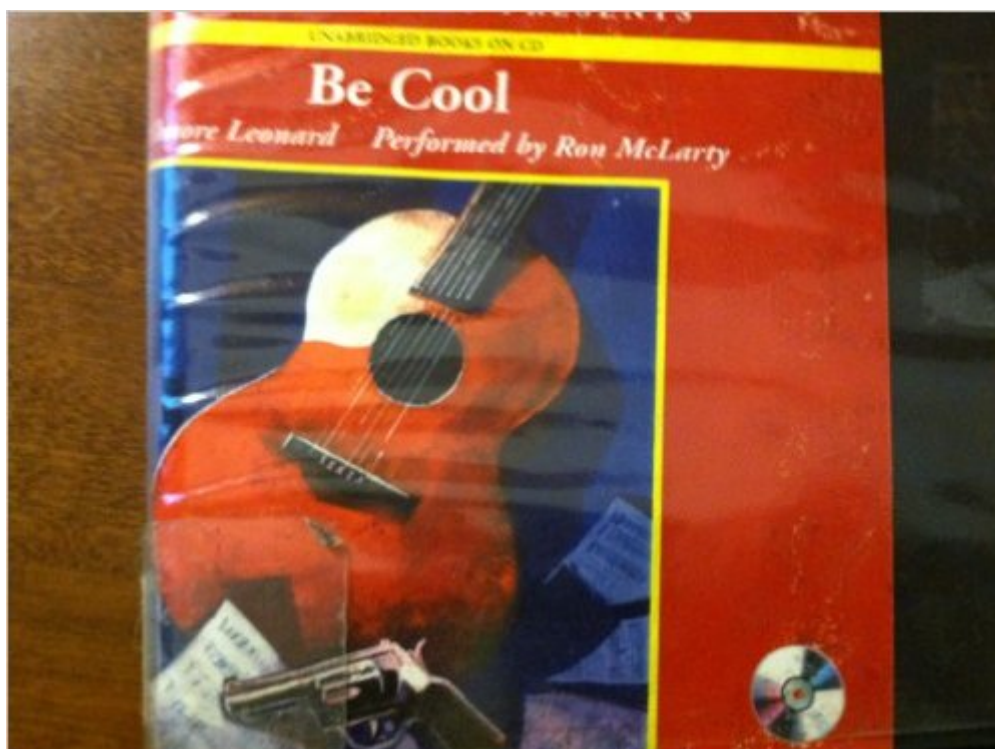


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# Be Cool



## Synopsis

7 Compact discs. Elmore Leonard's crime thrillers capture places on best-seller lists and an ever growing number of fans. His skillful mixture of quirky characters, snappy dialog, and unexpected twists provide pure pleasure for readers. And in an audio format, when narrated by a professional performer like Ron McLarty, Leonard's work becomes truly irresistible. Chili Palmer is a smooth operator who has made a bundle in films. Now he's ready to move into the recording industry. There's a leggy blonde who could be the next big singing star. But she has a funky manager who may be tied to the mob. All Chili has to do is promote the girl, lose the manager, and avoid stray bullets. In Chili's world, however, one thing rarely follows another in a straight line. Funny and hip, *Be Cool* is classic Elmore Leonard. Get ready for a few wonderful hours filled with suspense and dynamite punch lines.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Elmore Leonard deserves a lot of accolades for the impact he's had on modern culture. It's impressive given the fact that he started writing Westerns back in the day. He somehow morphed into writing crime fiction and evolved to have one of the most ears for dialogue. His books are filled with intriguing heroes and quirky and mean villains and the voices he is able to provide each is inspiring. He has produced the stories for many successful movies and TV shows and it adds up as an impressive body of work. *Be Cool* is a sequel to the fantastic *Get Shorty*. *Get Shorty* tells the hilarious journey of a mid-level wise-guy, Chili Palmer, attempting to work his way into the movie business and the cutting contrast from the straight talking hood compared to the duplicitous Hollywood fakes is a romp. *Be Cool* picks up on the escapades of the hero Chili Palmer as he

decides to get into the music business. Be Cool is somewhat derivative of the idea of the first story but Chili Palmer is such an intriguing protagonist that you are willing to allow for the second story to be a little redundant because you get the experience of such a dynamic character a second time. The book is a very good one, benefiting from Leonard's tight writing style and his excellent ear for dialogue. That being said, the movie is just a hair better than the solid book. The movie benefits from John Travolta's uber cool style as he eases through Hollywood and the music industry. There is an all-star cast including Uma Thurman, Dwayne Johnson, Cedric the Entertainer, and many others. Vince Vaughn is noteworthy as the slimy music manager who acts and talks like he is black. One of the highlights of the movie is the dance scene between Travolta and Thurman, doing an encore of their classic dance scene in Pulp Fiction.

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