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For at least forty years, Calvin Trillin has committed blatant acts of funniness all over the place—in *The New Yorker*, in one-man off-Broadway shows, in his "deadline poetry" for *The Nation*, in comic novels like *Tepper Isn't Going Out*, in books chronicling his adventures as a happy eater, and in the column *USA Today* called "simply the funniest regular column in journalism."

Now Trillin selects the best of his funny stuff and organizes it into topics like high finance ("My long-term investment strategy has been criticized as being entirely too dependent on Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes") and the literary life ("The average shelf life of a book is somewhere between milk and yogurt.")

In *Quite Enough of Calvin Trillin*, the author deals with such subjects as the horrors of witnessing a voodoo economics ceremony and the mystery of how his mother managed for thirty years to feed her family nothing but leftovers ("We have a team of anthropologists in there now looking for the original meal") and the true story behind the Shoe Bomber: "The one terrorist in England with a sense of humor, a man known as Khalid the Droll, had said to the cell, 'I bet I can get them all to take off their shoes in airports.' " He remembers Sarah Palin with a poem called "On a Clear Day, I See Vladivostok" and John Edwards with one called "Yes, I Know He's a Mill Worker's Son, but There's Hollywood in That Hair."

In this, the definitive collection of his humor, Calvin Trillin is prescient, insightful, and invariably hilarious.

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