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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very dated, but interestingBy WulfstanThis is a collection of "humor" from the pre-internet days of copier and even mimeograph. It's pretty dated, not very funny (and most of it wasn't funny then, either) and a lot of it is very non-PC. However, it is useful as a collection of what some folks thought was funny back then. Note to the younger readers- dont think that your parents necessarily thought this stuff was hilarious. It was the equivalent of internet glurge, and many people winced when a copy was left on their desk.

Office copier folklore-those tattered sheets of cartoons, mottoes, zany poems, defiant sayings, parodies, and crude jokes that regularly circulate in office buildings everywhere-is the subject of this innovative study. this type of folklore represents a major form of tradition in modern America, and the authors have compiled this raw data for scholarship- and entertainment. These creations of the Paperwork Empire comment on topics and problems that concern all urban Americans. No one and nothing escapes their raunchy wit and sarcasm. Bosses, ethnic groups, minorities, the sexes,

alternative lifestyles, politics, welfare, government workers, the law, bureaucracy, and even "The Night Before Christmas" all come under fire to form a biting, and hilarious, commentary on modern American society.

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