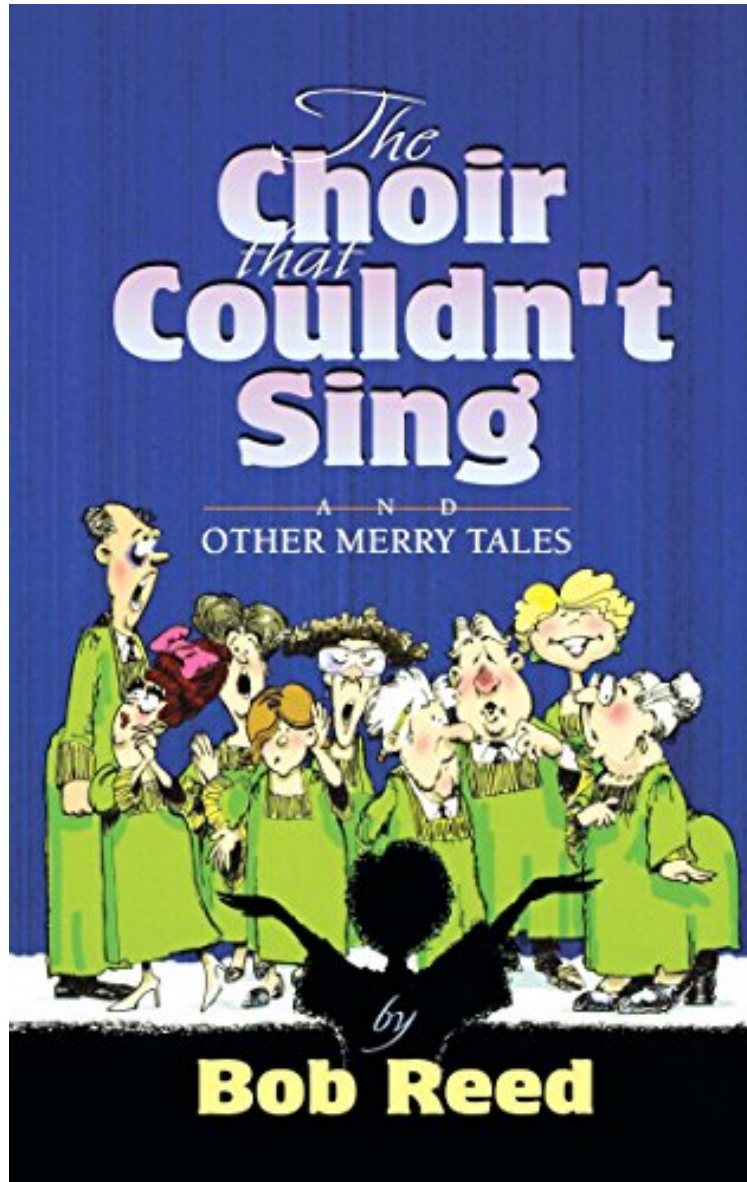


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One StarBy Anne A.Not funny0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Jo's ReviewBy J. LarsenIt's rare to come across a writer who is skilled in writing good prose and can consistently puts a smile on your face. Bob Reed has both these talents and his book The Choir That Couldn't Sing is a

gem. It's a jolly collection of inventive and often thought-provoking stories centred around the Christian churches of North America - but don't let the religious connection put off anyone, like myself, who does not own up to having any religious commitments! The title story tells of the silent choir, made up from a motley crew of oddball characters gathered from a Methodist congregation, formed to accommodate the deaf and hard of hearing. Crisply written, full of wit, Bob he brings his characters to life with wonderful descriptive clarity as we read how this cutting edge choir learnt to sign and helped swell the congregation. Another of my favourites is The Great Episcopalian Bear Hunt. A newspaper editor with a penchant for crazy ideas, devises a plan to head north to Canada, bag a bear and bring it back to the church for a fund-raising BBQ. The idea is not without its critics and the adventure goes badly wrong when the editor and his fellow hunters, fail to even spot a bear. To save face they buy a dead bear from two Native Americans, purchase enough bear meat in the Canadian outback to feed the town and head home to brag about their adventures. The barbecued bear is a hit, funds are boosted sufficiently to pay for a new church roof but problems begin when everyone ends up with food poisoning. Bob came late in life to writing his collections of amusing short stories. Better late than never. Keep it up Bob, we're waiting for your next project. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Choir That Couldn't Sing By D. G. Straub Highly recommend this wonderful book of humorous short stories by Bob Reed. I couldn't put it down and read it cover to cover within 24 hours. It is a MUST read for anyone who grew up or is familiar with rural life in the mid-west; but it also travels as far afield as American Samoa It brings back real memories of mid-western life in the "old" days. Don't miss this one.

The stories in Bob Reed's delightful book are surefire spirit lifters that celebrate life and enrich the soul. Reed's seven tales not only come alive with hilarity and warmth, they show how God works through even the most bumbling and misdirected human efforts. Reed's humor is laced with insight, his descriptions with inspiration, and his characters with God's own love. In the lead story, "The Choir That Couldn't Sing," Reed's description of a hopelessly off-key church choir assembled from eccentrics and misfits will trigger gales of laughter. But tears are sure to flow when readers feel the impact of the choir's humble but grand, accomplishment. The book's other stories come equally alive with humor, insight, and inspiration that demonstrate how the least in the kingdom of heaven can touch the heart of God.

About the Author Bob Reed is a proud native of Marcus, Iowa, who spent twenty-five years building and managing public television stations and serving as an executive at PBS. He has also served as a publisher and professor and is a speaker at numerous national and international meetings, seminars, and trade shows. He has penned many nonfiction books, as well as *The Potluck Dinner That Went Astray*, *Other Tales of Christian Life*, and *How to Survive Being a Presbyterian*. Bob currently lives in Orlando, Florida, and thinks that his very presence on this earth is proof that God has an unusual sense of humor.