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Soap! the Inside Story of the Sitcom That Broke All the Rules  
 Syracuse University Press  
 This is the story of two sisters, Jessica Tate and Mary Campbell, and the world that their two families made. From its tumultuous beginnings in 1977 to its end by firing squad, onscreen and off, Soap was as passionate and controversial as the times in which it was made. During its four-year run, it tackled the subjects of sex, death, depression, infidelity, family, and the absurdities of the human condition, all with a wit and gentleness never before seen on American screens. Throughout that time, a vocal minority hounded the sitcom and its parent network, ABC, over its perceived irreverence toward the mores of a declining generation, even as the real world was convulsed by terrorism, energy crises and fallout from the Vietnam conflict and Watergate. Though continued pressures from these groups would

bring about an early end to the series, its cast and crew would go on to change the face of American entertainment, earning Soap an enduring place in American culture. Go behind the scenes of the making of this classic show, from the producers' battles with network censors over an earlier series to the creation of enduring story lines, such as the death of Peter Campbell and Corinne and Tim's devil baby. Based on interviews with nearly thirty members of the cast and crew, including creator Susan Harris, Katherine Helmond (Jessica) and directors Jay Sandrich and J. D. Lobue, and awash with extensive examination of every episode. Discover the answer to the question of what really led to the series' premature demise.

*Peace, Love, and Tragedy with the Rolling Stones at Altamont*  
 Penguin

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Updated version of an engaging overview of the television

situation comedy. This updated and expanded anthology offers an engaging overview of one of the oldest and most ubiquitous forms of television programming: the sitcom. Through an analysis of formulaic conventions, the contributors address critical identities such as race, gender, and sexuality, and overarching structures such as class and family. Organized by decade, chapters explore postwar domestic ideology and working-class masculinity in the 1950s, the competing messages of power and subordination in 1960s magicoms, liberated women and gender in 1970s workplace comedies and 1980s domestic comedies, liberal feminism in the 1990s, heteronormative narrative strategies in the 2000s, and unmasking myths of gender in the 2010s. From *I Love Lucy* and *The Honeymooners* to *Roseanne*, *Cybill*, and *Will & Grace* to *Transparent* and many others in between, *The Sitcom Reader* provides a comprehensive examination of this popular genre that will help readers think about the shows and themselves in new contexts.

**A Mixtape Memoir of Growing Up and Standing Up** Rowman & Littlefield

After America's most pompous barhound left the *Cheer's* gang in Boston, he returned to Seattle and found himself surrounded by an equally colorful cast of friends and family alike. For eleven seasons, radio psychiatrist *Frasier* Crane contended with his blue-collar ex-cop father Martin, English caretaker Daphne, coworker Roz, and his younger brother Niles. Looking at the world through *Frasier's* aristocratic, witty lens, the show explored themes of love, loss, friendship, and what it might mean to live a full life. Both fans and critics loved *Frasier*, and the show's 37 primetime Emmy wins are the most ever for a comedy series. In *Frasier: A Cultural History*, Joseph J. Darowski and Kate Darowski offer an engaging analysis of the long-running, award-winning show, offering insights into both the onscreen stories as well as the efforts behind the scenes to shape this modern classic. This volume examines the series as a whole, but also focuses on the show's key characters, including Eddie, the canine. Close looks at set design, class issues, and gender roles are also provided, along with opinionated reviews of all 264 episodes, highlighting the peaks and dips in quality across more than a decade of television. Despite the show's focus on an elitist intellectual—and his equally snooty brother—*Frasier* often embraced farce on a level previously unseen in American sitcoms, a mix of comedic elements that endeared it to viewers around the world. *Frasier: A Cultural History* will appeal to the show's many fans as well as to scholar of media, television, and popular culture.

[Critiquing the Sitcom](#) BearManor Media

A fascinating look into one of the most beloved sitcoms of all time, *Cheers: A Cultural History* examines the early struggles of the show to find an audience to its multiple Emmy wins. This book also takes a look at the shows memorable cast of characters, from Sam and Diane to Carla, Woody, Norm, Cliff, and *Frasier*.

