

What in the World Makes Priceless Humor Priceless?

Stories have been told and retold for centuries throughout the world. Why? For one thing, they are entertaining. For another, they deal with the human condition. Even stories using animals as characters reflect the situations and actions of our species.

For centuries as well, life has been a struggle. Wars. Famine. Relationship scuffles. All of which beg for some direction, some assistance. Some kind of resolution.

Needless to say, no one cares to listen to preaching. We prefer to take our medicine with a bit of sweetener. Enter laughter. It is the honey in the brew. Priceless humor is filled with wit and wisdom. A unique combination.

As you know, laughter lightens the heart. Laughter takes the sting out of life. And everyone loves to laugh at the foibles of our own species (as long as it happens at the expense of another). Call it priceless humor.

Look at the great humorists around us. Art Buchwald. George Carlin. Garrison Kiellor. Look at history and the humorists that litter the pages. Mark Twain Ogden Nash. Storytellers all. Priceless humor their brush.

What makes priceless humor? The answer is simple. Priceless humor involves situations which most of us have experienced. The lost keys. The comic situation. The consequences that follow are generally laughable.

You will find lots of priceless humor in urban folktales. My CD Parking in Manhattan illustrates many humorous circumstances. Folks can relate to and empathize with the characters involved in these hilarious comedies. Priceless situations create priceless humor.

You can also find many examples of priceless humor in world stories. The retelling of such stories never ceases to bring gales of laughter to listeners. Check out "Rock Soup" or "Herschel in the Woods" from my CD Fables in Four Minutes. Listen to "The Egg Seller" or "Hickory Dock" from World Full of Stories. There are many similar examples of priceless humor from virtually every country on the planet. These stories will stick with you long after you heard them. At www.jaystetzer.com you will find a rich source of priceless humor!

I listen to lots of conversations. They are laden with disasters and catastrophes. And the life lessons are generally hidden from view. It is my job as a storyteller to sort out the meaning from all the information I hear. Also, I need to inject a bit of humor to make the tale palatable. Priceless humor.

There is priceless humor in virtually every genre. What is the reason for it? Simple answer number two. Laughter makes learning easier. A story with priceless humor often comes with a lesson attached. Priceless humor is... priceless!

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