

## GEORGE CARLIN FURTHER STUDY

### Description:

Performing from the late 50's up to his death in 2008, George has left behind a collection of work that goes beyond what we could cover in the available class time. A deeper look at George Carlin can be seen in his albums, movies, books and TV appearances, as well as in the documentary tributes and biopics on him.

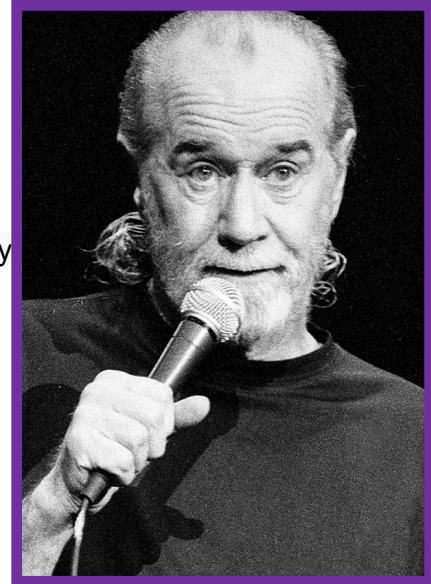
The following are some links and resources for further study. Note: The material in the Amazon.com links listed here, in many also be obtained from your local library or other sources.

### Materials:

#### George Carlin Albums

Recommending just one from among this list, it depends upon whether you are interested in the early George Carlin or the later George Carlin. The early George Carlin just wanted to be funny by developing funny characters and telling funny stories. The later George Carlin went into in-depth analysis of major societal issues. If you want to know about the early George Carlin, listen to "Class Clown". If you want to hear the mature George Carlin go with "Life Is Worth Losing" or "It's Bad For Ya". I would really recommend listening to as many as you can, though. His later HBO specials--each patterned after one of his albums--are probably the best way to ingest his later material, because you get to see him as well as hear him. They all have value and enrich the George Carlin experience. Click on the blue links below to see the Amazon.com writeups of each album. Most of these albums are also available at your local library.

- 1963: [Burns and Carlin at the Playboy Club Tonight](#)
- 1967: [Take-Offs and Put-Ons](#)
- 1972: [FM & AM](#)
- 1972: [Class Clown](#)
- 1973: [Occupation: Foole](#)
- 1974: [Toledo Window Box](#)
- 1975: [An Evening with Wally Londo Featuring Bill Slaszo](#)
- 1977: [On the Road](#)
- 1981: [A Place for My Stuff](#)
- 1984: [Carlin on Campus](#)
- 1986: [Playin' with Your Head](#)
- 1988: [What Am I Doing in New Jersey?](#)
- 1990: [Parental Advisory: Explicit Lyrics](#)
- 1992: [Jammin' in New York](#)
- 1996: [Back in Town](#)
- 1999: [You Are All Diseased](#)
- 2001: [Complaints and Grievances](#)
- 2006: [Life Is Worth Losing](#)
- 2008: [It's Bad for Ya](#)
- 2016: [I Kinda Like It When a Lotta People Die<sup>\[112\]</sup>](#)



### Compilation Albums

- 1978: [Indecent Exposure: Some of the Best of George Carlin](#)
- 1984: [The George Carlin Collection](#)
- 1992: [Classic Gold](#)
- 1999: [The Little David Years](#)

### George Carlin Books

<u>Book</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<a href="#">Sometimes a Little Brain Damage Can Help</a>	<u>1984</u>	<a href="#">ISBN 0-89471-271-3</a> <sup>[114]</sup>
<a href="#">Brain Droppings</a>	<u>1997</u>	<a href="#">ISBN 0-7868-8321-9</a> <sup>[115]</sup>
<a href="#">Napalm and Silly Putty</a>	<u>2001</u>	<a href="#">ISBN 0-7868-8758-3</a> <sup>[116]</sup>
<a href="#">When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?</a>	<u>2004</u>	<a href="#">ISBN 1-4013-0134-7</a> <sup>[117]</sup>
<a href="#">Three Times Carlin: An Orgy of George</a>	<u>2006</u>	<a href="#">ISBN 978-1-4013-0243-6</a> <sup>[118]</sup> A collection of the three previous titles.
<a href="#">Last Words</a>	<u>2009</u>	<a href="#">ISBN 1-4391-7295-1</a> <sup>[119]</sup> Posthumous release.

### George Carlin HBO specials

<b>Special</b>	<b>Year</b>
<a href="#">On Location: George Carlin at USC</a>	1977
<a href="#">George Carlin: Again!</a>	1978
<a href="#">Carlin at Carnegie</a>	1982
<a href="#">Carlin on Campus</a>	1984
<a href="#">Playin' with Your Head</a>	1986
<a href="#">What Am I Doing in New Jersey?</a>	1988
<a href="#">Doin' It Again</a>	1990
<a href="#">Jammin' in New York</a>	1992
<a href="#">Back in Town</a>	1996
<a href="#">George Carlin: 40 Years of Comedy</a>	1997
<a href="#">You Are All Diseased</a>	1999
<a href="#">Complaints and Grievances</a>	2001
<a href="#">Life Is Worth Losing</a>	2005
All My Stuff Note: A box set of Carlin's first 12 stand-up specials (excluding <i>George Carlin: 40 Years of Comedy</i> ).	2007
<a href="#">It's Bad for Ya</a>	2008
Commemorative Collection	2018

