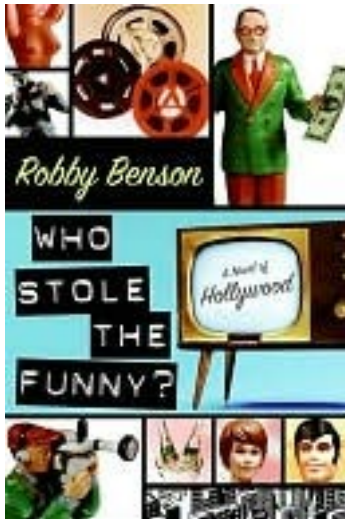


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**Robby Benson**

**Who Stole the Funny?**



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## Description

A wickedly delicious roman-a-clef about the making of a sitcom called My Urban Buddies (aka Friends), this satirical romp answers the question for those who ever wondered what went on behind the scenes in the production of their favorite sit-com. Robby Benson can tell you, and does, in the novel WHO STOLE THE FUNNY, in which programmed-for-success director J.T. Baker has to bring an up-and-coming sitcom to fruition after its initial director shoots himself in the head with a nail gun. Thoughtfully annotated with helpful and enlightening Hollywood glossary terms, (Creative-type director: One who has no hope of working in this town again; Eccentric: Affecting a style of dress, coiffure, speech, mannerisms, etc. carefully calculated to give the impression of creative credibility) WHO STOLE THE FUNNY takes place in an exaggerated world of crazy writers, backstabbing directors, foul-mouthed everyone-elses and hardcore cynics. With fast-paced scenes, hilarious dialogue and the ridiculous inner monologues behind them, WHO STOLE THE FUNNY will make you think twice about what's going on behind every innocuous group of urban roommates you've ever fallen for on TGIF.

## Insightful reviews

Jennifer: Read this one quickly, but it was not so good. A very dark satire on life in Hollywood, which is either meant to be completely over the top or the author is just an extremely negative person. And it seemed so thinly veiled - calling the show in the book "I Love My Urban Buddies" when the biographical information said the author directed "Friends," naming actresses on the show "Janice Hairston" and "Betty Balz" (presumably instead of Jennifer Aniston and Courtney Cox), etc. that it really seemed excessively spiteful.

Edward: Director/Teen heartthrob Robby Benson turns his extensive experience in the seamy world of hollywood television production into a biting satire of that world. I especially enjoy the adventures of the cast and crew of "My Urban Buddies", which in interviews Benson denies being anything like the cast of the series "Friends", which he occasionally directed.

Robin: This was indeed funny, but became a farce midway. Too much of a good thing. Fewer characters and less zaniness might have helped.

Pam: 01/30/08 rec through pbs

Jessica: Is it outstanding prose? Nope. Then why do i love it so much? It humorous and ludicrous and out correct ridiculous AKA precisely the fact of why I left Hollywood. it can be a novel, yet those characters are probably according to actually well-known those who are close to and expensive to the general public and a few of them are beautiful effortless to decipher. Quick, biting, effortless read. I laughed out loud. i like whilst that happens. it'd be a nitch booklet though.

Miramira Endevall: i feel this is not truly exaggerated at all, yet that is most likely simply because I lived and labored in l. a. los angeles Land. i will be able to see very basically that he is mashed up a few timelines, and he could be exaggerating approximately his personal neurotic

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responses (sometimes), yet this booklet smacks of far more fact than fiction.

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