

## Playaways: Listen on Your Car Stereo With This Simple Trick!



Playaways are great?an entire audiobook on a gadget the size of a business card!?but they?re typically used with headphones. Don?t worry--using an inexpensive cable, you can connect Playaways to your car stereo for enjoying audiobooks on the road.

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## Hippie Child: How a Young Boy Helped Parent his New-Age Mom



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Think your childhood was non-mainstream? A little kooky? Perhaps on the bizarre side? Well check out the hand Josh Safran was dealt being born in the early 70s in a commune in San Francisco during the height of Flower Power and the counter-culture.

Safran makes his childhood?first in city communes; later in remote cabins in the mountain wilderness actually sound happy. Credit his mother, Claudia, for that. Highly intelligent, emotionally warm, full of passion for political change and hope for a just world, Claudia imparted to Josh many values. Yet, she also barely kept food on his plate and never gave him a beautiful home. In fact for one three month period, they lived in a visqueen shelter on tree stumps in a rain forest. Yet these are failings of poverty not intent. Much worse were allowing her lovers to abuse him and to threaten them both by driving under the influence of alcohol on icy mountain roads, often in the dark.

The book is sad, poignant, funny, and a surprising page turner from beginning to end. Check out this hook of an opening sentence ?By the time I was ten, I had hitchhiked thousands of miles and befriended hundreds of remarkably strange people.? Here?s a short list of them: Crazy John, Uncle Tony (no blood relation), conniving Bob, deal-making [Read more](#)

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## Get to Know Your Health Insurance Options

Ready for the Health Insurance Marketplace? If your answer is "No", or "What's that?", then you may want to start exploring your options for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. The Marketplace opens October 1st, 2013, but you have until January 1, 2014 to decide what options you want to choose. So, if you're wondering what to do, or if you just want to get more familiar with how this all works, you can visit [Healthcare.gov](#), the federal web portal for health insurance.

On that website, you will see many options under a tab marked "Learn". [Read more](#)

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## What Maisie Knew



I always like it when the holds queue runs out on good, recently released movies.

[What Maisie Knew](#) might be one of the better ones I've seen so far this year. The story concerns a child who is shuttled between caregivers as her parents pay more attention to their careers and bitter custody battle than their own daughter. Based on the [1897 novel](#) by [Henry James](#), the film has been updated to present-day New York City (with a few other things changed as well, but it retains the core of the story). The movie is shown mostly from the little girl Maisie's perspective. Though, since she is a young child, the film centers itself around what we as the audience perceive as so-called mature viewers and what she innocently "knows". We don't really know anything about these people outside of what is shown to us, but we come to make judgments about their actions because of how they effect the child. It is an emotional film, constructed in a way to make you feel angry, sad, and hopeful toward the situations the child is put in. [Read more](#)

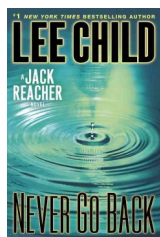
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# While You're Waiting For ?.. Never Go Back by Lee Child



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In this 17<sup>th</sup> Jack Reacher novel, Child gives his antihero some things to think about. He is on his way to D. C. to take Major Susan Turner to dinner, a first. When he arrives, she is in the brig and he is arrested on trumped up charges. In Jack Reacher style, they break out and head cross country to clear their names. Meanwhile a woman from his past is suing him for child support for his alleged daughter.

Lee Child's novels can be described as bleak, edgy, suspenseful, fast paced with complex plots and violent action. His hero, Jack Reacher, can be described as an introspective loner, tough and macho, but with a strong moral code. The following authors have similar heroes. Try some of these series? while you wait for Reacher.

[James Lee Burke](#) with hero Dave Robicheaux, [Michael Connelly](#) with hero Harry Bosch, [Barry Eisler](#) with hero John Rain, [Vince Flynn](#) with hero Mitch Rapp and [Stephen Hunter](#) with heroes Bob Lee Swagger and Ray Cruz.

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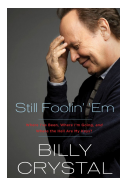
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# Comedy Memoirs for the Boomer Generation



October seems like the perfect time of year for dark, mysterious and brooding books.

But I am still holding on to September! Something light might just be the ticket before the dark fall reads.

New release *Still Foolin' 'em* by Billy Crystal has cracked into the top of the New York Times best seller list. After recently turning 65, Crystal tries to relate to the other millions of baby boomers who are also at or near this milestone often by portraying physical ailments through the lens of appealing humor. He also explores his long career starting off with stand up in New York to some beloved movies and stints on Saturday Night Live and hosting the Oscars. Crystal isn't afraid to tackle serious issues, but also presents us with a belly laugh at a life well lived. There

are numerous holds on the Crystal book, so while you are waiting for this book to come in you might want to try these other humorous memoirs. [Read more](#)

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