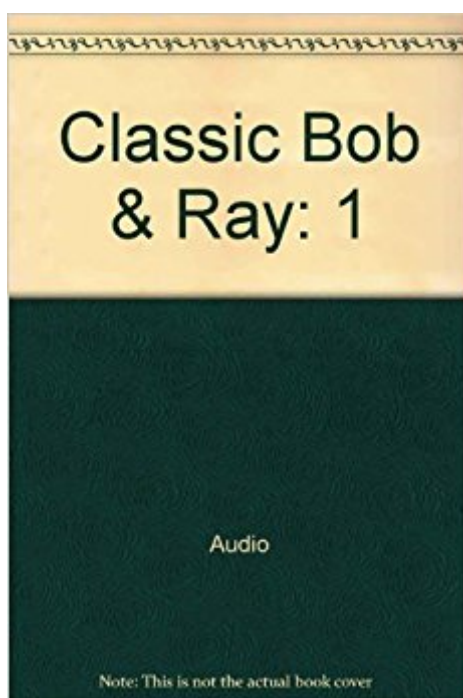


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This durable and amazingly consistent comedy team have somehow been reduced to a footnote in Chris Elliot's career (itself becoming a footnote), but there's plenty in these four tapes --- and in the entire series --- to surprise, perplex, delight and warm you. It was absurdist before Monty Python, observant before Seinfeld, and still somehow gentle and comforting (but not in a bad way). If the very notion of an ongoing series titled "Matt Neffer, Boy Spotwelding King of the World" doesn't intrigue you, I don't know what can be done to help you.

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