

# **The Secrets of Comedy Writing**

**How to construct effective comedy**

A presentation

by

**Trisha Adelena Howell (optional: with Addie & Rocky the Pekingese)**

***Both children and adults are fascinated to discover how comic writing is created!*** This interactive presentation helps participants understand what is involved in constructing effective comedy and how to apply this to their own work.

Each 30 minute to 1 hour presentation (depending on attendants' ages and interests) includes:

- Reading of excerpts from Trisha's book *The Pekinese Who Saved Civilization*, a hilarious dog view of humans, love, money, politics, etc.
- Discussion time—the fundamentals of what humor is and the techniques for creating it.
- Optional interaction with heart-winning puppies, Addie & Rocky the Pekingese

**Trisha Adelena Howell**, Author and Presenter, is the author of 16 books, with 5 published in the past year alone. As president of Howell Canyon Press, she has extensive experience in all aspects of book writing and publishing.

**Addie & Rocky the Pekingese**, optional co-presenters of the workshop, are friendly, playful, and gentle puppies who interact beautifully with both children and adults. They have been the inspiration for several Howell Canyon Press books.

**Trisha facilitates discussion of what humor is and what various techniques for creating it are. She will help participants discover:**

- What humor really is and where it comes from
- What the comic point of view and the comic situation are
- How humor stems from setting up and reversing expectations
- What satire, parody, and irony are and how to use them
- How to develop humorous characters
- How to use the law of comic opposites
- How to create comic connections
- What the general tools of humor are
- What some specific tools of humor are
- What the ten commandments and the ten prohibitions of writing comedy are
- What the four essential steps of writing comedy are

Trisha will provide a web link ([www.HowellCanyonPress.com/WritingPublishingHandouts.htm](http://www.HowellCanyonPress.com/WritingPublishingHandouts.htm)) for free handouts. These include detailed information about resources for writing, publishing, and marketing your own book as well as a free handout about "Comedy Writing Secrets."

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