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### Editorial Review

#### Review

"Bob Zmuda connects on so many levels with this gripping yet hilarious inside industry chronicle. A great story of unconditional friendship and love framed in a studied portrait of a fascinatingly complex, brilliant, unduplicable anti-performance artist who may well resurrect to blow our minds again."

—**Dan Aykroyd**

"Danger. What would've or WILL Andy do next???? We wondered every time we saw him on TV or live on stage. I still wonder. We still laugh. The definition of an enigma, LIKE NO OTHER."

—**Kathy Griffin**

"I never worked with Andy Kaufman and I never even watched *Taxi*. I do like the name Andy, if that's any help."

—**Paula Poundstone**

"Bob Zmuda was (is?) Andy Kaufman's partner in all of Andy's reality-bending adventures. Is Andy's death yet another elaborate hoax by the ultimate performance artist? An absolutely astonishing read, *Andy Kaufman: The Truth, Finally* reveals all. Prepare to be amazed!"

—**John Landis**

"I was so fascinated by the melding of Andy's and Zmuda's mind that I spent two years of my life making a movie about it."

—**Milos Forman**

"Zmuda offers what he calls 'a blow-by-blow account of how Andy Kaufman faked his own death.'"

—**Chicago Tribune**

#### About the Author

Andy Kaufman and his writing partner, **Bob Zmuda**, changed the worlds of comedy and performance in the 1970s, showing fans and friends alike a determination to follow put-ons into territory no one had ever even considered "comic" before. Their fervor was so intense that when Kaufman passed away suddenly in 1984, it seemed as if his death had been staged, with the reveal soon to come.

Zmuda met Kaufman in 1974, when Zmuda was a struggling comic himself. Soon he began writing for Andy until his (supposed) death in '84. Bob also wrote briefly for Rodney Dangerfield and was the late great Sam Kinison's producer, "another gifted provocateur," said Zmuda.

For nearly 30 years, Bob Zmuda has been the driving force behind one of America's most beloved charities, Comic Relief, probably best recognized for their telethons on HBO hosted by Robin Williams, Whoopi Goldberg, and Billy Crystal. As president and founder, he and his fellow comedians have raised over \$80 million for those in need.

A Grammy nominee and Emmy Award winner, Bob is also a bestselling author. His book *Andy Kaufman*

*Revealed* made top 10 lists nationwide. Two-time Academy Award winning director Milos Forman said, "I was so fascinated by the melding of Zmuda and Kaufman's minds that I spent two years of my life making a movie about them, *Man on the Moon*." The award winning film starred Jim Carrey as Kaufman and Paul Giamatti as Zmuda. Zmuda also coexecutive produced the film with Danny DeVito and Jersey Films.

On television, Bob has hosted several specials for Comedy Central and A&E. His television appearances include Saturday Night Live, Late Show with David Letterman, Jimmy Kimmel Live, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and all the Comic Relief telecasts. His acting credits include *Punchline*, *Batman*, *Man on the Moon*, *D.C. Cab* (which he also wrote), and *The Number 23*, again with Jim Carrey.

For the last few years, Zmuda has been producing Kaufman's alter ego, international singing sensation Tony Clifton, to sold out audiences. He is currently working on mounting the largest star-studded fundraiser ever for endangered wildlife worldwide.

**Lynne Margulies**, artist and filmmaker, was Andy Kaufman's partner, caretaker, and the love of his life until his death from lung cancer in 1984. Courtney Love portrayed Margulies in the Kaufman biopic *Man on the Moon* starring Jim Carrey. During the film's production, Margulies worked closely with Carrey, giving him rare insight into the human side of Andy Kaufman. Margulies teaches fine art at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She is the codirector of the documentary film *I'm From Hollywood*, which chronicles Kaufman's foray into the world of professional wrestling. Her latest art project is *The Book of Steve*, a four-foot by three-foot book which tells the story of her brother's descent into mental illness. Margulies, her musician husband, and their eight cats live on the Oregon coast.

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