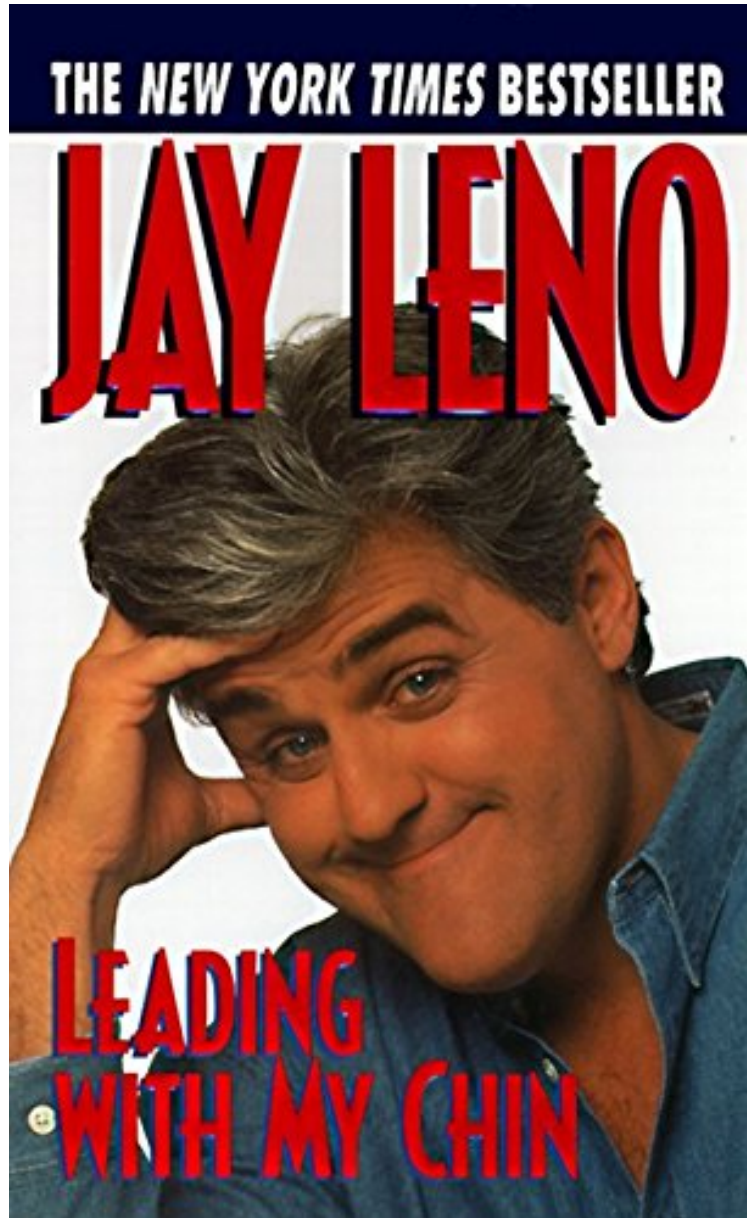


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Jay Leno : Leading with My Chin before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Leading with My Chin:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Jay Leno, Leading with my Chin.By Su KayI bought his book when it first came out, and I put Post-it Notes on the pages that made me laugh.I took the book to read whenever I had to

take the kids to the doctor because the wait was always so long. Jay's book made me laugh out loud so much that the doctor peeked into the exam room and asked what I was laughing about so much. I showed him all the Post-it-Notes pages that made me laugh. The doctor asked me if the book was really that funny, and I said "YES, go buy Jay's book and read it to laugh." Couple years ago, I gave the book to a friend in need to laugh, and I'm sorry I gave it away. Jay's dad was a character and his mom was such a sweet woman like Edith on Archie Bunker tv series. A touching part that made me tear up was when Jay was in high school sitting in class and he could see his parents in the distance at his junkie old pick-up that did not have windows, they were covering his pick-up with plastic because it was raining. Wow, they loved their son. Even though his dad was a tough guy, he showed he cared about Jay. Man, that was such a loving thing to do. My dad would not have done that. This time, me not giving Jay's book away. In times when I need to laugh, I go to his book. I love all the funny events about his parents. I like Jay Leno.-----3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Jay is a nice guy By J. J. Noh Jay Leno is a nice guy. From this book and from all he says and does, I'm convinced that he is. Jay had an unfortunate former manager, who was quickly fired by NBC. And NBC itself has not been entirely honest in its dealings with Jay and with everybody else. This book is funny, not uproariously funny because it was not intended to be so. I sympathize with Jay for the mishaps he endured, some of which he should have foreseen. Give the man a break. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Peter A fun quick read. Very enjoyable.

