

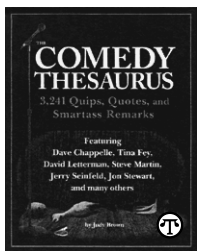


Books Worth Reading

Now That's Funny

(NAPSA)—Comedy can be serious business. Ask anyone who's tried to be funny in front of other people for a living. Fortunately for those who want to be humorous, write about humor or just enjoy a good laugh, things just got easier.

A new book has set out to capture the wit and wisdom of contemporary stand-up comedians



such as Steve Martin, Rita Rudner, Jon Stewart and many more.

Described as the “ultimate comedy bible,” “The Comedy Thesaurus”

(Quirk Books, \$16.95) has been compiled by “L.A. Weekly” comedy critic Judy Brown.

Organized by topics ranging from “accidents” to “zoos”—with everything from “cloning” to “remote controls” in between—the book can serve as a source of material for writers, speechmakers, students and anyone looking for an out-loud chuckle.

It contains commentaries such as Caroline Rhea’s admission that “My favorite machine in the gym is the vending machine.”

Judy Brown has been the comedy critic of the “L.A. Weekly” for more than a dozen years, is the author of six humor books, has performed as a stand-up comedian and has taught comedy classes at UCLA.

It’s available wherever books are sold and at amazon.com.