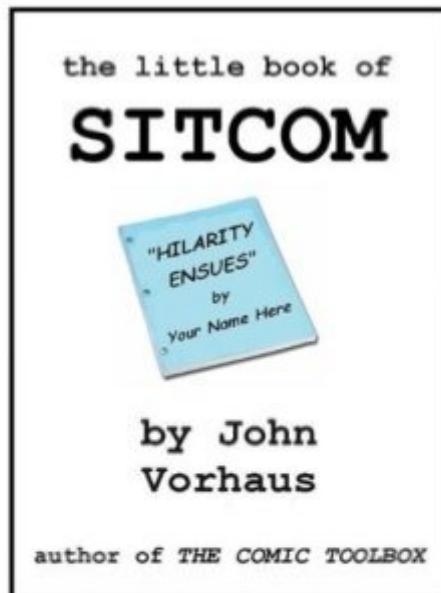


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Writing situation comedies isn't really that hard. So much of what you need to know is already defined for you. You know that your script needs to be a certain short length, with a certain small number of characters. You know that your choice of scenes is limited to your show's standing sets and maybe one or two swing sets or outside locations. You know how your characters behave and how they're funny, either because you invented them or because you're writing for a show where these things are already well established. Sitcom is easy and sitcom is fun. Sitcom is the gateway drug to longer forms of writing. It's a pretty good buzz and a pretty good ride, a great way to kill an afternoon, or even six months. And now, thanks to comedy writing guru John Vorhaus (author of *THE COMIC TOOLBOX: HOW TO BE FUNNY EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT*), writing situation comedy is easier than ever. In *THE LITTLE BOOK OF SITCOM*, you'll find a whole trove of tools, tricks and problem-solving techniques that you can use -- now, today -- to be the sitcom writer of your wildest dreams. Ready to write? Ready to have fun? *THE LITTLE BOOK OF SITCOM* is the big little book for you.

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