



Judy Carter

Biography

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Judy Carter – standup comic, author, and master teacher has appeared on over one hundred TV shows. She is the author of *Standup Comedy: The Book* (Dell Books, 1989) which has sold over 150,000 copies. Her latest book – *The Comedy Bible* (Simon & Schuster; September 2001) – the definitive guide to making a career out of making people laugh., was featured on *Oprah* and *Good Morning America*. Ten years ago she formed Comedy Workshop Productions, which runs comedy classes nationwide. Carter also produces the annual California Comedy Conference, which is attended by top Hollywood VIPs including executives from HBO, Warner Bros, William Morris Agency and others.

"Judy Carter can show you how to make your sense of humor payoff." — Oprah Winfrey

"Judy said that she could make me funny, even though everyone knows I'm not funny." — Diane Sawyer

Carter's expertise at teaching others to use comedy to transform their lives and careers has created a nationwide demand for her as a corporate and college speaker. Carter has inspired thousands of people to use humor to deal with change and laugh their way out of stress.

"Remember when you saw your first paycheck? What did you say? 'This IS a joke—and who is FICA and why are they getting all my money?'" —Judy Carter

Carter's pioneering approach to turning "problems into punchlines" has generated articles in the *Wall Street Journal*, *LA Times*, *New York Times* and *Success Magazine* as well as features on *CNN*, *ABC World News*, *Oprah*, and *National Public Radio*, where she transformed two somber IRS agents into killer comics. She has brought her "don't get mad, get funny" philosophy to Fortune 500 companies such as Boeing, Lucent Technologies, Fedex, Blue Cross and Pacific Bell. They have found her "tell-it-like-it-is" (only funnier) approach advantageous when tackling sensitive issues like downsizing, layoffs, and even dealing with sexual orientation.

"Biggots say that all gay people are going to hell. If that's true, I'd like to see how everyone in Heaven's going to get their hair done." —Judy Carter

Carter has used her approach to comedy to raise consciousness as well as money for good causes. She created a comedy workshop for people living with AIDS—"HIV: Humor is Vital." In addition, she has worked with groups such as Wellness Community cancer patients and Cedars Sinai social workers, showing that "Humor Heals."

Carter started her career as a professional magician, being one of the first women to work at the prestigious Magic Castle in Hollywood and created quite a stir with her "death-defying" escape from her grandmother's girdle. Carter's standup career launched when United Airlines lost the baggage with her magic act—and she had to go onstage without it. Since then, Carter has headlined at comedy venues such as the world famous Hollywood Improv and Caesar's Palace in Los Vegas, and was nominated for Atlantic City's Entertainer of the Year. Carter is also a passionate snowboarder and phenomenal matzo-ball soup maker. Her cat and two dogs allow her to share their home in Venice, CA.

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