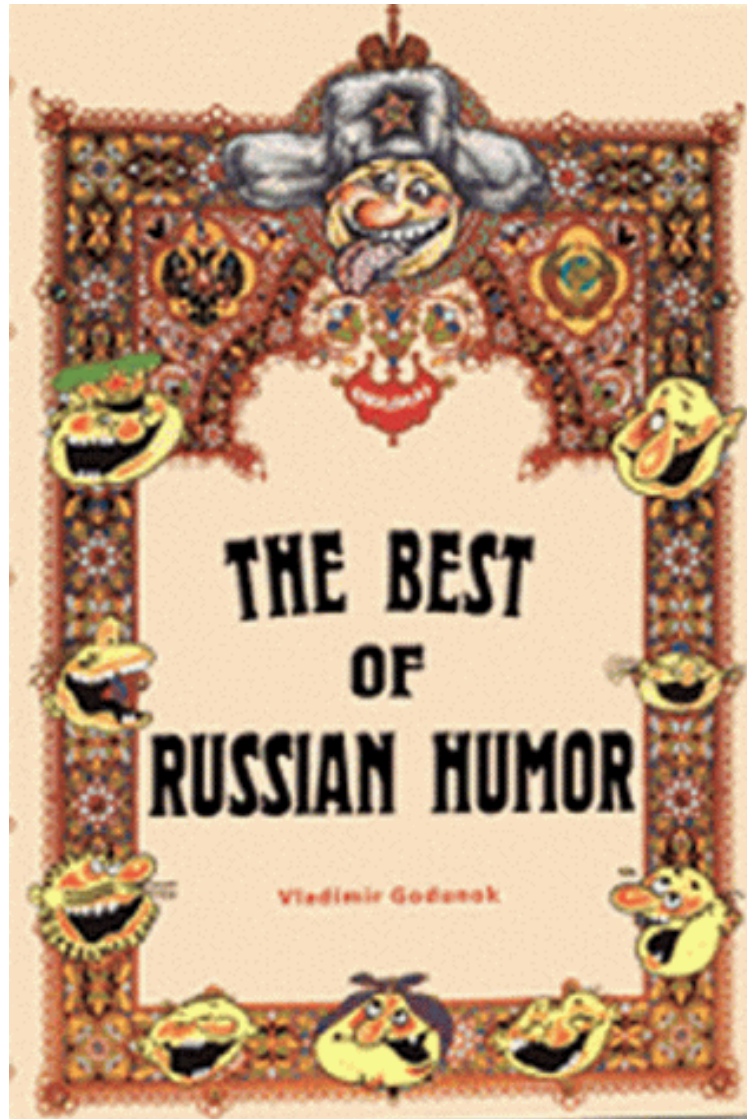


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Vladimir Godunok : The Best of Russian Humor before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Best of Russian Humor:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Two StarsBy elisabeth nelsonVery few good jokes . . . lots of bad ones.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. "He who laughs last didn't get it at first."By Jerry GuildAs you can see,I've written several Reviews on 'Joke' books.When I came across this one,I was intrigued.The few Russian jokes I've come across usually go something like this;"There were 3 guys on an airplane,an American,a Frenchman

and a Russian....". This book promised "more than 1,500 original Russian jokes, quips, quotes and anecdotes, many of which have never before been translated to English". Well, the book certainly delivered. Very few were familiar to me. Some were quite funny but many were just not what we think of as Western humor. One has to remember, that Russia was taken over by the communists in 1916 and it is obvious from reading this book that communism has affected humor just as much as every other aspect of Russian culture. Reading this book one gets the feel that most of these jokes came down from some government department in charge of humor. That is the difference, here in the West, most of us hardly consider bureaucrats as a bastion of humor. Most jokes are about the government, shortages, drunkenness, ugly women, unfulfilled promises, hopelessness and avoiding military service. I was also reminded of a Korean friend, when I asked him how come we never hear any Korean jokes. His answer was "When you live in Korea, there's nothing funny." While giving a good sample of Russian humor, it's not the kind of humor you get on the Late Nite Shows, and definitely not material for a stand up comic, unless planning a career in Russia or some socialist country.

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From the Publisher WHATS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COSMONAUT AND A HUSBAND? Find the answer in the new book The Best of Russian Humor: Over 1,500 Original Russian Jokes, Quips, and Anecdotes. The book is its author "attempt to bring to English-speaking readers some of the most popular tidbits of Russian wit and everyday humor". Readers interested in Russia, its people, and Russian culture in general, or involved in Russian studies will find the book helpful in understanding the rich Russian humor phenomenon. However, anyone looking for an original joke will find many of them in the book since most of the jokes and stories do not require any knowledge of Russian life. Authored by Vladimir Godunoka Canadian businessman, who emigrated from the Soviet Union, and is an avid collector of Russian humor the 386 page book is the largest published collection of Russian jokes translated to English. The Best of Russian Humor covers a wide range of topics from cheating ("You know, I ran into your husband in the store yesterday, one woman tells another. He told me such a funny joke, I almost fell off the bed".) and mothers-in-law ("On his way home from his mother-in-law's funeral, a man is struck by a falling icicle. I can't believe she's in hell already! he thinks to himself."), to politics ("In addition to fools and poor roads, Russia has another ailment fools giving directions at crossroads.") and drinking ("Objective reality is nonsense caused by a lack of alcohol in the blood."). It consists of 33 chapters filled with over 1,500 original Russian jokes, quips, quotes, and anecdotes, many of which have never before been translated to English. The book is illustrated by caricaturist Sergei Kovalenko and has 29 cartoons.
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