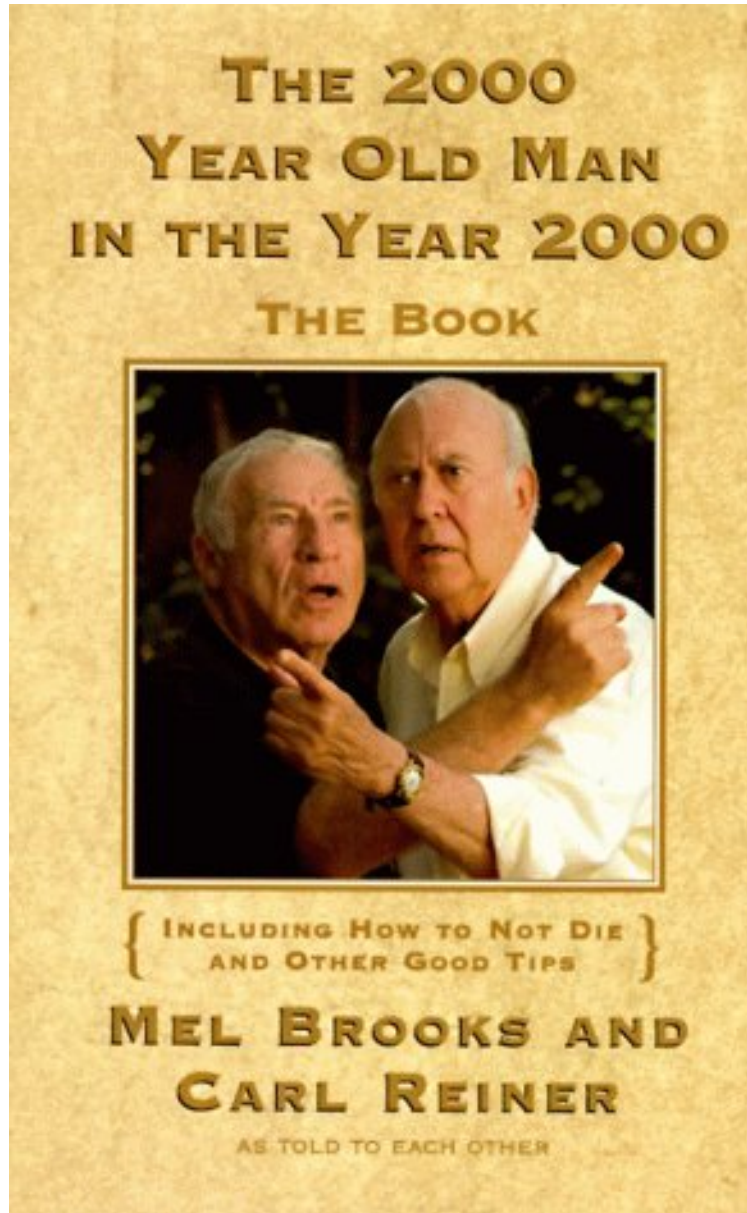


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laughed aloud. There was some whispering and the woman next to me changed her seat. Some of it may be recycled shtick but it still seems fresh. Most I've never seen/heard and I have listened to the Old Man CDs. I'd say there's fifty belly laughs, ten chortles, one guffaw, three titters and a smile. It will give you a few hours of delightfully outrageous grumpy old Jewish man humor. I should know. Buy it. Read it. Laugh. Eat your oatmeal and let me alone already. ENDO of 0 people found the following review helpful. One StarBy Shellsoo stupid0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy mary in new york city laugh out loud funny !

The 2000 Year Old Man was actually born in 1950, when Carl Reiner bought a \$138 Revere tape recorder, plugged in the microphone, and instead of saying, "Testing, testing," turned to Mel Brooks and asked, "Is it true that you were at the scene of the Crucifixion some 2000 years ago?" As Brooks' imagination took flight, the old man uttered his first remembrance of things past with a moan of "Oooooooooohboy." And then: "I knew Christ, Christ was a thin lad, always wore sandals. Hung around with 12 other guys. They came in the store, no one ever bought anything. Once they asked for water." Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks ad-libbed their first interviews between the miraculous ancient sage and the reporter covering his history-making arrival in the United States. The 2000 Year Old Man knew everyone from Jesus to Shakespeare, Cleopatra to Paul Revere. He was there when men discovered women, and he dated Joan of Arc. The feisty raconteur had been married several hundred times. He had 42,000 children -- "and not one comes to visit me." The Jewish Methuselah had something to say about everyone and everything -- from religion to soul kissing, from taxes to nectarines: "Half a peach, half a plum. It's a hell of a fruit!" Brooks never knew what Reiner was going to ask, and Reiner only knew that he would never get the same answer twice. Reiner calls it "writing with the mouth." Most of the targets Reiner and Brooks skewered between 1961 and 1974 on record albums are still with us, including food, cigarettes, the power of advertising, selling America to Japan, neglected children, fear of homosexuals in the military, inadequate health care, fad diets, violent films and pretentious filmmakers. In this millennial update of the cult comedy classic, the 2000 Year Old Man offers his unique wit and wisdom on everything from the Mars landing to shopping malls; homeopathy to the invention of the infomercial; his own dietary secrets, from eating a swirl to his time-tested Seven-Day Diet; and pet peeves, from rap music to "If you know the extension, press one..." The humor of The 2000 Year Old Man in the Year 2000 is a hilarious antidote to the millennial literature of the '90s.

.com In 1960, two young, little-known comedians released an album of largely improvised sketches in which a journalist interviews a 2,000-year-old man. The journalist was Carl Reiner; the crotchety Jewish Methuselah was Mel Brooks. The album was a hit, giving a huge boost to both of their careers. It was followed by three more records over the next 13 years, as well as numerous "2,000-year-old man" TV appearances by the pair. Now, after a 24-year hiatus, Brooks and Reiner have revived the 2,000-year-old man in honor of the millennium, soliciting his views on everything from voice-mail trees to rap music--from the Mars landing to infomercials. While the format doesn't have the breakthrough freshness it did in 1960--and while jokes about being old may have a more poignant edge now coming from these two--Brooks and Reiner are still very funny men, and The 2,000 Year Old Man in the Year 2000 is a welcome visit with them. From Library Journal The team that created the 2000-year-old man revive him for the millennium. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. "A fantastic collection of one of the greatest bits in 2000 years of comedy history." -- -- Jerry Seinfeld "After you read this, you will laugh for at least 2000 years." -- -- Johnny Carson "This book is really funny.... The 2000 year old man will live forever." -- -- Alan Alda