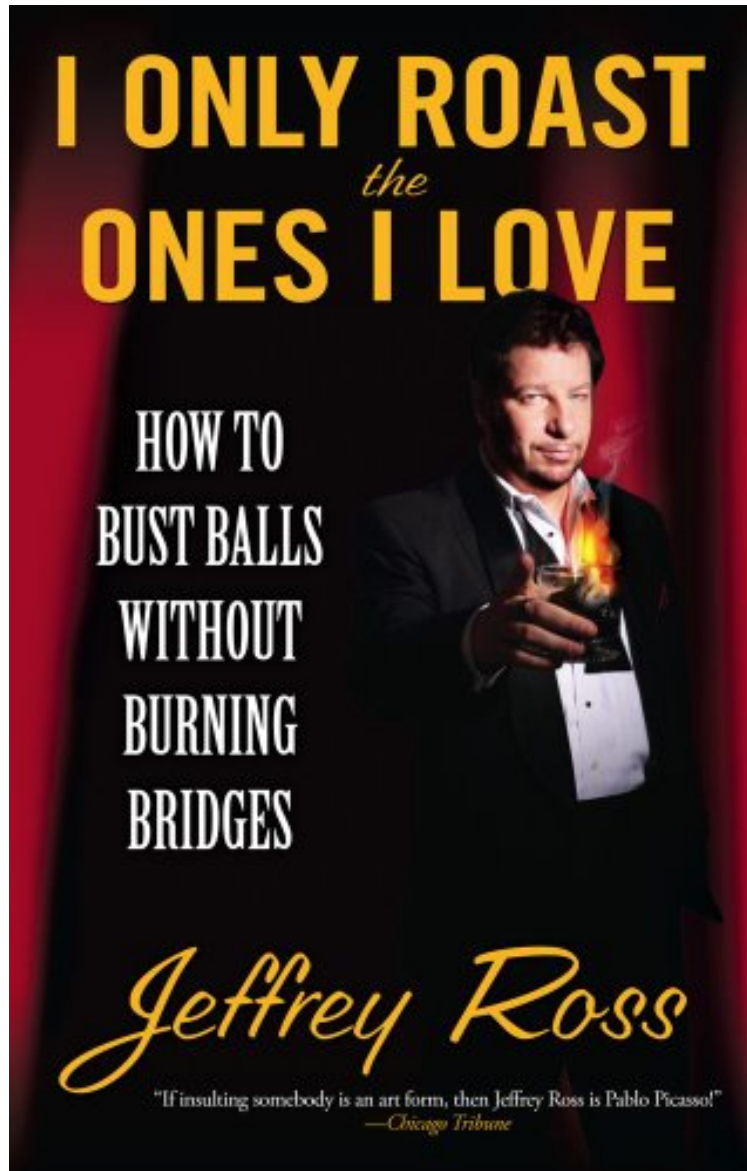


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Art of the Roast as told by a MasterBy DMSjrEver wanted to zing a friend or family member? Needed a verbal comeback for a jab from a co-worker? Looked to be the life of the party? Jeff Ross shows you how. In "I Only Roast The Ones I Love," Ross (known as The Roastmaster General) explains the different aspects of being a great roaster, from writing and delivery to tough rooms and self-defense against the easily offended. Starting with fictitious "origins" of the roast, the comedian offers entertaining anecdotes about his start in comedy and career in insult humor - many revealing, some touching and most hilarious. Along with tips on telling a joke, Ross relates stories of his encounters with celebrities through the years - including old guard offenders like Don Rickles, Freddie Roman and his mentor Buddy Hackett - and the advice they gave him. What I like best about this book is, while it sounds like it's just about the art of the insult, it's more personal than that. I've followed Ross' work for years now, through YouTube clips of old Friars Roasts to stand-up specials to the annual Comedy Central roasts which have gained popularity over the years. I knew that there was a caring side after watching Patriot Act: A Jeffrey Ross Home Film, a documentary about his travels overseas to entertain the troops through the USO. But by reading this book, you can see how personal the art of roasting is to Ross. He is a guy with a good heart to go with his wicked tongue. If you have interest in how to insult successfully (or safely) or are just curious what the life and mind of a comedian are like, I can definitely recommend this book. It has a little bit of something for everyone (above the age of 14) and a whole lot of laughs.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Doesn't workBy DMerlsI'm shocked at the 4 star average on 49 reviews. Jeff's book is poor and he knows it. Sure, you'll learn something about his dad, upbringing and roasting, but you won't laugh and you'll be eager for it to be over. I'll just keep an eye out for Jeff Ross on the next Comedy Central Roast (where he excels) and any special he appears on, but he struck out on this book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy PurpleDynastyGirlLOVE IT, THANKS.

