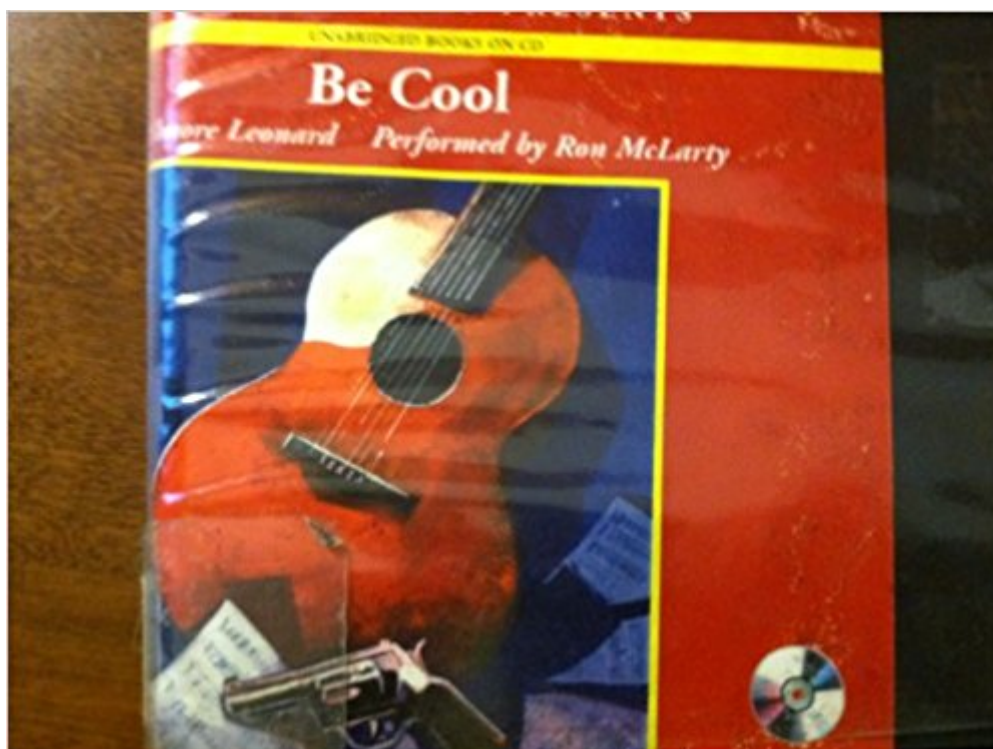


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This book is a long term sequel to 1990's *Get Shorty*. I never read that book but I definitely need to. Elmore Leonard is such a consistently great writer. I did see the 1995 movie version with John Travolta. It was sheer genius and its success inspired Mr. Leonard to go for a sequel. In *Get Shorty* a Florida shylock chases a customer to LA and falls in love with the place. He decides to stick around and take a shot at making movies. It's 1999 and Chili Palmer is back. His first movie *Get Leo* was a phenomenal success but its sequel *Get Lost* was a flop. Chili Palmer is looking for another story to turn into a film. His buddy Tommy from the old neighborhood in Brooklyn has invited him for lunch. He landed in LA as a record company exec and now he wants Chili to make his story into movie. Out of kindness Chili sees him but doesn't care for the idea until Tommy is whacked right there in the restaurant. Now the music business has Chili's interest. As fate would have it Chili had a lead on another story line. A phone sales woman from an escort service wants to be a singer. Chili is enamored with her and decides to get into the record business and see where the story goes. It goes into the world of payola and ex-mobsters running record companies, rappers having shootouts with Russian thugs, gay Samoan bodyguards saving Chili's life, Chili falling in love with a movie studio honcho and little old Linda Moon becoming a superstar. The book is a fun romp with enough social commentary to keep it relevant. As usual Elmore Leonard keeps the pace crisp and the dialogue sharp. What's not to love? I need some more Elmore!!

There isn't a better writer on the planet, I own every book Mr. Leonard ever wrote, he passed away last year and it was a sad day for myself and friends I've introduced Mr. Leonard's book to.

A worthy sequel to *Get Shorty*, full of twists and great characters and a plot that is totally hilarious and keeps you wanting to know what happens next. From many of the reviews posted here, I thought this was going to be one of Dutch's lesser efforts ;far from it, this is one of his best and right up there with *Get Shorty*. Pounce.

This book will probably have even better legs than *Get Shorty*. It is Leonard at his best, of it may be a little convoluted at times.

Chili Palmer is back. Cool, clever, and full of colorful dialogue and well developed characters; this is

Elmore Leonard at his best.

Wish I had read the book first. Elmore Leonard is my favorite writer. Great characters, great scenes, great dialog. So entertaining. Now that I've read all his crime stories, I'm going to read all his westerns. Cuba Libre was really great too.

Fun, quick read. Not Elmore's best, not his worst. I'd recommend it for a plane or beach read. Try it.

Travolta owns the role of Chilly Palmer forevermore. The book and script by Elmore Leonard are superb. Put down your smart phones. Put down your tablets. Turn off your laptops. This is a movie with enough twists that they'll lose your self in the maze if you don't follow Mr. Palmer closely.

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