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The Town and the City Penguin

Though raised Catholic, in the early 1950s Jack Kerouac became fascinated with Buddhism, an interest that would have a profound impact on his ideas of spirituality and their expression in his writing from *Mexico City Blues* to *The Dharma Bums*. Published for the first time in book form, *Wake Up* is Kerouac's retelling of the story of Prince Siddhartha Gautama, who as a young man abandoned his wealthy family and comfortable home for a lifelong search for Enlightenment. As a compendium of the teachings of the Buddha, *Wake Up* is a profound meditation on the nature of life, desire, wisdom, and suffering. Distilled from a wide variety of canonical scriptures, *Wake Up* serves as both a concise primer on the concepts of Buddhism and as an insightful and

deeply personal document of Kerouac's evolving beliefs. It is the work of a devoted spiritual follower of the Buddha who also happened to be one of the twentieth century's most influential novelists. *Wake Up: A Life of the Buddha* will be essential reading for the legions of Jack Kerouac fans and for anyone who is curious about the spiritual principles of one of the world's great religions.

Wake Up Open Road Media

In this bold study James M. Decker argues against the commonly held opinion that Henry Miller's narratives suffer from 'formlessness'. He instead positions Miller as a stylistic pioneer, whose place must be assured in the American literary canon. From *Moloch* to *Nexus* through such widely-read texts as *Tropic of Cancer* and *Tropic of Capricorn*, Decker examines what Miller calls his 'spiral form', a radically digressive style that shifts wildly between realism and the fantastic. Drawing on a variety of narratological and critical sources, as well as Miller's own aesthetic theories, he highlights that this fragmented

narrative style formed part of a sustained critique of modern spiritual decay. A deliberate move rather than a compositional weakness, then, Miller's style finds a wide variety of antecedents in the work of such figures as Nietzsche, Rabelais, Joyce, Bergson and Whitman, and is viewed by Decker as an attempt to chart the journey of the self through the modern city. Henry Miller and Narrative Form affords readers new insights into some of the most challenging writings of the twentieth century and provides a template for understanding the significance of an extraordinary and inventive narrative form.

The Portable Beat Reader City Lights Books

An authoritative edition of three Beat novels by the legendary author of *On the Road*. The third volume in The Library of America's edition of the writings of Jack Kerouac opens with *Visions of Cody*, the groundbreaking work originally written in the early 1950s and published posthumously in 1972, in which Kerouac first treats the material later immortalized in *On the Road*. In it he moves beyond his early literary models to discover his own unique "bop prosody," mixing closely observed description, free-form scats, and transcribed conversation to create an impassioned and hallucinatory portrait of his friend and idol Neal Cassady, here reimagined as Cody Pomeray. *Visions of Gerard* (1963) is a deeply moving meditation on Kerouac's older brother, who died at nine of rheumatic fever, and who for Kerouac became an emblem of saintliness. The intensely focused and harrowing *Big Sur* (1962) finds fictional alter ego Jack Duluoz returning to California to escape fame and celebrity, a fateful decision that leads to a dangerous affair with Pomeray's mistress, a nightmarish alcohol-fueled breakdown, and a desperate struggle for sobriety. LIBRARY OF AMERICA is an independent nonprofit cultural organization

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The Dharma Bums Penguin

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Doctor Sax Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

The classic autobiographical novel by Jack Kerouac featuring "one of the most true, comic, and grizzly journeys in American literature" (Time)—now in a new edition Originally published in 1965, this autobiographical novel covers a key year in Jack Kerouac's life—the period that led up to the publication of *On the Road* in September of 1957. After spending two months in the summer of 1956 as a fire lookout on Desolation Peak in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington, Kerouac's fictional self Jack Duluoz comes down from the isolated mountains to the wild excitement of the bars, jazz clubs, and parties of San Francisco, before traveling on to Mexico City, New York, Tangiers, Paris, and London. Duluoz attempts to extricate himself from the world but fails, for one must "live, travel, adventure, bless, and don't be sorry." *Desolation Angels* is quintessential Kerouac.