**My Life Is a Situation Comedy** Continuum International Publishing Group

This book spotlights the 25 most important sitcoms to ever air on American television—shows that made generations laugh, challenged our ideas regarding gender, family, race, marital roles, and sexual identity, and now serve as time capsules of U.S. history. • Identifies the reason each show was a turning point in American television and provides analysis of the issues and themes present in each sitcom, how the content was received by the American public, and the lasting effects of the program • Covers a time period of more than half a century, from *I Love Lucy* to *Modern Family* • Clearly demonstrates how television as well as American ideals and values have changed dramatically over a fairly short period of time

[History and characteristics of US-sitcoms](#) GRIN Verlag

A Mental Floss Best Book of 2018 A Bustle Book to Know in October An InStyle 10 Books You Won't Be Able to Put Down This October SIX FRIENDS THAT BECAME A FAMILY. A TELEVISION SHOW THAT BECAME A PHENOMENON. Today, *Friends* is remembered as an icon of '90s comedy and the Must See TV years. But when the series debuted in 1994, no one anticipated the sensation it would become. From the first wave of *Friends* mania to the backlash and renaissance that followed, the show maintained an uncanny connection to its audience, who saw it both as a reflection of their own lives and an aspirational escape from reality. In the years since, *Friends* has evolved from prime-time megahit to nostalgic novelty, and finally, to certified classic. Ross, Rachel, Monica, Chandler, Joey and Phoebe have entered the pantheon of great television characters, and yet their stories remain relevant still. *I'll Be There for You* is a deep dive into *Friends* history and lore, exploring all aspects of the show, from its unlikely origins to the societal conditions that amplified its success. Journalist and pop culture expert Kelsey Miller relives the show's most powerful moments, sheds light on its sometimes dated and problematic elements, and examines the worldwide trends that *Friends* catalyzed, from contemporary coffee culture to the wildly popular '90s haircut *The Rachel*. Taking readers behind the scenes, Miller traces the cast's rise to fame and untangles the complex relationship between the actors and their characters. Weaving in revelatory interviews and personal stories, she investigates the role of celebrity media, world-changing events and the dawning of the digital age—all of which influenced both the series and its viewers. *I'll Be There for You* is the definitive retrospective of *Friends*, not only for fans of the series, but for anyone who's ever wondered what it is about this show—and television comedy—that resonates so powerfully.

**You're Lucky You're Funny** Random House

All about one of the best tv series of the 1990s, *Wings*.

*The Golden House* St. Martin's Press

Tells the history of the music video, delving into its origins, function, stars, motifs, genres, conventions, and masterpieces. The author sees the music video as a fascinating oddity, capable of packing great wit, emotion, and insight into its brief span." - publisher.

[Music to My Years](#) Chicago Review Press

This is the first anthology that examines the TV sitcom in terms of its treatment of gender, family, class, race, and ethnic issues. The selections range from early shows such as *I Remember Mama* (George Lipsitz's "Why Remember Mama? The Changing Face of a Woman's Narrative") to the more recent *Roseanne* (Kathleen Rowe Karlyn's "Roseanne: Unruly Woman as a Domestic Goddess"). The volume also looks unflinchingly at major controversies; for example, the NAACP boycott of the stereotypical yet wildly popular *Amos 'n' Andy* and the queer reading of *Laverne and Shirley*. These diverse essays constitute a veritable history of postwar American mores. Some are classic, some forgotten, but all indicate the importance of considering text and subtext (social, historic, industrial) in the critical study of television. A final chapter by Joanne Morreale bids sitcoms adieu with the "cultural spectacle of *Seinfeld's* last episode."

*I'll Be There For You: The One about Friends* ABC-CLIO

From *I Love Lucy* to *Will & Grace*, this book looks at the television comedies that have tackled social issues, facilitated discussion, or in some other way have broken down barriers. Other landmark shows discussed here include *All in the Family*, *Ellen*, *The Golden Girls*, *Good Times*, *The Jeffersons*, *Maude*, *Modern Family*, *Roseanne*, and *Soap*.

**A Complete Guide to the TV Sitcom Wings** World Book

For over fifty years, the beloved 1960s sitcom *Bewitched* has

been enchanting television audiences. Created at a turbulent time in American history, *Bewitched* offered a brief respite from the worries of the day. The *Bewitched History Book* ties in the events of the times with each episode and breaks down each episode in depth. Within these pages you will learn everything about America's favorite witch, Samantha Stephens, her dreary mortal husband, Durwood—er—Darrin, and the grand host of witches, warlocks, and marvelous mortals who accompanied them on their journey as television's most unique couple. Rare trivia and photos accompany the episodes, as you learn which witch went which way along with what mortal madness materialized in the swinging 1960s of suburbia! David Pierce is considered to be the *Bewitched* Historian from his posts at [www.harpiesbizarre.com](http://www.harpiesbizarre.com) and [www.facebook.com/bewitchedhistorybook](http://www.facebook.com/bewitchedhistorybook). He is a brokerage case manager for disability insurance. This is his first book. *The World Book Encyclopedia* Simon and Schuster

