

Mark Watson

Comedian, author and regular television comedy show panelist

- Available For:
- Stand Up Comedy
 - Hosting & Presenting

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About

A former Cambridge Footlighter, Mark Watson is a comedian, author, sports pundit and husband. He was born in 1980 and according to life expectancy for his socio-economic group and Body Mass Index, will die in 2056.

He performed his first gig in 2002 and the same year won the Daily Telegraph Open Mic Competition. It was then discontinued, securing Mark as the all-time champion of humour. Also that year he was runner-up in the aggressively titled So You Think You're Funny? After that he stopped doing formal competitions and concentrated on being competitive in general.

In 2004 he published his first novel, *Bullet Points*. It was Commended in the Commonwealth Writers' Prizes. He has appeared regularly at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, winning the first ever Panel Prize at the if.comedies in 2006 and being nominated for Best Newcomer at the 2005 Perrier Comedy Awards. A year later he won the first ever if.comedies Panel Prize in recognition of being stupid enough to do a 36-hour show and a show about writing a novel, in addition to main show *I'm Worried I'm Starting To Hate Almost Everyone In The World*.

In 2007 he recorded his first Radio 4 series, *Mark Watson Makes The World Substantially Better*, with collaborators Tim Key and Tim Minchin. His third and so far best Edinburgh show *Can I Briefly Talk To You About The Point Of Life?* sold out every night and he published his second novel, *A Light-Hearted Look At Murder*. He began the online environmental group *Crap At The Environment*. He also performed his first 24-hour show in Melbourne.

His other awards include the Time Out Critic's Choice Award 2006 and a Barry Award nomination for best show at the Melbourne Comedy Festival 2006. In Melbourne, having trained under Al Gore, he performed for the first time his version of Gore's 'Inconvenient Truth' lecture, to an audience of 1500 people.

Mark Watson has made regular appearances on BBC Two's comedy panel show *Mock The Week*; he has also been a panellist on BBC music quiz show *Never Mind The Buzzcocks* four times - once as guest captain and once as presenter - in addition to appearing on current affairs panel show *Have I Got News for You*. He has appeared on the popular BBC panel show *Would I Lie To You?* and he also makes regular appearances on panel show cum debate programme *Argumental*. He also performed stand up on episode one of Michael McIntyre's *Comedy Roadshow*, in 2009.

Video



Testimonials

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Mark was absolutely fantastic once again at the Digital Awards! He got the tone of the event exactly right and we've had really positive feedback from the audience, even more impressive he managed to get through all 30 odd awards within the allocated time so we didn't run over which was great. There is even talk of booking him for a third year in a row!

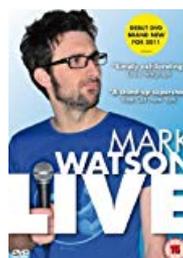
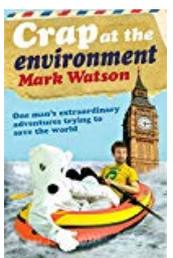
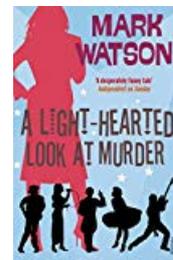
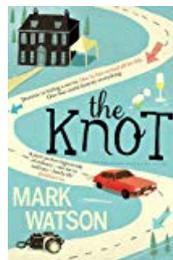
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Mark Watson was fabulous – hilarious and such a nice guy! He went down really well with all the staff and I've had loads of great comments about him. It was lovely that he'd researched our company – the jokes around our marketing/website write-ups were genius and really got us in a fun, festive mood!

Delta Rail.

Books and DVD's



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