### George Carlin DVDs and Films

Movies were not George's main thing, but his character of Rufus that runs through the Bill & Ted movies gave new generations access to something of his persona. Likewise with his role in Cars, which extended him to yet another generation.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Role</b>
1968	<a href="#"><u>With Six You Get Eggroll</u></a>	Herbie Fleck
1976	<a href="#"><u>Car Wash</u></a>	Taxi driver
1979	<a href="#"><u>Americathon</u></a>	Narrator
1987	<a href="#"><u>Outrageous Fortune</u></a>	Frank Madras
1989	<a href="#"><u>Bill &amp; Ted's Excellent Adventure</u></a>	Rufus
1990	<a href="#"><u>Working Tra\$h</u></a>	Ralph
1991	<a href="#"><u>Bill &amp; Ted's Bogus Journey</u></a>	Rufus
1991	<a href="#"><u>The Prince of Tides</u></a>	Eddie Detreville
1995	<a href="#"><u>Streets of Laredo</u></a>	Billy Williams <sup>3</sup>
1999	<a href="#"><u>Dogma</u></a>	Cardinal Ignatius Glick
2001	<a href="#"><u>Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back</u></a>	Hitchhiker
2003	<a href="#"><u>Scary Movie 3</u></a>	Architect
2004	<a href="#"><u>Jersey Girl</u></a>	Bart Trinké
2005	<a href="#"><u>The Aristocrats</u></a>	Himself
2005	<a href="#"><u>Tarzan II</u></a>	Zugor Voice
2006	<a href="#"><u>Cars</u></a>	Fillmore
2007	<a href="#"><u>Happily N'Ever After</u></a>	Wizard
2020	<a href="#"><u>Bill &amp; Ted Face the Music</u></a>	Rufus

### George Carlin (Free!) Web Links

Here is a way to acquaint yourself with George Carlin materials for free right from your browser. YouTube has a treasure trove of Carlin, and below are both the titles and hyperlinks.

I have put my two favorites at the top. "Cherry Pie" is not even a comedy bit, but I think it reveals the inner self of George Carlin. "The American Dream" is probably his best piece ever. There is a lot more of George Carlin on YouTube than I have listed here, but this is a very good start.

*[Note: A few of these links display a short commercial before playing the clip. The commercials are only for 10 seconds, and since the material is copyrighted, the copyright owners get the revenue.]*

- George Carlin Cherry Pie
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5YQCqPkVfM>
- George Carlin "The American Dream" Best 3 Minutes of His Career

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsL6mKxtOIQ>
- George Carlin - 7 Words You Can't Say On TV
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyBH5oNQOS0>
- George Carlin --- Religion is Bullshit
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8r-e2NDSTuE>
- George Carlin - List of people who ought to be killed
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVlkxrNlp10>
- The Best Of George Carlin
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy-sVByUHqE>
- George Carlin Talks About "Stuff"
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvgN5gCuLac>
- George Carlin - Germs, Immune System
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X29IF43mUlo>
- George Carlin - Saving the Planet
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7W33HRc1A6c>
- George Carlin - White Fascist America
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHn9AWYU0Hg>
- Life Is Worth Losing - Dumb Americans - George Carlin
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLODGhEyLvk>
- Most Outstanding, Rufus!
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAybpeWwzd0>
- George Carlin on pro-life
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmMvsAjCkog>
- A Young George Carlin on The Jimmy Dean Show
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivCeOSrSQ88>
- George Carlin Christopher Columbus "Santa Maria" comedy bit '67
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xеUTGIpaEzo&t=105s>
- George Carlin on Being Busted with Lenny Bruce
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLjIXQvx\\_C4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLjIXQvx_C4)
- Baseball vs Football
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alkqNiBASfl>

### The "Carlin Warning"

After Carlin's Seven dirty words routine and subsequent *FCC v. Pacifica Foundation* Supreme Court ruling in 1973, broadcasters started to use the "Carlin Warning" to remind performers of the words they could not say during a live performance.<sup>[120]</sup>

### Internet hoaxes

Many writings found on the internet have been falsely attributed to Carlin, including various joke lists, rants, and other pieces. The web site Snopes, an online resource that debunks urban legends and myths, has addressed these hoaxes. Many of them contain material that runs counter to Carlin's viewpoints; some are especially volatile toward racial groups, gay people, women, the homeless, and other targets. Carlin was aware of these bogus emails and debunked them on his own web site, saying, "Here's a rule of thumb, folks: Nothing you see on the Internet is mine unless it comes from one of my albums, books, HBO specials, or appeared on my web site", and "It bothers me that some people might believe that I would be capable of writing some of this stuff." Weird Al Yankovic referenced these hoaxes in a line of his song "Stop Forwarding That Crap to Me" by saying "And by the way, those quotes from George Carlin aren't really George Carlin".<sup>[121]</sup>

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