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**NPR : NPR Laughter Therapy: Funny for a Living** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised NPR Laughter Therapy: Funny for a Living:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One Star By NoFigram Not funny at all! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Judy Informative AND funny! 13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Collection of NPR stories of comic geniuses from the olden days till now By Steve Ramm This is the 2nd set of "Laughter Therapy" and much better than the first one. This 3 CD set (approximately 2 ½ hours) may not put you in stitches but it'll certainly explain to you how the comedy mind works. It's comprised of 25 segments taken from NPR shows such as "Morning Edition", "All Things Considered", "Fresh Air with Terry Gross" and a few others. Each story features either an interview with a comic personality or – in the case of those from the early 20th century – their biographer. The first CD focuses on the "legends of the past" with discussions about the talents of Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton and even the African American actor Stepin Fetchit. It continues into radio and TV with Groucho Marx, Ernie Kovacs, Sid Caesar, Danny Thomas and Lucille Ball. Disc 2 continues with TV and comedy on records – this time with interviews with the actual subjects. Carl Reiner, Dick van Dyke, Bob Newhart, Bob Ray, Billy Crystal and Jerry Seinfeld. Disc 3 brings us to the 21st century with some comics I didn't know. Eddie Izzard, Sarah Silverman and Louis CK I knew (and, by the way, this is NPR so all foul language is bleeped). But there are newer folks like Mike Birbiglia, Gabriel Iglesias and Aisha Tyler, who I hadn't heard of before. The interviews by Terry Gross are always insightful and Scott Simon is almost as funny as his interviewees. This is a history of a century of making folks laugh in under three hours. More "educational" than "laugh out loud funny". This is an "audio book I really enjoyed! I hope you found this review both informative and helpful. Steve

Ramm“Anything Phonographic”.

This extended session of Laughter Therapy explores the history of all things funny, presenting a cornucopia of comedy from the pioneers of vaudeville and the silent film era, to the wildly creative innovators that transformed television in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, to the modern practitioners that continue to bend the boundaries of comedy today. Chronically serious? Prepare to be cured by this collection of revealing profiles and interviews with some of the funniest personalities ever. Featuring Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Groucho Marx, Sid Caesar, Ernie Kovacs, Bob and Ray, Imogene Coca, Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner, Bob Newhart, Jonathan Winters, Bill Cosby, Phyllis Diller, Joan Rivers, Jerry Seinfeld, Conan O'Brien, Amy Poehler, Margaret Cho, Jim Gaffigan, Sarah Silverman.

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