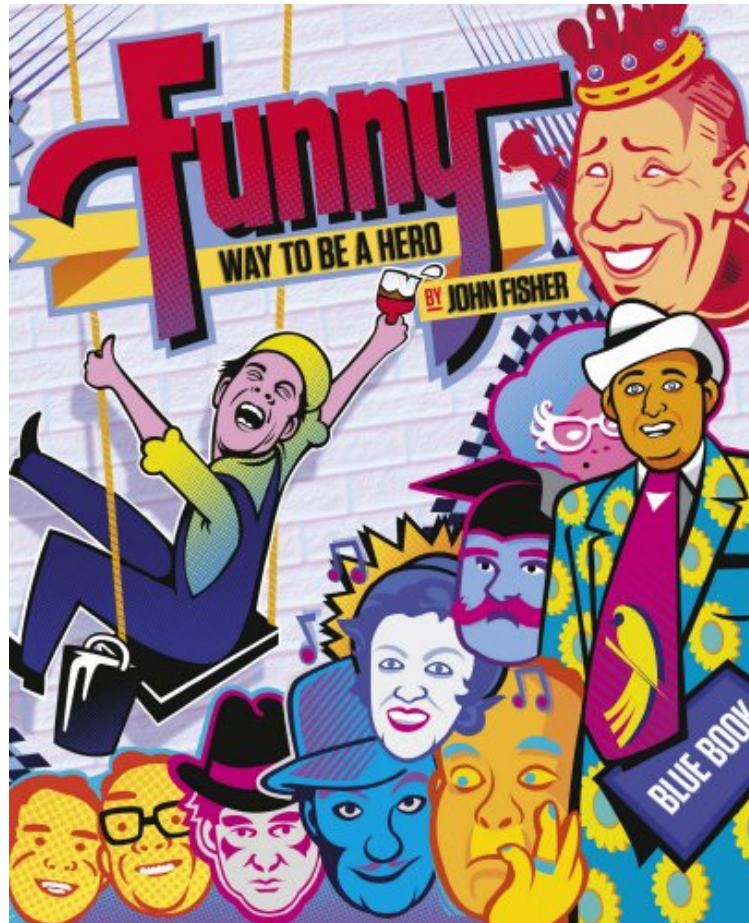


## Funny Way to Be a Hero

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**John Fisher : Funny Way to Be a Hero** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Funny Way to Be a Hero:

The stand-up comedian is our hero. Unchanged fundamentally since the days of the Music Hall, heard occasionally shehas been a waspish or laconic or outrageous commentator on politics, sex, work, friends, and the family. John Fisher traces the traditions of the music hall comedian as they are handed down through the great British comics of the twentieth century. Dan Leno, the Crazy Gang, Will Hay, and Max Miller are seen to pass the baton to the great radio comics like Arthur Askey, Tony Hancock, Frankie Howerd, and the Goons. In time, Morecambe and Wise, Tommy Cooper, Benny Hill, the Two Ronnies, and Ken Dodd are seen to hold the flame. The comedians understand us as no one else, and in this distinctively original and funny book John Fisher comes close to understanding them, what makes us laugh and the connecting themes in their humor and our responses. First published in 1973 when he was in his late 20's, John Fisher's Funny Way to be a Hero is regarded as the finest book ever written on 20th century comedians and

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"If you want a book about all the great British comics, I can't think of a better one than Fisher's ... all written about with great affection and a detailed knowledge of their routines and jokes." \* *Mature Times* \* "Substantial, insightful, and extremely enjoyable" \* *The Stage* \* About the Author John Fisher is a television producer and executive whose shows include *Heroes of Comedy*, *Parkinson*, and *This Is Your Life*. He is a recognized authority on the history of popular entertainment, and is the author of *Call Them Irreplaceable*, *George Formby*, *Tommy Cooper*, and *Tony Hancock*.