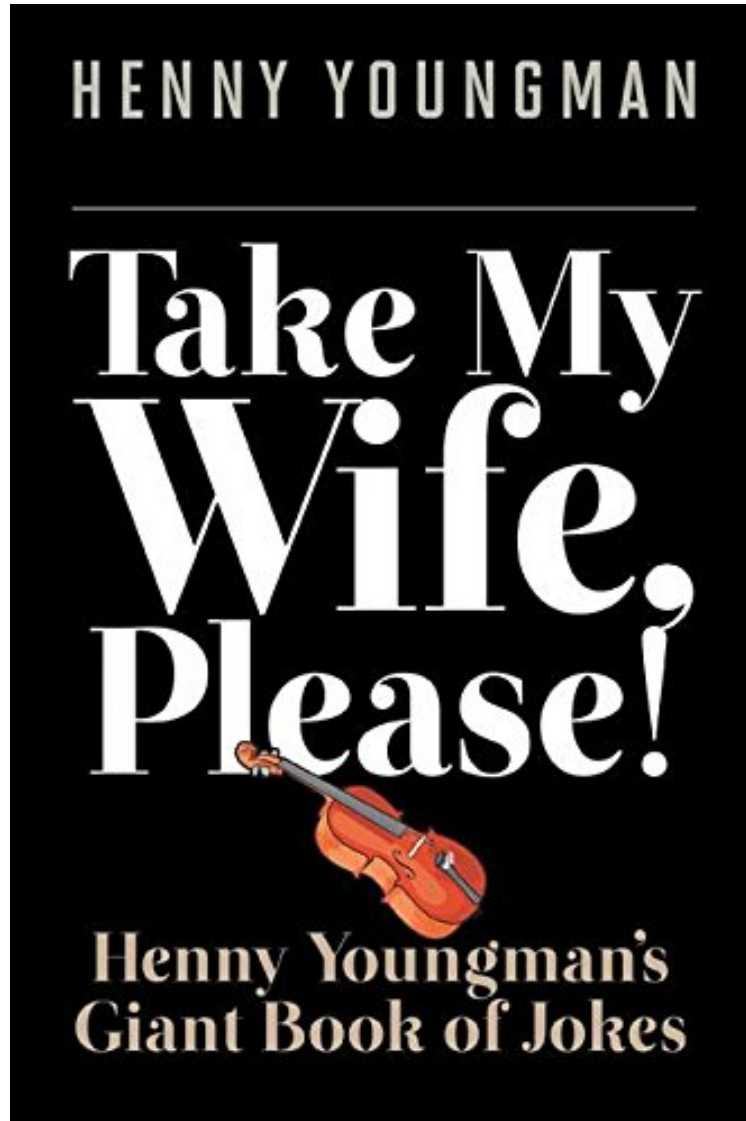


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It was said of the late Henny Youngman that he could make the Sphinx crack a smile. For seventy years he tossed out one-liners that sent waves of laughter through audiences all over the country; a Henny Youngman nightclub appearance guaranteed a sold-out engagement. A vaudeville headliner, Youngman also went on to conquer radio and television. In *Take My Wife, Please!* Youngman's enduring routines are collected in one volume. A rapid-fire comic, he could tell six, seven, sometimes even eight jokes a minute, like: Walked into a store and said, "This is my wife's birthday. I'd like to buy her a beautiful fountain pen." The clerk winked at me and said, "A little surprise, huh?" I said, "Yes, she's expecting a Cadillac." You meet the craziest people on the subway. One guy sitting next to me kept saying, "Call me a doctor—call me a doctor." I asked, "What's the matter, are you sick?" He said, "No, I just graduated from medical school." Youngman began his career with the intention of becoming a concert violinist. When he discovered that he had a talent for making people laugh, the violin became a prop. He was called the King of the One-Liners for good reason, and this collection shows why.

About the Author Henny Youngman was a British-American comedian and violinist famous for his one-liners. He made numerous appearances on television and movies, including "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In," *History of the World, Part I* and *Goodfellas*. He grew up in New York and died in 1998 at ninety-two years of age.