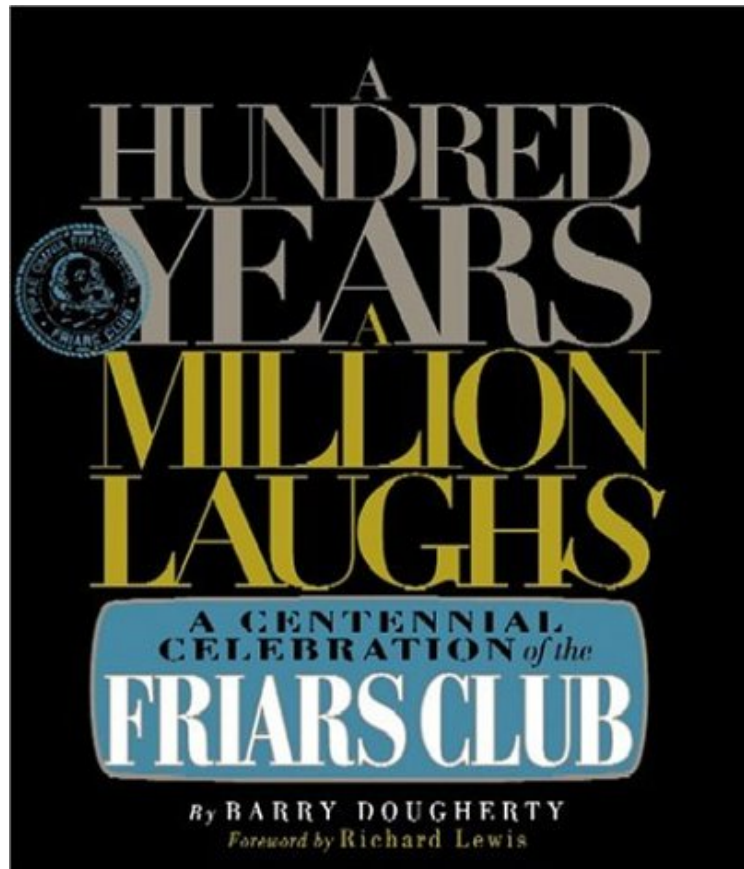


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also includes caricatures drawn by the legendary Al Hirschfeld. This book is a tremendous resource of popular culture information. Highly recommended. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A unique masterpiece of American humor. By Midwest Book Review. The Friars Club is a showbusiness icon and a legendary entertainment organization principally known for its Friars Club Roasts, Friars Club Testimonials, and Friars Club Frolics where the best names of 20th Century American entertainment regularly engaged in ribald comedy and musical merry-making. A Hundred Years, A Million Laughs : A Centennial Celebration Of The Friars Club by Barry Dougherty will serve to introduce a whole new generation of readers to this famously secretive organization's "monastery" located in midtown Manhattan, as it reveals the group's colorful history from its humble beginnings in 1904 down to its present day worldwide popularity. Enhanced with almost 200 photographs and timeless Al Hirschfeld caricatures, A Hundred Years, A Million Laughs is a unique masterpiece of American humor, show biz, and pop culture history that would embellish any personal, academic, or community library collection.

Hallowed ground for comics, the Friars Club lays claim to be the most prestigious entertainment organization in the world. Until this book, the Friars Club was a members-only hideaway. With A Hundred Years, A Million Laughs the Friars swing open the doors to the famously secretive organization's monastery in midtown Manhattan. Starting with the club's humble beginnings in 1904, Friars Club author Barry Dougherty reveals the group's ups and downs through the '30s and '40s, its golden age in the '50s and '60s, and its importance today to a new generation of comics and entertainers. With nearly 200 photos many never before seen and timeless Al Hirschfeld caricatures, A Hundred Years, A Million Laughs captures America's favorite comedians in rare form as they perform for their peers.

Dougherty has produced the ultimate book on the origin and evolution of this legendary showbiz club -- Tim Boxer, 15minutes.com. About the Author Barry Dougherty is the editor of the Friars Club magazine, The Epistle. He has written and edited a number of books including How to Do It Standing Up and The Friars Club Book of Roasts and has written articles that have appeared in the New York Times and Newsday. He lives in New York City.