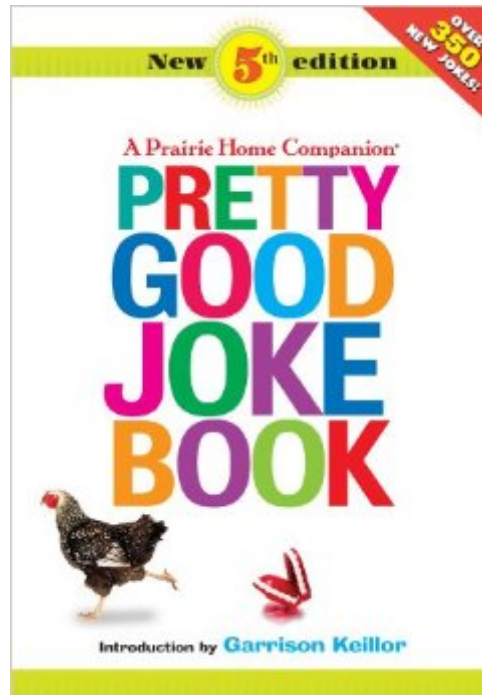


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# Pretty Good Joke Book: A Prairie Home Companion



## Synopsis

A treasury of hilarity from one of America's favorite radio shows. A guy walks into a bar. Eight Canada Geese walk into a bar. A termite jumps up on the bar and asks, "Where is the bartender?" • Drum roll. The Fifth Edition of the perennially popular *Pretty Good Joke Book* is everything the first four were and more. More puns, one-liners, light bulb jokes, knock-knock jokes, and third-grader jokes (have you heard the one about Elvis Parsley?). More religion jokes, political jokes, lawyer jokes, blonde jokes, and jokes in questionable taste (Why did the urologist lose his license? He got in trouble with his peers). More jokes about chickens, relationships, and senior moments (The nice thing about Alzheimer's is you can enjoy the same jokes again and again). It all started back in 1996, when *A Prairie Home Companion* fans laughed themselves silly during the first Joke Show. The broadcast was such a hit that it became an almost-annual gagfest. Then fans wanted to read the jokes, share them, and pass them around, and the first *Pretty Good Joke Book* was born. With 362 new jokes (more or less), the latest edition promises countless giggles, chortles, and guffaws anyone's fans of the radio show or not will enjoy.

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## Customer Reviews

If you haven't yet experienced one of the annual *Prairie Home Companion* joke shows, you really owe it to yourself. If you have, you are probably a fan of Garrison Keillor's dry wit and often corny sense of humor. A majority of the jokes told on the shows are contributed by listeners, so they constitute a treasure trove of contemporary American oral culture. In the fifth edition of the PHC joke book, you will find every joke told in all 12 of the joke shows, including hundreds of new ones. They

range from the juvenile (puns, knock-knock, yo mama) to the sophisticated (religion, politics, professions), and many of them are uproariously funny. Stereotypes are well-represented: musicians, drunks, lawyers, blondes, doctors, the elderly, cops, and others. If you enjoy laughing, you will find yourself doing so again and again as you read this book. Most of the jokes can be told in mixed company. A few are risquÃ© (boobs, farts, poop), but there aren't any truly filthy or racist items, so those in search of such humor should look elsewhere. The worst response one might get to these jokes is prolonged groaning. But if you choose carefully, you should have 'em chuckling or even roaring with laughter!

I'm 41 years old and don't often share my love for Prairie Home Companion with friends; the number of people my age that enjoy the show are few and far between. In fact, I was one of the youngest people in the audience when I took my mother to see their L.A. show a few years ago. All of which is a shame, because Prairie Home Companion is a great program, especially their highly-praised joke shows that come round every year or so. Wisely, they decided to put out a collection of the jokes heard in each program and the collection is well worth your time and money. I've been enjoying the jokes for the past month or so, often trading lines with my daughter, who absolutely loves the puns section. The book is broken down into various sections, ranging from politics, marriage, puns, kid's jokes, off-color humor, technology, blonds, nationalities, and even a "your momma is so fat" section. I'd say about 60-70% of the book has top quality humor while the remaining 30-40% is merely just good. If you're in need of a laugh, you can't go wrong in picking up a copy of this book. Laughter is sometimes the best medicine.

Garrison Keillor has become a national institution. We take this book with us on long drives to and from our vacation home; it's great for enlivening the trip. Yes, some of the humor is cornball, but altogether it's a feel-good read.

I gave it four stars because I like Garrison Keillor and because there were some really good Keillor-type jokes in there. But there were some pretty mundane and even childish jokes, too, as if Keillor had set out to fill up 300 pages of paper, and ran out of acceptable material at page 250. I would rather he had stopped at page 250, and I would have been satisfied. The title was appropriate, i.e., "Pretty Good," but not quite up to Keillor's usual standards.

They say laughter is the best medicine. I bought this as a present for a friend in recovery after a bad

accident. This book is one of my go to presents, especially for those in recovering from illness / injury. An excellent joke book sorted by topic. When I'm having a bad day I open to a page at random. Besides don't you want to know why it took two years for a couple to get married in Heaven and what Saint Peter said to the rich guy trying to bring in his gold. Both are in the Heaven section of the Pretty Good Joke Book.(OK - I won't do that to you. A) Because it took that long to get a priest up in Heaven. B) "Oh great more pavement!"

So many times I hear the joke episode on my car radio and can't remember so many jokes all told at the same time. This little book is great, carried on my kindle, so I can find an ice-breaker joke wherever I am.

There is plenty to laugh about in this book. I bought it to email my fiance who is working abroad a joke a day. It has worked for me. Besides using it to entertain my fiance, I found it very entertaining. Of course Garrison Keillor besides writing the introduction probably had no hand in compiling the jokes. But I consider it a bargain.

Warning, Abortion joke. If your one who had 10 abortions, excuse me. The joke is not that bad. Bill Clinton sighed his abortion bill. I like to tell the professional speaking jokes at work. The Old standbys to old folks. I have no use for Yo mamma jokes. If you are like me, dry with a frown. Grab any joke book, you might consider a laugh. It is depressing how we can find humor out of making a joke of poor moms. The book is for adults. There are put downs. Don't let the chicken on the cover fool you into thinking every joke is about an egg.

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