The meaning of our concern for mortal remains—from antiquity through the twentieth century The Greek philosopher Diogenes said that when he died his body should be tossed over the city walls for beasts to scavenge. Why should he or anyone else care what became of his corpse? In *The Work of the Dead*, acclaimed cultural historian Thomas Laqueur examines why humanity has universally rejected Diogenes's argument. No culture has been indifferent to mortal remains. Even in our supposedly disenchanted scientific age, the dead body still matters—for individuals, communities, and nations. A remarkably ambitious history, *The Work of the Dead* offers a compelling and richly detailed account of how and why the living have cared for the dead, from antiquity to the twentieth century. The book draws on a vast range of sources—from mortuary archaeology, medical tracts, letters, songs, poems, and novels to painting and landscapes in order to recover the work that the dead do for the living: making human communities that connect the past and the future. Laqueur shows how the churchyard became the dominant resting place of the dead during the Middle Ages and why the cemetery largely supplanted it during the modern period. He traces how and why since the nineteenth century we have come to gather the names of the dead on great lists and memorials and why being buried without a name has become so disturbing. And finally, he tells how modern cremation, begun as a fantasy of stripping death of its history, ultimately failed—and how even the ashes of the victims of the Holocaust have been preserved in culture. A fascinating chronicle of how we shape the dead and are in turn shaped by them, this is a landmark work of cultural history.

#### *Natural Order* A&C Black

If you've watched TV in the last 50 years, you already love Bill Persky. He discovered Goldie Hawn, gave Kelsey Grammer his first television job, created the ground breaking TV series "That Girl" and won 5 Emmy Awards. Raising his three daughters as a single parent, Bill Persky's life has been its own never ending situation comedy helping him write *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, *Welcome Back Kotter*, *Who's The Boss*, *Kate & Allie*, *Bill Cosby* and *Sid Caesar*, this book is the sitcom he has lived. A wonderful inside look at television and life in the chaotic past 50 years. Among the marquee names that sparkled brightly in Persky's universe are Mary Tyler Moore, Bill Cosby, Sid Caesar, Steve Allen, Goldie Hawn, Peter Sellers, Susan St. James, Jane Curtin, Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Tim Conway, Andy Williams, Cary Grant and The Smothers Brothers.

#### **The Bewitched History Book - 50th Anniversary Edition** Harlequin

In this memoir full of humor and heart, comedian, writer, and producer Cristela Alonzo shares personal stories of growing up as

a first-generation Mexican-American in Texas and following her dreams to pursue a career in comedy. When Cristela Alonzo and her family lived as squatters in an abandoned diner, they only had two luxuries: a television and a radio, which became her pop cultural touchstone and a guiding light. Cristela shares her experiences and struggles of being a first-generation American, her dreams of becoming a comedian, and how it feels to be a creator in a world that often minimizes people of color and women. Her stories range from the ridiculous—like the time she made her own tap shoes out of bottle caps or how the theme song of *The Golden Girls* landed her in the principal's office—to the sobering moments, like how she turned to stand-up comedy to grieve the heartbreaking loss of her mother and how, years later, she's committed to giving back to the community that helped make her. Each significant moment of the book relates to a song, and the resulting playlist is deeply moving, resonant, and unforgettable. *Music to My Years* will make you laugh, cry, and even inspire you to make a playlist of your own.

#### **The Untold Story of the Greatest Sitcom of the 2000s: An Oral History** Rutgers University Press

"The most blisteringly impassioned music book of the season."  
—New York Times Book Review

A thrilling account of the Altamont Festival—and the dark side of the '60s. If Woodstock tied the ideals of the '60s together, Altamont unraveled them. In *Just a Shot Away*, writer and critic Saul Austerlitz tells the story of "Woodstock West," where the Rolling Stones hoped to end their 1969 American tour triumphantly with the help of the Grateful Dead, the Jefferson Airplane, and 300,000 fans. Instead the concert featured a harrowing series of disasters, starting with the concert's haphazard planning. The bad acid kicked in early. The Hells Angels, hired to handle security, began to prey on the concertgoers. And not long after the Rolling Stones went on, an 18-year-old African-American named Meredith Hunter was stabbed by the Angels in front of the stage. The show, and the Woodstock high, were over. Austerlitz shows how Hunter's death came to symbolize the end of an era while the trial of his accused murderer epitomized the racial tensions that still underlie America. He also finds a silver lining in the concert in how Rolling Stone's coverage of it helped create a new form of music journalism, while the making of the movie about Altamont, *Gimme Shelter*, birthed new forms of documentary. Using scores of new interviews with Paul Kantner, Jann Wenner, journalist John Burks, filmmaker Joan Churchill, and many members of the Rolling Stones' inner circle, as well as Meredith Hunter's family, Austerlitz shows that you can't understand the '60s or rock and roll if you don't come to grips with Altamont.

