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Childhood is Bill Cosby country. In this entertaining and endearing book, which ranges from the warmly to the wildly funny, Cosby holds forth with the most marvellous stories he has ever told about his childhood. Here are tales you'll never forget, including his heroic quest for Spanish Fly and his day as a school crossing guard - when he fell dizzily in love that he almost waved his heartthrob under a bus.

Childhood finds Bill Cosby in the territory he knows best: amid the trials of bedtime (fears of bedwetting and the Loch Ness Monster) and the tribulations of bad table manners; coping with the early demise of his children's pets and his own days spent smoking in the boys' room; out on the streets playing stickball; and back home lusting after Wonder Woman.

Youth may be wasted on the young, but Bill Cosby's boyhood - which hasn't completely ended - is an international treasure.

Childhood Details

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Krishna says

The book is a light and easy read. The writing is at a teenager or children's level novel, which is not in and of itself a bad thing. The autobiography of Bill Cosby is an interesting comical read but to me was neither great excellent or dull. It was merely mediocre. While I would not say Don't read this book...I would not recommend it either.

Ahmad Taleb says

I have never laughed in the street while reading a book as I did while reading this book, other than that, Cosby seems to have almost exactly the same idea about how his generation was innocent, creative, and better than his children's generation, which happily agree with.

Mark says

A humorous pseudo-memoir, this is good fun and worth a few laughs.

rainbow unicorn says

usually books don't make me actually laugh out loud, but Childhood actually forced me to cover my mouth from laughing so hard. this book is a hilarious tale of bill cosby's childhood, and although hearing his stories out loud is better, many people can't have the feel of story telling in their books. loved this book!

Jessie Bartlow says

I don't think Bill Cosby is an interesting writer. He didn't grab my attention in the beginning. He should stick to comedy acts.
He did have some funny stories about his childhood... but I can't really remember any good ones because they weren't that good.

Joy says

This was a short book on tape with Bill Cosby actually talking about his childhood. It was funny, funny. He's come a long way from life in the inner city. He did have a father that pushed him to a better life.

Go says

I was expecting more of a laugh. It was mildly humorous. I agreed with his observation about children nowadays lacking creativity as far as free play is concerned. Too many kids play electronics and neglect their childhood. Cosby said: "I was a child when hand-eye coordination was needed only to stick your hand in someone else's eye." I loved his parents comments whenever he was up to something. His mother asked "what's that bandage for?" He answered "oh, nuthin'." "Now that's a new kinda stupid answer. That bandage gotta be coverin' somethin'--besides your entire brain."

G. Salter says

The jokes in this book aren't quite as funny as in Cosby's book "Fatherhood" and some of them I knew from other books, but this was definitely amusing to read once or twice. Bottom line, read it and enjoy yourself, but don't buy a personal copy.

Joanne G. says

It may horrify some to think that I probably culled some of my parenting skills from Cosby, but parenting is hard and one should take inspiration where one may. This book covers the battlefield of bedtime, mutual embarrassment between parent and child, and those exciting teen years. Thankfully, our children survived my mothering and turned out to be productive members of society. With quirky senses of humor...

Andrew Fast says

Long long time ago. i remember loving this book in 6th grade!

Jasmine Wilmany says

There's nothing "heroic" about Spanish Fly, as the blurb suggests. There's nothing funny about date rape.

Carl Sivels says

bill cosby is the king of comedy. as you read along in this book, you read the short stories as he would say it and it constantly makes you think of how interesting it would be to know bill cosby through his adolescent years. there are some very sad parts, like when his son is murdered. but overall it is a great book that helps remind us why bill cosby is the greatest.

Kaethe says

After a while Cosby started getting on my nerves. His schtick got old.

Clint says

I've heard many of the stories he shares through other sources (comedy tapes and as part of his comedy act). Reading them as a father though just made me chuckle a lot! His perception of children & their desire to discover is amazing. This book is an easy read, but it also encourages the thought to enjoy our own children and their mischief.

Apryl Anderson says

So fun!