The Beat Generation in San Francisco Penguin UK

"My best most serious sad and true book yet." —Jack Kerouac "His life . . . ended when he was nine and the nuns of St. Louis de France Parochial School were at his bedside to take down his dying workds because they'd heard his astonishing revelations of heaven delivered in catechism on no more encouragement than it was his

turn to speak. . . ." Unique among Jack Kerouac's novels, *Visions of Gerard* focuses on the scenes and sensations of childhood—the wisdom, anguish, intensity, innocence, evil, insight, suffering, delight, and shock—as they were revealed in the short tragic-happy life of his saintly brother, Gerard. Set in Kerouac's hometown of Lowell, Massachusetts, it is an unsettling, beautiful, and sad exploration of the meaning and precariousness of existence.

A Confederate General From Big Sur
Sasquatch Books

Emil White of *Big Sur*: As Lawrence Ferlinghetti states in the book's introduction, "This is a book for all lovers of that "cult of sex and anarchy"(as Harpers described it) in *Big Sur*, a cult that really only consisted of Henry Miller and Emil." Emil White was very close to Henry Miller and this book, Emil's story in his own words, gives never before published information on both of their lives. Emil also mentions his relationships with many other artists and writers, including Kenneth Rexroth, Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, Benny Bufano, Joan Baez, Lord Buckley, Jaime de Angulo, and Lillian Bos Ross. Also included are never before published letters from Anais Nin to Emil regarding her difficult relationship with Henry Miller. Emil's paintings, created in the primitive style, are reproduced in full color. Among his humorous anecdotes and introspective musings, he offers thanks to Henry for encouraging him to paint in the first place. This is a must read for art historians, fans of Henry Miller, or anyone interested in the Art Scene in *Big Sur* in the 1940's, 50's and 60's.

Big Sur Grove Press

Retiring to a seaside cabin near San Francisco, Jack

Dulooz looks for tranquility, but finds only horror and despair.

The Voice Is All Penguin

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Old Angel Midnight Penguin

Jesse and Lee share a house owned by a very nice Chinese dentist, where it rains in the hall. They move to cabins on the cliffs at *Big Sur* where the deafening croaks of frogs can be temporarily silenced by the cry, 'Campbell's Soup'. Ultimately, we learn how the frogs are permanently silenced . . . and dreams disperse around a fire into 186,000 endings per second. In anticipating flower power and the ideals of the Sixties, Brautigan's debut novel was at least a decade before its time and remains a weird and brilliant classic.

Desolation Angels Library of America Jack Kerouac

Thomas Bernhard was one of the most original writers of the twentieth century. His formal innovation ranks with Beckett and Kafka, his outrageously cantankerous voice recalls Dostoevsky, but his gift for lacerating, lyrical, provocative prose is incomparably his own. One of Bernhard's most acclaimed novels, *The Loser* centers on a fictional relationship between piano virtuoso Glenn Gould and two of his fellow students who feel compelled to renounce their musical ambitions in the face of Gould's incomparable genius. One commits suicide, while the other-- the obsessive, witty, and self-mocking narrator-- has retreated into obscurity. Written as a monologue in one remarkable unbroken paragraph, *The Loser* is a brilliant meditation on success, failure, genius, and fame.

Visions of Gerard Penguin USA

A groundbreaking new biography of Jack Kerouac from the author of the award-

winning memoir *Minor Characters* Joyce Johnson brilliantly peels away layers of the Kerouac legend in this compelling new book. Tracking Kerouac's development from his boyhood in Lowell, Massachusetts, through his fateful encounters with Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, Neal Cassady, and John Clellon Holmes to his periods of solitude and the phenomenal breakthroughs of 1951 that resulted in his composition of *On the Road* followed by *Visions of Cody*, Johnson shows how his French Canadian background drove him to forge a voice that could contain his dualities and informed his unique outsider's vision of America. This revelatory portrait deepens our understanding of a man whose life and work hold an enduring place in both popular culture and literary history.

Maggie Cassidy Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

Big Sur is a river and a region on California's Central Coast. Extending for 75 miles along the Pacific shore, from south of Carmel to north of San Simeon, the Big Sur Coast is defined by the backdrop of the rugged Santa Lucia Mountains as they abruptly descend to meet the sea. For millennia the home of native people, Americans and Europeans began to settle Big Sur country even before California became a state. This book combines outstanding photographs from 40 collections, ranging from family albums to institutional archives.

