

Humor

by Mike Harris

KNOW THYSELF ... Somewhere in my reading I came across the foregoing. I do not remember the author or anything more than that, but it has stuck with me these many many years. I, myself, am not funny, nor am I quick with a smart or witty answer. I can and do laugh at myself when I act ridiculously. That being said and the foregoing being true, I will not try to be what I am not. I tend to be more of a "why and how" person.

My first thought about the subject was the library and a book of jokes. On further deliberation I nixed that as not too smart. What then? Why not share what I consider the funniest classical writing that has survived down through the years. The author I am sure is known to all of you. I also think you may have guessed the story I am about to remind you of. Here is one the best selling authors of the last one hundred fifty years. The author is Shakespeare and the story "The Comedy of Errors" for those who may have forgotten, it is about two sets of twins.

My first introduction to this great author was at the age of eight. My father caught me with a Tom Swift novel. After taking it from me, he introduced me to great writing, "Twenty Thousand Leagues," "Around the World," "The Leather Stocking Tales," "The Jungle Book" and Lamb's "Tales of Shakespeare".

Humor has several stages. First there is the "smile" next there is the "the chuckle," and of course the most satisfying "The Hilarious." Treat yourself to the best, reread the story and laugh out loud. Try it, you will like it, I guarantee it.