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Sorry! If you are looking for bawdy little rhymes, you have come to the wrong place. *Limeriddles* are quite clean. They are simply riddles in the form of limericks. Each of the over 600 limericks below is about a different famous person. Can you tell who the person is from the clues in the limerick? Just add the line, “Who am I?” after each one. Each person may be living or dead, or may have never lived; that is, it may be a fictional person, such as character in a movie or book. All are names of people (no groups), although some may be “titular” names, such as The Gambler (from the song), The Boston Strangler, or the Maytag Repairman (from the commercial). Some names may be only a single name, such as Mandy or Lucille from the respective songs, since the songs give no last name.

The number given after the limerick refers to the number of the answer in the back of the book. Both limericks and answers are listed in totally random order, so there is no significance to the numbers, other than to identify the answers. (I did, however, make sure that #007 was not used for James Bond!) And, of course, don’t feel it necessary to remember both the first and last name; if you don’t remember the Soviet Union’s president Gorbachev’s first name, don’t sweat it!

Occasionally, a limerick may have two names assigned to it. Either answer is acceptable. In the case of actors, be sure to distinguish

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between the actor and any character they might have played. A limerick may be descriptive of more than one person. If you feel your answer is as good or better than mine, feel free to give yourself “double kudos”!

And it is easy to play *Limeriddles* as a game with others. Just give everyone a piece of paper to write down their answers and keep track of who gives the most correct answers.

In general, I have tried to use the past tense for people who are no longer alive and the present tense for those who are still alive, but that condition can change (unfortunately), and sometimes I may have to do otherwise to make things “fit”, so don’t count on that always being the case.

Note: I am rather an older fellow, so the names included in the book will undoubtedly reflect that. I did try, however, to use people that pretty much everybody will recognize. Undoubtedly, though, there are bound to be one or two names that any given reader won’t be familiar with. And while *Limeriddles* are not particularly meant to be funny, I think you will probably at least get a smile out of a few of them.

Also, be sure to check out my other fun books on the back pages.

They say if I had half a brain
I wouldn't run out in the rain,
But I had a kite
Just ready for flight
In lightning. Now was that insane?
#301

Oh, how I do love a big blast.
Some folks I did leave quite aghast
When I went one day
My rage to convey,
And blew up a courthouse, at last.
#003

Chicago was such a great place,
As long as you did know your place.
You got in my way?
There was hell to pay.
My gang, well now, they'd leave no trace.
#064

They sang that I lived in a dream,
And looking back, so did it seem.
I sat and looked far,
My face in a jar.
Was buried alone. How obscene!
#298

Oh, Dubya, he was such a lout.
He knew not what it was about.
Although number two,
I knew what to do,
So my designs I carried out.

#432

Yes, duels are bad, so they say,
But that didn't stop us that day.
As vice-president
I showed what I meant,
And Alex, he did in blood lay.

#133

Yes, secretaries can be great,
Especially if they are of state.
And I was the best,
Though you may contest.
My gravelly voice did nerves grate.

#193

Oh yes, science fiction's the thing,
Especially if you are writing.
But what's even better,
If you're a trend setter,
Is a new religion to spring.

#253

I tell you, there isn't a god.
I feel that that notion's so odd.
I teach evolution,
Not that big delusion.
Religion is such a big fraud!

#313

Yes, wrestling was my great thing.
Just loved to get into that ring.
But then I changed
And got so deranged.
Then to Minnesota did cling.

#194

I really did not want a war.
Its violence and blood I abhor.
But though 'twas not fun,
When it was all done,
We then had forced labor no more.

#123

My missions, I chose to accept
Once by that tape I had been prepped.
It gave us our job,
Then turned to a blob.
My team into action then stepped.

#605

Of TV I was the first lady.
Yes, even when I got past eighty.
In those days so olden
My girl was still golden.
The first woman in sitcom, Maty!
#349

On Boston's fair streets I did walk.
Those girls young and old I did stalk,
And I did not care,
As they gasped for air,
If my acts your conscience did shock.
#314

I am all so moral, you see,
And think we're the majority.
But I will still preach
Those lost souls to reach
And get them from their sin to flee.
#434

For civil rights I did stand
For everyone across the land,
Whether black or white.
I stood for what's right
As I made such speeches so grand.
#494

You know that I live in a cave,
But often come out and be brave,
Chasing them down
If penguin or clown.
The folks of that city I save.

#258

I up from silence did spring,
And my book with warning did ring.
Those poisons you see,
Such as DDT,
To our fair earth ruin will bring.

#554

Oh, I helped them out at the start,
But then I had a second heart.
My plans they did find.
Put me in a bind,
So off to the Brits I did dart.

#135

He sings, now, that if me you knew,
You'd understand his feelings true.
His heart yearns for me,
And so now you see,
He's pretty, pretty, pretty blue!

#358

I had such a great, evil urge,
That my people I had to purge.
So during my reign,
So full of much pain,
You would have heard many a dirge.

#545

I would surely love you to wear
Some blue jeans, that look, oh so fair.
They fit, oh so nice,
If you pay the price.
So I think I'll make you a pair.

#365

Oh, I was the giver of law
So long before any you saw.
So long before Jesus
And well before Remus,
My code did inspire such great awe.

#005

Oh, I was a man of dissent,
And so off to prison I went.
I endured disgrace
Because of my race,
But then I became president.

#066