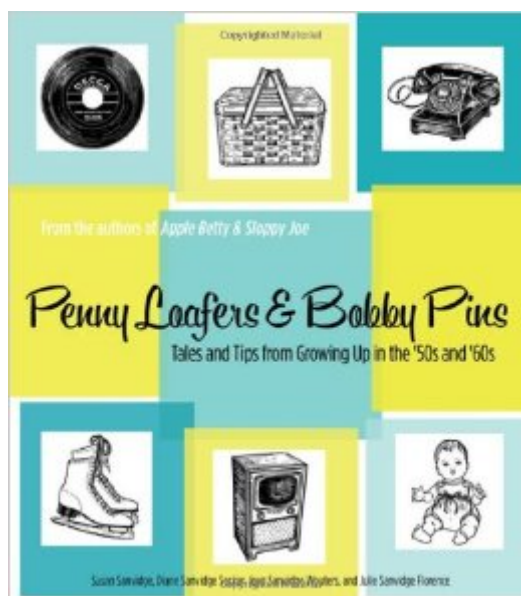


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# Penny Loafers & Bobby Pins: Tales And Tips From Growing Up In The '50s And '60s



## Synopsis

• In the fifties, sleek Mixmasters were replacing rusty eggbeaters, and new pressure-cookers blew their tops in kitchens all over town. There were kids everywhere, and new ranch-style™ houses filled vacant lots. . . . Turquoise Studebakers and dusty-rose Chevy BelAirs with flamboyant fins and lots of chrome replaced dark pre-war cars. Cameras took color snapshots instead of black-and-white. We wore red canvas tennis shoes and lemon yellow shorts, and bright blue popsicles melted down our chins. • from the Introduction

In *Penny Loafers & Bobby Pins*, the four Sanvidge sisters, whose birthdates span the Baby Boomer period, present a lively chronicle of growing up in the 1950s and 1960s in a small midwestern town. Each sister writes about the facets of her childhood she remembers best, and their lighthearted stories are illustrated with period photos. Sprinkled with mentions of pedal pushers, home permanents, and two-tone cars; early TV shows and the first rock and roll; hula hoops, Tiny Tears, and Mr. Potato Head (played with a real potato); and memories of their grandparents who lived nearby, *Penny Loafers & Bobby Pins* also features how-to's for re-creating the fads, foods, crafts, and games the Sanvidge sisters recall in their stories.

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My granddaughter was going to do a project in school on the 1950's. We looked up lots of information on the computer concerning clothes style, toys etc. This is the era I grew up in so one can say I influenced her greatly on what her research era would be. I ordered this book among others for her

to use as a source. Well this book cracked me up. It is very well written by sisters who grew up during this time. Their recollections are "right on." I laughed so hard at these sisters' comments on different aspects of growing up in the '50's. Each chapter is very short so you can pick it up at any time and get a laugh. One chapter went through each room of the house describing different things they remember from that room. They are so tongue in cheek serious that you just have to laugh. Some of their recollections are from their childhood brains and they clearly remember what they were thinking then. I tortured my friends with this book making them read aloud different chapters while I giggled on the side. My favorite chapter was about a school play where one of the sisters played "Mary." Her thinking back with her gradeschool mind on the boy who played "the baby Jesus" will have you rolling On the floor laughing.

I LOVE PL&BP! Even though the Sanvidge girls grew up in Wisconsin and I grew up in Georgia, there are lots of similarities - hoola hoops, Ed Sullivan, paper fortune tellers! It is so much fun reading and remembering my growing up years. Thanks girls, for another fabulous book!

This is a sweet book full of short little stories like in Good Old Days magazine, but, if you're not related to or friends with these sisters, I can't believe it holds your attention very long. Some of the stories are kind of funny and I know the nostalgia is there, but, even family stories need conflict to be interesting. I couldn't finish it.

The author talks about so many things that I remember from my own childhood. It must have been a complete way of life for that generation because while it seems that her family was just a little more well to do than my own, so much of what I remember is the same. It was fun to reminisce.

This book brought back so many memories of times past. I grew up in Oshkosh and so many of the places and people were familiar. The Sandvidge girls did it again. I loved "Apple Betty and Sloppy Joe" and "Penny Loafers and Bobby Pins" is no exceptions. I'm giving this one as a gift to a woman that went to school, I'm sure, with the older girls. I know she's going to absolutely love it.

I bought this as a gift and the feedback that I've gotten is that it is written from a women's point of view rather than a guy growing up during this period.

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