

# Joanna Stern Interviews Zuckerberg: Stern Grills Zuckerberg on Meta's Glasses



Pretend you just listened to the 2 minute audio file.

Two friends of mine, Villager residents, both legally blind, already wear Meta glasses. One of them was handed a menu upside down at a restaurant — and the glasses figured it out and read it anyway. No asking the waiter, no fuss. Just dinner. That's how this technology earns its place: one practical win at a time.

Joanna Stern — formerly of the Wall Street Journal, now running her own tech show, New Things (thenewthings.com I'm a subscriber) — sat down with Mark Zuckerberg after Meta's Connect event, tried the new glasses herself, and asked the hard questions about privacy.

Watch the interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cg56uF4hlc>.

Here's the rundown.

Glasses as hearing aids. A coming software feature turns compatible models into FDA-cleared, over-the-counter hearing aids — though Meta hasn't confirmed the \$349 pair gets it at launch. For mild to moderate hearing loss only: not a substitute for properly fitted hearing aids. Stern tried it and called it "superhuman hearing."

One honest caveat: like the AirPods Pro's hearing feature, this is aimed at mild to moderate hearing loss — not severe. If your hearing is seriously impaired, these aren't a substitute for proper hearing aids fitted by an audiologist. Zuckerberg glossed over that distinction.



**Muse is the real story.** Meta's AI assistant doesn't just answer questions — it does things: watches for flight deals, cancels subscriptions, schedules appointments. Stern uses it but hasn't connected her Gmail — she doesn't fully trust Meta yet. That tension is the whole ballgame: the more useful it gets, the more of your life it needs to see.



Muse helped me with this project.

The longer view for Apple people. Apple will make glasses too — it isn't who gets there first. Apple has a habit of arriving late and making the category make sense to regular people. The question isn't which company ships first; it's which pair we'd actually wear.



If any of this sounds useful, it's worth a try next time you're near a store that carries them. We'll kick it around at Tuesday night's Zoom — and if you try a pair, tell the group how it went.

We can talk about Muse experiences at our meeting.



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36 minute interview

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## A few things to know



### Can take actions for you

With your approval, your agent can send messages, make purchases, and take actions in apps you've connected. It may make mistakes or take unexpected actions, so review its work.



### Works around the clock

Your agent can continue working after you close the app. Check in to keep things on track and step in if needed.



### Stay in control

Choose which apps to connect, what your agent can access and do, and which actions require your approval in Settings.

This started with reading the article on Joann Stern's website [thenewthings.com](https://thenewthings.com) and subsequent video interview on YouTube. You might need a subscription to view.

Then I looked more into Muse, the AI assistant from Meta. I am using a free version of Muse, which for my needs is sufficient. I created an audio file to summarize the content. The Muse created one was pretty good, but preferred the one created as a podcast in 11 Labs.

To build this document I used Text Edit and Pages on my Mac. Muse was also a big help.