

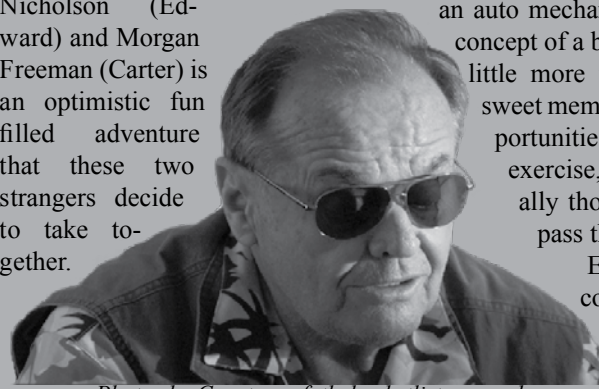
The Bucket List sends good feeling to audiences

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By Tai Jaranson

Two terminally ill men try to fulfill a wish list known as "The Bucket List" before each kicks the can.

The Bucket List starring Jack Nicholson (Edward) and Morgan Freeman (Carter) is an optimistic fun filled adventure that these two strangers decide to take together.



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What is a bucket list? It is a collection of all the things you want to do, see or experience before you kick the bucket.

Carter was just trying to define his private dreams and plans, but reality always was intruding. Marriage, children, myriad responsibilities and, ultimately, 46 years as an auto mechanic turned his concept of a bucket list into little more than a bitter-sweet memory of lost opportunities and a mental exercise, he occasionally thought about to pass the time.

Edward Cole corporate billionaire never saw a list whatsoever.

He was always too busy building an empire and would never look beyond the next cup of gourmet coffee.

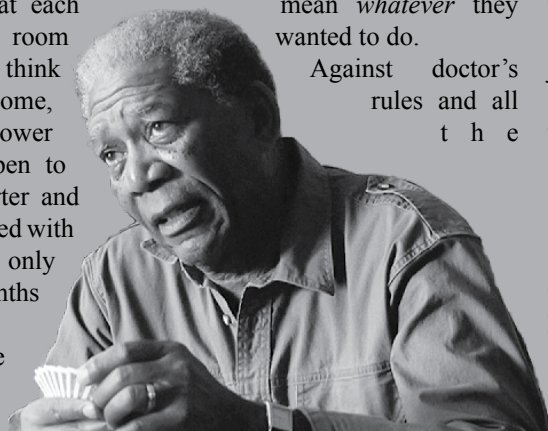
Then life took a different and unexpected turn for the both of them.

Both Carter and Edward found themselves starring at each other in the hospital room with a lot of time to think about what is to come, without having any power of what would happen to their lives. Both Carter and Edward were diagnosed with cancer and would only have between six months to one year to live.

Through all the headaches and differences, Carter

and Edwards soon came to realize they had two very important things in common; and unrealized need to come to terms with who they were and the choices they'd made, and a pressing desire to spend the time they had left doing everything they wanted to, and I mean *whatever* they wanted to do.

Against doctor's rules and all the



good sense the men had in them, the two virtual strangers leave the hospital and hit the road for the adventure of a lifetime, from the Taj Mahal to the Serengeti, from the finest restaurants to the seediest tattoo parlors, from the cockpit of a vintage race car to the wide open door of a plane. These two men did all this with just a sheet of paper and their passion for their lives to guide them where to go.

Soon these men became best friends without even realizing it.

This movie was a full adventure and it was all by choice. Without this adventure, these men would have never found themselves. This 1 hour and thirty seven minute movie is fun and loving. Just try not to kick the bucket.

Acclaimed rock guitarist tells his story

★★★★

By Zach Gillengerten

Guitar legend Eric Clapton released his autobiography, Clapton The Autobiography, recently. The book takes you from the humble beginnings of a young boy growing up in England to his early Yardbirds and Cream days to his "lost time" period to his present day.

While going along in the book, the reader discovers some new things about Clapton that not everyone would know.

Like when Eric's good friend Mick Jagger, lead singer for the Rolling Stones, stole his girl and Eric devised a whole plan on how he was going to kill Mick for doing

that to him.

It takes you through his struggles with drugs and alcohol and his stints in rehab. Also it takes you through one of his biggest controversies when, in 1976, he spoke out against increasing immigration and voiced his support for controversial candidate Enoch Powell during a concert in Birmingham, England. Because of his support for Powell, (who was racist), many thought Clapton to be racist, but he goes on to explain that how could he be racist if many of his favorite childhood blues players and friends were African American.

It takes you through the tragedy on Clapton's life when he had to cope with the death of his friend and fellow guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan and Er-

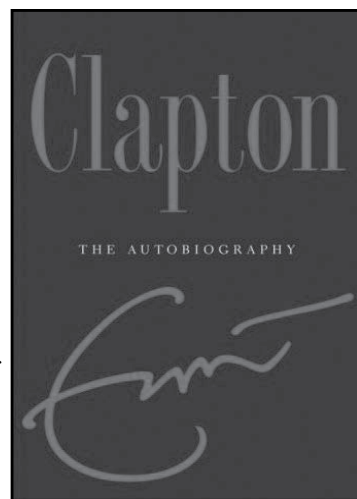


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ic's four year old son, Conor, both less than a year apart.

This book is a great read for any fan of Clapton and his music. It really lets you know the true story of the man behind the music. It is a great quick read with it only being 328 pages with pictures.

I felt it was amazing to find out what was going on inside the head of the man when he came up with the ideas for some of his hit songs like 'Layla', 'Sunshine of Your Love', and 'Tears in Heaven'.

If you're interested in finding out more about the man who wrote some of the most influential and recognizable music ever.

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