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# A Book Report On A Bucket List

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***2 Timothy 2:15***

***Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.***

Allow me to take you back in time to 1972. Also, let me introduce to you a 16 year old kid sitting in his American Literature class. His teacher, a brilliant man by the name of C. Nevin Miller has assigned a book report—three pages—typed.

The young man promptly goes to the school library in search of a suitable novel. Unfortunately, his mind is not set on actually reading that novel. He searches through the paperback books found at the east end of the shelving, knowing full well that, included on the back cover, would be a short synopsis of the entire story.

Finding a book with a fairly detailed rendition of the general story line, he chooses a rather famous novel by Edwin O’Conner titled ***The Last Hurrah***.

Quickly scanning through the chapters, he locates and reads two or three pages, noting a few of the minor details found in the story line.

In less than 15 minutes of this pathetic, hurried note taking, he attempts to create the illusion of actually having read the story. The final result—three pages—typed.

This *brilliant* plan was fraught with errors. *The Last Hurrah* was a very well known book in its day, having spent much time on the *New York Times* best seller list at number one! It had, in 1958, been adapted into a movie, with characters performed by top Hollywood box office celebrities.

Seldom seen in this world are graded and returned book reports with so much red ink on them that they tend to glow with an eerie reddish hue.

Mr. C. Nevin Miller assessed my book report as barely worthy of a *D-minus.* The lowest grade I ever received from a teacher. I had never read the book, and my report clearly showed my bluff.

So here is my question for you. Do you read the Bible? Do you study it? As a Christian, God has assigned you and I the responsibility of putting together a *book report* telling and showing the world what God has for all. And the world can tell if you have read *The Book!*

Before I die, I plan to read *The Last Hurrah.* It is on my *bucket list—a m*iserable failure I would like to correct as best I can over 47 years late.

**Top 10 Reasons to Not Read the Bible**

Living by your own rules is such a refreshing and exciting way to live life. Just ask anyone in prison—it’s free room and board.

It’s much easier to ignore facts and just make things up as you go along. And it makes things so much more interesting and it is great fun to keep people guessing what you might come up with next.

Having God show you what to do with your life stifles your creativity to do wrong stuff—and doing wrong stuff is what we all live for, right?

It’s kinda fun being lost and confused. Especially the confused part. Imagine never being held accountable for anything you ever do because everyone has determined you to be a helpless case.

Eternity is over-rated. I’ve heard all of the country songs about Hell, and it doesn’t sound so bad.

Constant struggle with relationships with other people keeps your Christmas card list small and your Christmas present list short.

If you do it often enough, you can get to the point where you can almost enjoy failing in life.

Everyone knows that a truly interesting person will always “wing it” when it comes time to make large or life altering decisions.

Reading strains the eyes. Just wait for someone to make a movie about a Bible story and then go see that. And the music is WAY better!

Remember, failure and fun both begin with the letter “f”, and that just cannot be a coincidence.

**Books I Would Like To Write**

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Over these many years, I have had occasion to consider a writing career. Processing many ideas through my fertile imagination, I have come up with some exceptional ideas for books targeted toward small children

1. A Childrens Guide to Hitchhiking.

2. Your First Picture Book (Reading Is For Losers)

3. Connect The Dots (No Matter How Well You Follow The Numbers, They Still Don’t Make A Picture)

4. Why Can’t Mr. Fork And Mr. Electrical Socket Be Friends?

5. Some Kittens Really Can Fly!

6. Freeway Dodgeball—Official Kindergarten Rules

7. The Little Engine Who Thought He Could—But Failed Miserably

8. Curious George and the High Voltage Electric Fence

**The *Canard Lee Reed* Book Of The Month Club**

Welcome to the most amazing book club you could ever belong to. Sign up today, and be on your way to enjoying titles such as

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2. *The Lion Attacked* by Claude Yarmoff

3. *Archery for Dummies* by Beau N. Arow

4. *Irish Heart Surgery* by Angie O’Plasty

5. *Desert Crossing* by Rhoda Kamel

6. *School Truancy* by Marcus Abscent

7. *I Lost My Balance* by Eileen Dover and Phil Down

8. *Shhh!*  By Danielle Solloud

9. *The Philippine Post Office* by Imelda Lettur

10. *Great Party Games* by Bob Frapples

11. *Stop Arguing* by Xavier Breth

12. *The Complete Guide to Raising Pet Mosquitoes*  by Iam Reelie Eetchy