

JEFF FOXWORTHY: Stand-Up Comedian, Stand-Up Guy

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ATLANTA, GA - Most people know **Jeff Foxworthy** as a famous stand-up comedian (in addition to being an actor, TV celebrity, producer and writer). What many people may not know, however, is that Jeff Foxworthy is also very much a "stand-up" guy. Fellow Atlantan and newly minted author himself, **Michael Garee**, explains.

*"As my first published book, **200 Sure-Fire, Lead-Pipe-Cinch, No-Question-About-It Ways to Tell If . . . You Might Be Getting OLD!** [Eloquent Books, 2008], was literally coming off the presses, I contacted Jeff Foxworthy to see if he would review it for me. Since my book was so strongly influenced by his *You Might Be a**

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Redneck If series of books, I had dedicated my book to him," Garee, a sixty-six-year-old retiree, said. "I thought it would be great if I could get him to review the book, being fully aware of how difficult it probably would be to make direct contact with Jeff. Still, I decided to take a chance and try to contact him through his New York City publisher."

About three months later, literally out of the blue, Garee said he received a personal letter from Foxworthy telling him that he would be glad to take a look at his (Garee's) new book and tell him what he thought of it.

"I was of course very grateful to receive a personal response from Jeff," Garee added, "but at the same time, I must admit, I was nearly floored too! Here was a man—a famous celebrity—who stays about as busy as one can imagine, but he still took the time to write me, a longtime fan, completely unknown to him, a personal letter. Amazing!"

As requested, Garee sent a copy of his new book to Foxworthy shortly after it was published, and true to his word, within a relatively short time, Foxworthy responded with a personal note.

"Get this," Garee laughed, *"Jeff begins his note with, 'Sorry for the delay!' Here is a man who currently is working on two new books, creating a new animated series, helping a friend with a new movie, opening new restaurants, is heavily involved in charity work with Duke University Children's Hospital in Durham, NC, which treats children with cancer, and hosts the popular TV series 'Smarter than a 5th grader,' and he apologizes to me for making me 'wait' for his review of my book!"*

How did Foxworthy like Garee's book?

"He said it made him 'laugh out loud, though too many of (the one-liners in my book) hit way too close to home,' since he just turned 50 himself this year," Garee said.

"I've been a fan of Jeff Foxworthy's comedy and writing for many, many years," Garee added, "and I've always thought of him as decent, family-oriented guy. Of course I was also aware that that could merely have been the persona he carefully cultivated. Now I know for certain that, not only is he a 'class act,' he's also a 'class guy.' A stand-up comedian—and a great and very talented one—yes, but also very much a real stand-up guy too!"

"In this day and age where celebrities daily make fools and asses of themselves with their outrageous lifestyles and bizarre behaviors,"Garee said, "it's refreshing to know that a celebrity like Jeff Foxworthy still takes his work seriously, but never himself, that he is still approachable by his fans and admirers."

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