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Review

"I've cooked a few meals in my day, but trust me, nobody knows how to cook someone's goose like Jeffrey Ross. He will teach you how to baste and bake all of your family and friends until every relationship is burnt beyond recognition. Ross is a flame-thrower at both ends." -- Rachael Ray

"'I Only Roast the Ones I Love' is Jeff Ross's most insulting work yet. An indispensable guide to making certain everyone you know hates you. Very, very funny. Jeff's writing is the reason I learned to read." -- Jimmy Kimmel

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"'I Only Roast the Ones I Love' is one of the funniest, most compelling, touching, and controversial books I've ever read. If you love the art of people onstage saying funny insults that make your whole life's work seem like a bunch of crap, then this is the book for you." -- Chris Rock

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"Do yourself a favor...get Jeff's book, curl up next to the fireplace...and throw it in." -- Bob Saget

About the Author

Jeffrey Ross is the current New York Friars' Club Roastmaster General and was a roaster for Comedy Central's Roast of Pamela Anderson in 2005. Ross has appeared on television shows, such as The Late Show with David Letterman, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Late Night with Conan O'Brien, and many others. He's also a regular on The Opie and Anthony Show and has also appeared on HBO's Six Feet Under and Showtime's Weeds. In film, he has appeared in Stuck on You and The Aristocrats. His first hour-long Comedy Central special No Offense: Life from New Jersey aired August 2008. Jeffrey Ross, the meanest man in comedy and "one man verbal assault unit" (MTV), offers anecdotes and deconstructs the makings of a great roast—based on his own career as the Friars' Club Roastmaster General. 21

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INSULTRODUCTION

MY NAME IS JEFFREY ROSS, but I am commonly known as the Roastmaster General. I'm not entirely sure how I got this title, but it has stuck and I am proud of it. Most stand-up comics are self-deprecating. I'm all-deprecating. Sure, I occasionally make fun of myself—but I *specialize* in making fun of others. I'm what is commonly known as an insult comic. *Diss* is my life.

I never planned on making fun of people for a living. It happened by accident. In fact, my whole life has been a series of happy and not-so-happy accidents that have transformed me into the black belt in busting balls that I am today. I am very fond of my reputation, but I must admit that it's a blessing and a curse. I may make a nice living—but every now and then somebody wants to kill me.

With this book I offer you my philosophies of roasting, which are also my principles for a better life. If you adapt these principles to your own experiences, they will surely help guide your journey through an increasingly harsh world.



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