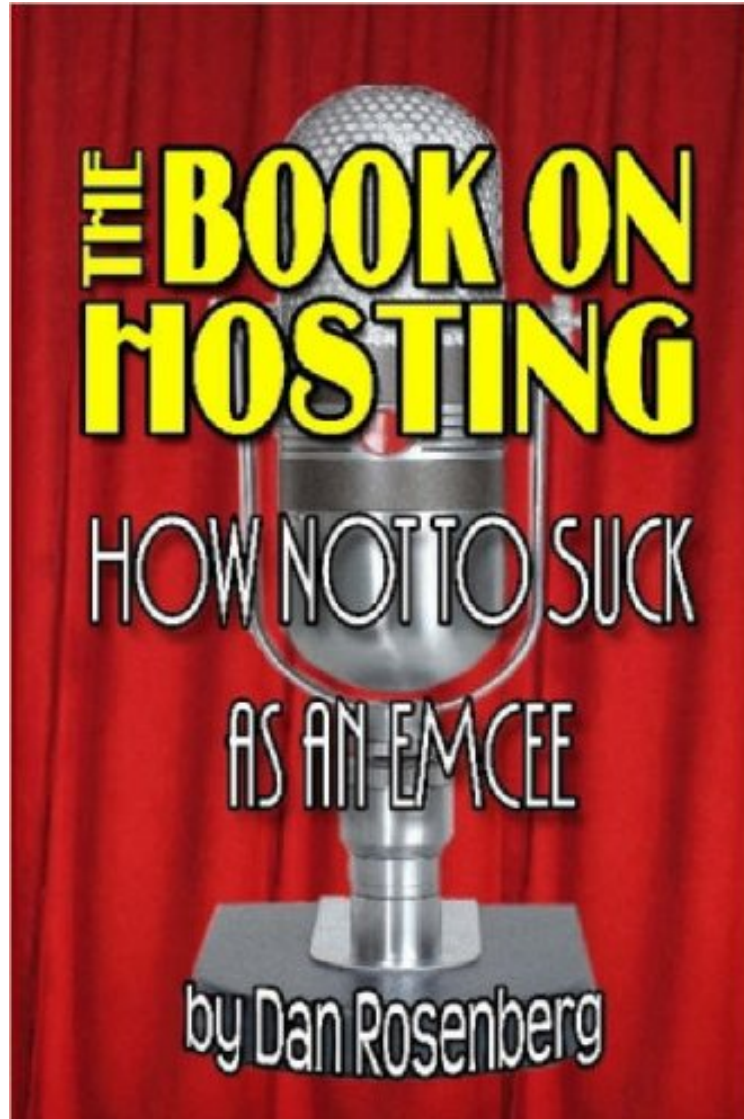


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great Book. Buy It Now!By ILikeBooksDan Rosenberg has done a great service to the comedy world by writing this book. Whether you're starting out as a comic or just thinking about performing at an open mic reading this book will help you tremendously. Here's why: There is a natural progression that happens in comedy which is very similar to other professions. Like a doctor (attends high school, college, medical

school and residency) a comic's journey begins at open mic's, next hosting, featuring and progresses to headlining. (Although in rare occasions some comics can skip hosting and progress to a feature act.) This journey is usually a very long process because it requires the comic to perfect his/her craft. Unlike becoming a doctor there are no clear cut rules while starting out as what to do and what not to do. But believe me, the rules do exist and you're left on your own as a newbie to slowly figure them out through painful trial and error. Furthermore, most (not all) comics who are more experienced than you will rarely help you learn them all. What Dan has done here is help you speed up your learning curve in a way that will help you become a better comic faster and also help you gain the respect of your fellow comics which should be important to you. If you want to be a respected comic who knows what they are doing onstage read this book ASAP. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Is this thing on? By Christopher B. Martin I'm not talking about the mic. I'm talking about the spell check on Dan Rosenberg's word processor. This is a book about professionalism that is riddled with typos. If you're going to ask people to pay \$19.95 for a book -- hey, you can buy "War and Peace" by Tolstoy for \$13.57 on -- would it kill you to proofread it? This is a book that advises you not to be a hack but suggests you say things like "How about a big hand for the waitstaff?" Underneath all the padding -- war/horror stories by comedians and pages of big type -- there's a \$10 book with a lot of useful information struggling to get out. A masochistic streak in comedians relishes telling tales of horrible gigs in Lower West Armpit. While these may be more compelling than behind-the-scenes in the haberdashery business, it doesn't make them any less of a cliché. Unfortunately, as with comedy clubs in many small cities, this book is the only game in town. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Easy read and entertaining By Kandycethis is an easy and entertaining read. It is not as instructional as I would have liked but I still enjoyed it.

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