The Lost Weekend Penguin

"What I'm beginning to discover now is something beyond the novel and beyond the arbitrary confines of the story. . . . I'm making myself seek to find the wild form, that can grow with my wild heart . . . because now I know MY HEART DOES GROW." —Jack Kerouac, in a letter to

John Clellon Holmes Written in 1951-52, *Visions of Cody* was an underground legend by the time it was finally published in 1972. Writing in a radical, experimental form ("the New Journalism fifteen years early," as Dennis McNally noted in *Desolate Angel*), Kerouac created the ultimate account of his voyages with Neal Cassady during the late forties, which he captured in different form in *On the Road*. Here are the members of the Beat Generation as they were in the years before any label had been affixed to them. Here is the postwar America that Kerouac knew so well and celebrated so magnificently. His ecstatic sense of superabundant reality is informed by the knowledge of mortality: "I'm writing this book because we're all going to die. . . . My heart broke in the general despair and opened up inward to the Lord, I made a supplication in this dream." "The most sincere and holy writing I know of our age."

—Allen Ginsberg

Henry Miller and Narrative Form Penguin
Big Sur Penguin

Big Sur Penguin UK

Jack Kerouac's classic novel about friendship, the search for meaning, and the allure of nature First published in 1958, a year after *On the Road* put the Beat Generation on the map, *The Dharma Bums* stands as one of Jack Kerouac's most powerful and influential novels. The story focuses on two ebullient young Americans--mountaineer, poet, and Zen Buddhist Japhy Ryder, and Ray Smith, a zestful, innocent writer--whose quest for Truth leads them on a heroic odyssey, from marathon parties and poetry jam sessions in San Francisco's Bohemia to solitude and mountain climbing in the High Sierras.

Appaloosa Canongate Books

Best known for his "Legend of Duluoz" novels, including *On the Road* and *The*

Dharma Bums, Jack Kerouac is also an important poet. In these eight extended poems, Kerouac writes from the heart of experience in the music of language, employing the same instrumental blues form that he used to fullest effect in Mexico City Blues, his largely unheralded classic of postmodern literature. Edited by Kerouac himself, Book of Blues is an exuberant foray into language and consciousness, rich with imagery, propelled by rhythm, and based in a reverent attentiveness to the moment. "In my system, the form of blues choruses is limited by the small page of the breastpocket notebook in which they are written, like the form of a set number of bars in a jazz blues chorus, and so sometimes the word-meaning can carry from one chorus into another, or not, just like the phrase-meaning can carry harmonically from one chorus to the other, or not, in jazz, so that, in these blues as in jazz, the form is determined by time, and by the musicians spontaneous phrasing & harmonizing with the beat of time as it waves & waves on by in measured choruses."

—Jack Kerouac

Tristessa Vintage

"Kerouac dreams of America in the authentic rolling rhythms of a Whitman or a Thomas Wolfe, drunk with eagerness for life."--John K. Hutchens

Jack Kerouac: Visions of Cody, Visions of Gerard, Big Sur (LOA #262) Abrams

A sensory narrative poem capturing the rhythms of the universe and secrets of the subconscious with stunning linguistic dexterity from the author of On the Road A spontaneous writing project in the form of an extended prose poem, this sonorous and spiritually playful book is one of Jack Kerouac ' s most boldly experimental works. Collected from five notebooks dating from 1956 to 1959—a time in which Kerouac was immersed in Buddhist

theory—Old Angel Midnight is comprised of sixty-seven short sections unified by an unwavering dedication to sounds, the subconscious, and verbal ingenuity. Friday Afternoon in the Universe, in all directions in & out you got your men women dogs children horses ponies tics perts parts pans pools palls pails parturientes and petty Thieveries that turn into heavenly Buddha. Thus begins Kerouac ' s Joycean language dance. From birdsong to dharmic verse, street jargon to French slang, the resonances of the universe come blaring in though the windows, unfurling their meaning as the mind lets go and listens.

Subterraneans Penguin

The ultimate literary guide to San Francisco, packed with fabulous photos and scintillating anecdotes.