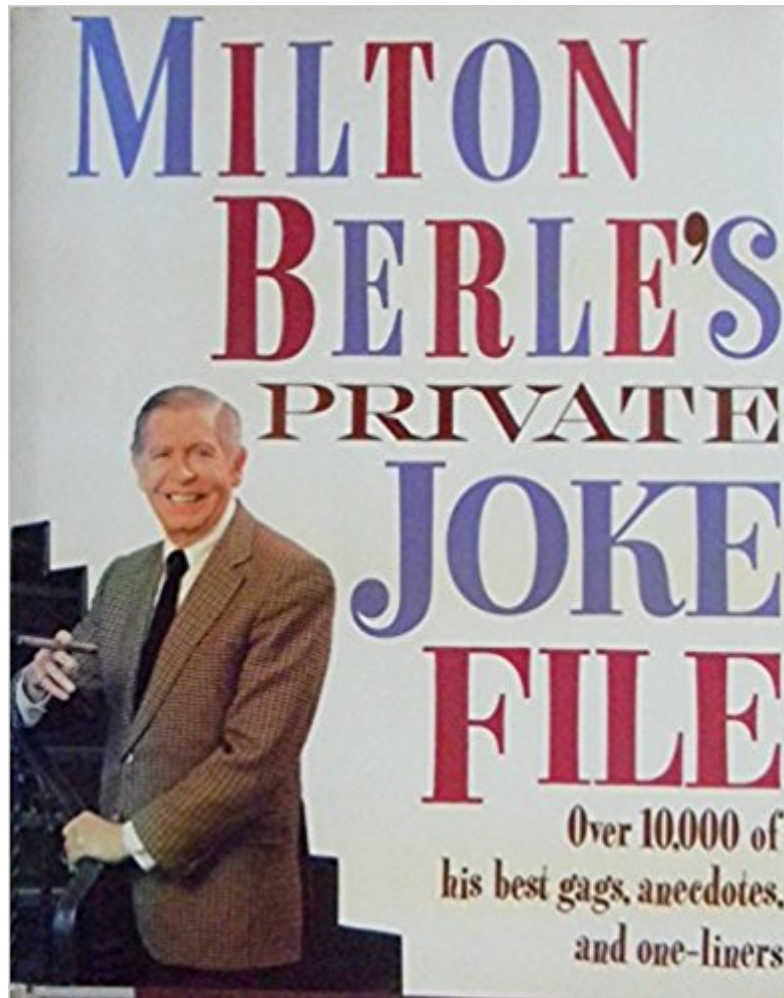




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A not bad joke book, if you have the time to wade through seas of mediocre hack and often extremely unfunny mots un-bon. Very big but with surprisingly knee-slappers. Much prefer the comparably sized "Man Walks Into A Bar" with much better jokes and better categorizations including "Cheesy Pickup Lines" for example. I guess Milton, alas, was always rather an inept joke thief who lucked out to come around during the dawn of TV when people would laugh at just about anything. Ah, well.

I'd maybe give this 4 and 1/2 stars, a lot of these jokes are still very funny only some were familiar,

but that doesn't mean they aren't funny. The late Milton Berle was in show business practically since his childhood, even appearing in a few silent films. Then came vaudeville, radio, and of course television. Sometimes called "The Thief of Badgags" they may vary with original authorship, but most still work, although my favorites are the insult gags, and ones to use to answer hecklers. The suggestion for handling a "roast" could come in handy. The follow-up volume is also worthwhile.

It's a good book and maybe I judge too harshly, but out of the cornucopia of humor here, I got about three dozen really good jokes. Perhaps it's me.

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