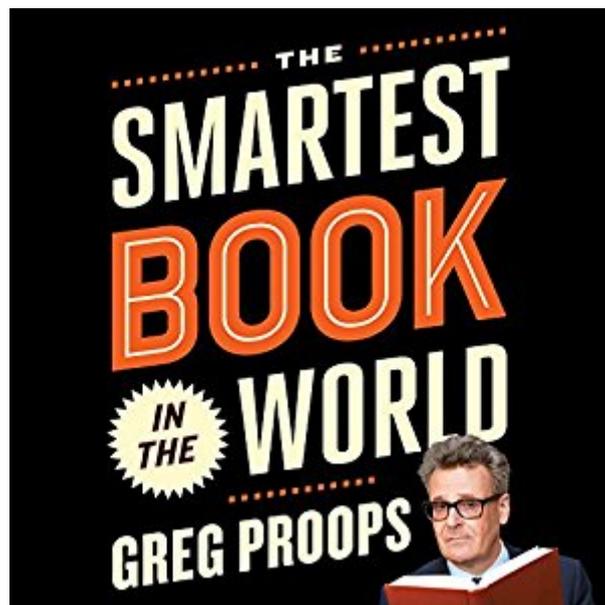


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# The Smartest Book In The World: A Lexicon Of Literacy, A Rancorous Reportage, A Concise Curriculum Of Cool



## Synopsis

Greg Proops is an internationally renowned comedian, best known for starring on the hit improv comedy show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* and for his popular, award-winning podcast, *The Smartest Man in the World*, which *Rolling Stone* magazine called "some of the boldest comedy on the podcasting frontier right now". But Proops is also a fountain of historical knowledge, a wealth of pop-culture trivia, and a generally charming know-it-all. *The Smartest Book in the World* is based on Proops' sensational, iTunes Top 10 podcast. The audiobook is a rollicking reference guide to the most essential areas of knowledge in Proops' universe, from the noteworthy names of the ancient world and baseball to the movies you must see and the albums you must hear. Complete with history's juiciest tales and curious backstories, Proops expounds on the merits of poetry and proper punctuation, delivering this wealth of information with his signature style and Proopsian panache. An offbeat and exuberant guide to everything, *The Smartest Book in the World* gives you everything you need to know to always be the smartest person in the room.

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humor from his podcast to the printed page in this miscellany of uber-short essays on anything hip and cool from his perspective. Proops talks about the passions in his life, from baseball to poetry to movies to music to feminism, making snarky remarks on their oddity and hilarity along the way. His ostentatious verbosity is as deliberate as it's entertaining. There are plenty of interesting lists as well (which actually contain some historical and academic truth). Many of the lists take the form of baseball teams -- Proops assigns people, of certain categories, to different positions on a baseball team. The wittiest lists are perhaps 1) the "All-Time British Monarchy Baseball Team" (pg. 181), in which Elizabeth I is the Manager and Richard the Lionhearted plays Catcher; and 2) the "Dictators Baseball Team" (pg. 253), where Adolf Hitler plays the manager, Fidel Castro the pitcher, and Chairman Mao the designated hitter. Proops plays Augusto Pinochet at center field, because "Backed by the U.S., he willingly takes support and is a team player." Another great list, unrelated to baseball, is "Art I Wish I Had the Balls to Steal" (pg. 279). Mona Lisa is not on the list.

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