#### *A Reading of the Sitcom* Penguin

From "City Lights" to "Knocked Up," this history examines American film from the perspective of its unwanted stepbrother, the comedy, and puts the comic titans of the present in the context of their predecessors. The 30 chapters and 100 essays follow the connections that link Mae West to Marilyn Monroe and W. C. Fields to Will Ferrell. Offering unvarnished insight into comedians and directors such as Buster Keaton, Christopher Guest, Eddie Murphy, and Ben Stiller, this eye-opening, entertaining, and enlightening tour encompasses the masterpieces, the box-office smashes, and all the little-known gems in between. Laurel and Hardy, Marilyn Monroe, Peter Sellers, Mel Brooks, Richard Pryor, Steve Martin, and the Coen Brothers are among others profiled, while a list of the top-100 American film comedies is also included.

#### *A Novel* Praetorian Publishing

The form is so elemental, so basic, that we have difficulty imagining a time before it existed: a single set, fixed cameras, canned laughter, zany sidekicks, quirky family antics. Obsessively

watched and critically ignored, sitcoms were a distraction, a gentle lullaby of a kinder, gentler America—until suddenly the artificial boundary between the world and television entertainment collapsed. In this book we can watch the growth of the sitcom, following the path that leads from *Lucy* to *The Phil Silvers Show*; from *The Dick Van Dyke Show* to *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*; from *M\*A\*S\*H* to *Taxi*; from *Cheers* to *Roseanne*; from *Seinfeld* to *Curb Your Enthusiasm*; and from *The Larry Sanders Show* to *30 Rock*. Each sitcom episode is a self-enclosed world, a brief overturning of the established order of its universe before returning to the precise spot from which it had begun. In twenty-four episodes, *Sitcom* surveys the history of the form, and functions as both a TV mixtape of fondly remembered shows that will guide us to notable series and larger trends, and a carefully curated guided tour through the history of one of our most treasured art forms. Saul Austerlitz is the author of *Another Fine Mess: A History of the American Film Comedy*, named by Booklist as one of the ten best arts books of 2010, and *Money for Nothing: A History of the Music Video from the Beatles to the White Stripes*. His work has been published in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Slate*, and elsewhere.

[A History of the Music Video from the Beatles to the White Stripes](#)  
*Sitcom* A History in 24 Episodes from *I Love Lucy* to *Community*  
 Joyce Sparks has lived the whole of her 86 years in the small community of Balsden, Ontario. As a girl, Joyce allowed herself to imagine a future of adventure in the arms of her friend Freddy Pender, whose chin bore a Kirk Douglas cleft and who danced the cha-cha divinely. Though troubled by the whispered assertions of her sister and friends that he wasn't 'normal,' Joyce adored Freddy for all that was un-Balsden in his flamboyant ways. When Freddy led the homecoming parade down the main street, his expertly twirled baton and outrageous white suit gleaming in the

sun, Joyce fell head over heels in unrequited love. Years later, Joyce married Charlie, who was nothing like Freddy, and bore a son who very much reminded her of Freddy. Tragic news of her childhood love arrived and Joyce was forced to face how far she should go to protect the fate and life of her son and the implications her decision had. Today, as her life ebbs away in the bed at Chestnut Park Nursing Home, Joyce ponders the terrible choices she made as a mother and wife and doubts that she can be forgiven, or that she deserves to be. When a young nursing home volunteer named Timothy appears, so much like her long lost son, Joyce wonders if there be some grace in her life after all. Voiced by an unforgettable and heartbreakingly flawed narrator, *Natural Order* is a masterpiece of empathy, a wry and tender depiction of the end-of-life remembrances and reconciliations that one might undertake when there is nothing more to lose, and no time to waste.

**Is This Anything?** University of Chicago Press

The first book in twenty-five years from “one of our great comic minds” (*The Washington Post*) features *Seinfeld*’s best work across five decades in comedy. Since his first performance at the legendary New York nightclub “Catch a Rising Star” as a twenty-one-year-old college student in fall of 1975, Jerry Seinfeld has written his own material and saved everything. “Whenever I came up with a funny bit, whether it happened on a stage, in a conversation, or working it out on my preferred canvas, the big yellow legal pad, I kept it in one of those old school accordion folders,” Seinfeld writes. “So I have everything I thought was worth saving from forty-five years of hacking away at this for all I was worth.” For this book, Jerry Seinfeld has selected his favorite material, organized decade by decade. In this “trove of laugh-out-loud one-liners” (*Associated Press*), you will witness the evolution of one of the great comedians of our time and gain new insights into the thrilling but unforgiving art of writing stand-up comedy.

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