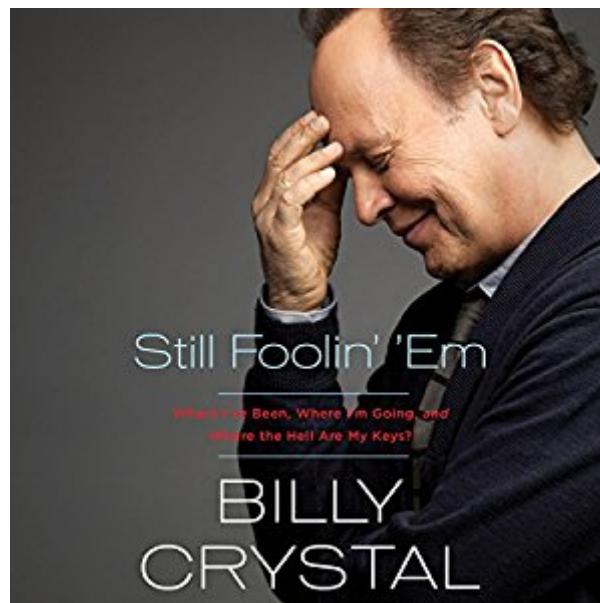




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Still Foolin' 'Em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, And Where The Hell Are My Keys



Synopsis

Audie Award - Audiobook of the Year, 2014 Audie Award Winner, Narration by the Author or Authors, 2014 Audie Award Winner, Humor, 2014 Nominated for a 2014 Grammy in the Spoken Word category! Hilarious and heartfelt observations on aging from one of America's favorite comedians, now that he's 65, and a look back at a remarkable career. Billy Crystal is 65, and he's not happy about it. With his trademark wit and heart, he outlines the absurdities and challenges that come with growing old, from insomnia to memory loss to leaving dinners with half your meal on your shirt. In humorous chapters like ""Buying the Plot"" and ""Nodding Off,"" Crystal not only catalogues his physical gripes, but offers a road map to his 77 million fellow baby boomers who are arriving at this milestone age with him. He also looks back at the most powerful and memorable moments of his long and storied life, from entertaining his relatives as a kid in Long Beach, Long Island, and his years doing stand-up in the Village, up through his legendary stint at Saturday Night Live, When Harry Met Sally, and his long run as host of the Academy Awards. Listeners get a front-row seat to his one-day career with the New York Yankees (he was the first player to ever ""test positive for Maalox""), his love affair with Sophia Loren, and his enduring friendships with several of his idols, including Mickey Mantle and Muhammad Ali. He lends a light touch to more serious topics like religion (""the aging friends I know have turned to the Holy Trinity: Advil, bourbon, and Prozac""); grandparenting; and, of course, dentistry. As wise and poignant as they are funny, Crystal's reflections are an unforgettable look at an extraordinary life well lived. Still Foolin' 'Em includes a portion recorded in front of a live studio audience.

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Customer Reviews

From the beginning of STILL FOOLIN' EM, I knew I'd bought the right version - an audio-book. After listening to Billy Crystal read his book before a live audience, I knew nothing could top the living laugh track. Unfortunately, only SOME chapters are read aloud before real human beings who laugh and energize Mr. Crystal's perfect comic timing. I now wish that EVERY chapter had his perfect timing and a living laugh track. Too bad. Nevertheless, I recommend buying the audio-book over a Kindle version or a hard copy. Billy Crystal is too funny when he is performing; I can't imagine reading it in print could even come close!

I thought I only had a few things in common with Mr. Crystal: birth month, daughter, grandchildren, dead parents, growing up watching Johnny (always smile when I get on the Slaussen), love of Soap and When Harry, and lastly, a dry sense of humor. None of it matters, this book breaks life down to poignant moments with a lot of humor in between that gets him from birthday to birthday. Something many can relate to. The last few chapters reminded me how much our gallows humor helped my husband and I face his death together, hand-in-hand, through smiles and tears... Just like Billy and Janice Crystal will do. Maybe we all have more in common than we think. Thank you for sharing your life and humor and for helping me see my own life with humor and poignancy in retrospective. I couldn't stop reading your stories, and couldn't stop smiling. Great work. Great read. Great fun. Great story. Great life. Thank you!

This was a great listen! Some of it was presented in front of a live audience and some chapters were just read aloud. I highly recommend it to anyone who likes Billy Crystal.

Everyone has memories to share with the ones that we love, and Billy does just that in this book, and then we know: Billy loves us. From his early childhood, to his Golden years, we read about the greatest part in the history of the world, and that is the second part of the twentieth century, and it is just so because we were born then, and then went on to grow as little kids to loving boys and girls, to nice adults who had meaningful lives (at least mine was) and to people who kept foolin' em and losing our keys sometimes. It made me laugh, and it made me sad when it reminded me that as the Beatles once said, we all have a guaranteed ticket to ride coming free sometime soon.

My book club and I read this book as part of our 2016 challenge to read an autobiography. At first glance I was not sure what I would think about it. I have never been a huge fan of Billy Crystal, but there are a few films he is in that I have enjoyed over the years. His comedy style has always been a little off for my taste. I have always been more of a Jerry Seinfeld or Steve Martin fan (sorry Billy!) The novel itself is wonderfully executed. The story alternates between his thoughts on aging as he is now 65 and his life story. I found it interesting to learn so many facts about his role in the film industry. On the other hand his life experiences involving baseball and his many friendships with baseball legends was less interesting but not at all less of an experience as a reader. I am not a sports fan so it was hard for me to identify with his passion for it. The voice of the novel was amazing. Billy's true voice spoke off the pages to me the entire time. Rarely have I read an autobiography where I felt so convinced that I was having an intimate conversation with the writer. That is great writing and execution. For interest and likability I would rate it a solid 3 stars. For execution and voice I am adding a star for a rating of 4 stars. On a side note I am disappointed I didn't order this on Audio CD as I just saw that it won 2 awards for best audiobook. I listen to audiobooks all the time and found it somewhat irritating that I didn't think to get it on audio. The additional plus would have been the performance of Billy reading the book. Live and learn.

If you are finding yourself going out to the garage and wondering: 'What the hell am I doing here?' - this book's for you! Terribly funny, and all Billy Crystal, 'Still Foolin' Em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell...' is for you. The chapters are short, and it's an easy book to pick up and read whenever you want a laugh. I found myself reading passages out loud to others and cracking myself up again and again. I think one of my favorite chapters relates to sex and aging, but frankly, they're all relatably funny for those 40+ who don't mind seeing a bit of themselves in the pages of the book. This would make a great gift for someone who's retiring, or simply feeling the confusion of lost youth where the mind is saying 'I can do that, but only if it's before 3:30pm because I have to be in bed by 8.'

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