One of the world's foremost practitioners of insult comedy, Jeffrey Ross has memorably and uproariously roasted some of our favorite celebrities. Part memoir and part how-to guide, *I Only Roast the Ones I Love* unveils the irreverent secrets every successful roastmaster should know, such as how to:

- Write roast jokes
- Turn any event into a roast your friends will never forget
- Rip your honoree a new one without hurting their feelings
- Save yourself if you bomb
- Prepare yourself to take a punch
- Give toasts at family gatherings
- Save lives through roasting

Jeff's hilarious and poignant stories feature everyone from Dave Chappelle and Courtney Love to Tom Cruise and Bea Arthur and take readers backstage for unforgettable roasts of stars like Pamela Anderson, Flavor Flav, William Shatner, Shaquille O'Neal, Larry the Cable Guy, Bob Saget, and even the finalists of *Dancing with the Stars*. Most of all, Jeff's teachings will inspire you to channel your own inner roastmaster.

"I've cooked a few meals in my day, but trust me, nobody knows how to cook someone's goose like Jeffrey Ross. He will teach you how to baste and bake all of your family and friends until every relationship is burnt beyond recognition. Ross is a flame-thrower at both ends." -- Rachael Ray

"*I Only Roast the Ones I Love*" is Jeff Ross's most insulting work yet. An indispensable guide to making certain everyone you know hates you. Very, very funny. Jeff's writing is the reason I learned to read." -- Jimmy Kimmel

"If insulting somebody is an art form, then Jeffrey Ross is Pablo Picasso!" -- "Chicago Tribune"

"Jeffrey Ross has a face for books, and I'm glad he's finally come to terms with that." -- Chelsea Handler

"Don't judge this book by its cover just because Jeff's face is on it." -- Sarah Silverman

"*I Only Roast the Ones I Love*" is one of the funniest, most compelling, touching, and controversial books I've ever read. If you love the art of people onstage saying funny insults that make your whole life's work seem like a bunch of crap, then this is the book for you." -- Chris Rock

"When Jeff asked me to give a quote for his book, my first thought was to get Jeff Ross to write it. He's incredibly funny and I'm incredibly busy." -- John Mayer

"Do yourself a favor...get Jeff's book, curl up next to the fireplace...and throw it in." -- Bob Saget

About the Author Jeffrey Ross is the current New York Friars' Club Roastmaster General and was a roaster for Comedy Central's Roast of Pamela Anderson in 2005. Ross has appeared on television shows, such as *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, and many others. He's also a regular on *The Opie and Anthony Show* and has also appeared on HBO's *Six Feet Under* and Showtime's *Weeds*. In film, he has appeared in *Stuck on You* and *The Aristocrats*. His first hour-long Comedy Central special *No Offense: Life from New Jersey* aired August 2008. Jeffrey Ross, the meanest man in comedy and "one man verbal assault unit" (MTV), offers anecdotes and deconstructs the makings of a great roast—based on his own career as the Friars' Club Roastmaster General.

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I Only Roast the Ones I Love INTRODUCTION MY NAME IS JEFFREY ROSS, but I am commonly known as the Roastmaster General. I'm not entirely sure how I got this title, but it has stuck and I am proud of it. Most stand-up comics are self-deprecating. I'm all-deprecating. Sure, I occasionally make fun of myself—but I specialize in making fun of others. I'm what is commonly known as an insult comic. Diss is my life. I never planned on making fun of people for a living. It happened by accident. In fact, my whole life has been a series of happy and not-so-happy accidents that have transformed me into the black belt in busting balls that I am today. I am very fond of my reputation, but I must admit that it's a blessing and a curse. I may make a nice living—but

every now and then somebody wants to kill me. With this book I offer you my philosophies of roasting, which are also my principles for a better life. If you adapt these principles to your own experiences, they will surely help guide your journey through an increasingly harsh world.