The king of late-night television and America's hardest-working comedian delivers the monologue of his life. Against the odds Jay Leno has emerged as the undisputed king of late night television as host of the # 1 -rated The Tonight Show. His twenty-year stand-up career; working alongside the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Carry Shandling, and David Letterman, was a long, hard, and laugh-filled battle to the top. In this entertaining, anecdote-filled book, Leno delivers the monologue of his life, leaving readers admiring his unstoppable wit and tenacity.

.com So what do you expect from a celebrity autobiography? Tales of an impoverished childhood and an unappreciated early career? Angst-ridden revelation? In Jay Leno's take on the genre, tales have only one purpose-- laughs. This is a book of jokey anecdotes and humorous stories marking the comedian's progress to the top. The persona of the young Leno is not so different and just as likable as the one appearing nightly on television. Whether it is his mother's advice, his teachers' complaints, or the awkward situations he finds himself in (for example, standing before an Orthodox Jewish audience who have been mistakenly led to expect a Yiddish storyteller) Leno always sees the funny side. An amiable, mildly funny pastiche of anecdotes, most interesting for what it unfortunately avoids about the talk-show host's career. -- Entertainment Weekly From the Publisher Long before he became the host of the tonight show, Jay Leno was dubbed by the media and his peers alike as the "Hardest-working Man in Show Business." Performing comedy at a breakneck pace, he played more than 300 dates a year and traveled to every corner of the nation. Or as his mother who never quite understood what he did for a living, liked to say, "Going from town to town, putting on his little skits." In *Leading with My Chin*, Jay recounts many of the ridiculous steps (and missteps) that have led him on maybe the unlikeliest of paths -- from college campuses to Carnegie Hall to Las Vegas, and finally, to The Tonight Show. Unlike many comedians whose acts reflect broken homes and neurotic backgrounds, Jay reveals in his wholesome Andover, Massachusetts, upbringing. As the child of a Scottish mother and an Italian father, he had a home life that was equal parts absurd and loving. Which is plain to see in Jay's heartwarming stories about his parents: like the time his mother knocked him out cold with a pot when caught ditching high school. Or the night at Carnegie Hall when she shushed people actually laughing at his show. Or when Jay said to his dad that crushing the roof on the family car wasn't all that bad. Out on the comedy circuit -- a virtual battle zone for Jay -- he encountered every humiliation a performer has ever known. From the club owners who didn't pay, to mobsters who spared his life and loaned him their guns, to the agent who wanted him to be America's first comedy wrestler, to the brave and naked strippers who beat up his hecklers for him. Then there were the triumphant performance nights when he was literally mugged on stage, when his clothes were set afire, or when he merely punched out and taunted with death threats. And also that romantic night at the Comedy Store -- working with the likes of David Letterman, Robin Williams, Andy Kaufman and Steve Martin -- when he met his future wife, Mavis, outside the ladies' room! In Hollywood, Jay was told that his was a face that would frighten children. He went on to explore every facet of movies and television sitcoms, playing thuggish goofballs, before he finally took to the road and ultimately became what he had always wanted to be: host of The Tonight Show. Brimming with stories that are heartwarming and endearing, humiliating and just downright embarrassing, *Leading with My Chin* demonstrates the silly things you have to go through to make people laugh.