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In *On the Road* and other iconic works, Jack Kerouac created a quintessentially American voice and a revolutionary prose style. This remarkable gathering of previously unpublished writings reveals as never before the extraordinary literary journey that led to his phenomenal success—a journey with deep roots in the language and culture of Kerouac's French Canadian childhood. Edited and published with unprecedented access to the Kerouac archives, *The Unknown Kerouac* presents two lost novels, *The Night Is My Woman* and *Old Bull in the Bowery*, which Kerouac wrote in French during the especially fruitful years of 1951 and 1952. Discovered among his papers in the mid-nineties, they have been translated into English for the first time by Jean-Christophe Cloutier, who incorporates Kerouac's own partial translations. Also included are two journals from the heart of this same crucial period. In *Private Philologies*, *Riddles*, and a *Ten-Day Writing Log*, Kerouac recounts a brief stay in Denver—where he works on an early version of *On the Road*, reads dime novels, and even rides in a rodeo—and shows him contemplating writers like Chaucer and Joyce and playing with riddles and etymologies. *Journal 1951*, begun during a stay in a Bronx VA hospital, charts, in ecstatic, moving, and self-revealing pages, the wave of insights and breakthroughs that led Kerouac to the most singular transformation of American prose style since Hemingway. This landmark volume is rounded out with the memoir *Memory Babe*, a poignant evocation of childhood play and reverie in a robust immigrant community, in which Kerouac uncannily retrieves and distills the subtlest sense impressions. And finally, in an interview with his longtime friend and fellow Beat John Clellon Holmes and in the late fragment *Beat Spotlight* Kerouac reflects on his meteoric career and unlooked-for celebrity. "In the *Book of Dreams* I just continue the same story but in the dreams I had of the real-life characters I always write about." Excerpt: **WALKING THROUGH SLUM SUBURBS of Mexico City** I'm stopped by smiling threesome of cats who've disengaged themselves from the general fairly crowded evening street of brown lights, coke stands, tortillas—Unmistakably going to steal my bag—I struggled a little, gave up—Begin communicating with them my distress and in fact do so well they end up just stealing parts of my stuff. We walk off leaving the bag with someone—arm in arm like a gang to the downtown lights of Letran, across a field— Jack Kerouac (1922-1969) was a principal actor in the Beat Generation, a companion of Allen Ginsberg and Neal Cassady in that great adventure. His books include *On the Road*, *The Dharma Bums*, *Mexico City Blues*, *Lonesome Traveler*, *Scattered Poems*, *Visions of Cody*, *Pomes All Sizes*, and *Scripture of the Golden Eternity*. Jack Kerouac called *Doctor Sax*, the enigmatic figure who haunted his boyhood imagination, 'my ghost, personal angel, private shadow, secret lover'. In this extraordinary autobiographical account of growing up in Lowell, Massachusetts, told through his fictional alter ego Jack Duluoz, he mingles real people and events with fantastical figures to capture the accents, scents, sights and texture of his childhood: playing among the river weeds and railroad tracks, going to church, witnessing life and death on the street corners. Written when he was staying with William Burroughs in Mexico in 1952, *Doctor Sax* was Kerouac's favourite of all his books: a dark, vivid and magical evocation of a boy's vibrant inner life. Inédito hasta ahora, *Doctor Sax* es un libro plagado de fantasmas, de ríos, de oscuridades, de juegos infantiles. Kerouac nos sorprende, siempre bajo la tutela de su prosa armónica e inteligente, con su obra más imaginativa y una de las más enternecedoras. *Doctor Sax*, dicen, camina con las sombras que le cuentan sus secretos. Mientras los niños juegan en la superficie, mientras los mayores apuestan al billar, van a la iglesia o se sientan al piano para agilizar una noche de sábado, lo que duerme debajo del Castillo, donde moran los vampiros, está a punto de despertar 1944 was a troubled and momentous year for Jack Kerouac. In March, his close friend and literary confidant, Sebastian Sampas, lost his life on the Anzio beachhead while serving as a US Army medic. That spring -- still reeling with grief over Sebastian -- Kerouac solidified his friendships with Lucien Carr, William Burroughs, and Allen Ginsberg, offsetting the loss of Sampas by immersing himself in New York's blossoming mid-century bohemia. That August, however, Carr stabbed his longtime acquaintance and mentor David Kammerer to death in Riverside Park, claiming afterwards that he had been defending his manhood against Kammerer's persistent and unwanted advances. Kerouac was originally charged in Kammerer's killing as an accessory after the fact as a result of his aiding Carr in disposing of the murder weapon and Kammerer's eyeglasses. Consequently, Kerouac was jailed in August 1944 and married his first wife, Edie Parker, on the twenty-second of that month in order to secure the money he needed for his bail bond. Eventually the authorities accepted Carr's account of the killing, trying him instead for manslaughter and thus nullifying the charges against Kerouac. At some point later in the year -- under circumstances that remain rather mysterious -- the aspiring writer lost a novella-length manuscript titled *The Haunted Life*, a coming of age story set in Kerouac's hometown of Lowell, Massachusetts. Kerouac set his fictional treatment of Peter Martin against the backdrop of the everyday: the comings and goings of the shopping district, the banter and braggadocio that occurs within the smoky atmospherics of the corner bar, the drowsy sound of a baseball game over the radio. Peter is heading into his sophomore year at Boston College, and while home for the summer in Galloway he struggles with the pressing issues of his day -- the economic crisis of the previous decade and what appears to be the impending entrance of the United States into the Second World War. The other principal characters, Garabed Tourian and Dick Sheffield, are based respectively on Sebastian Sampas and fellow Lowellian Billy Chandler, both of whom had already died in combat by the time of Kerouac's drafting of *The Haunted Life* (providing some of the impetus for its title). Garabed is a leftist idealist and poet, with a pronounced tinge of the Byronic. Dick is a romantic adventurer whose wanderlust has him poised to leave Galloway for the wider world -- with or without Peter. *The Haunted Life* also contains a compelling and controversial portrayal of Jack's father, Leo Kerouac, recast as Joe Martin. Opposite of Garabed's progressive, New Deal perspective, Joe is a right-wing and bigoted populist, and an ardent admirer of radio personality Father Charles Coughlin. The conflicts of the novella are primarily intellectual, then, as Peter finds himself suspended between the differing views of history, politics, and the world embodied by the other three characters, and struggles to define what he believes to be intellectually true and worthy of his life and talents. *The Haunted Life*, skillfully edited by University of Massachusetts at Lowell Assistant Professor of English Todd F. Tietchen, is rounded out by sketches, notes, and reflections Kerouac kept during the novella's composition, as well as a revealing selection of correspondence with his father, Leo Kerouac. A young man searches for meaning, creates art, and grapples with fame in this semiautobiographical Beat Generation classic by the author of *On the Road*. This urgently paced yet deeply introspective novel closely tracks Jack Kerouac's own life. Jack Duluoz journeys from the Cascade Mountains to San Francisco, Mexico City, New York, and Tangier. While working as a fire lookout on Desolation Peak in the Cascades, Duluoz contemplates his inner void and the distressing isolation brought on by his youthful sense of adventure. In Tangier he suffers a similar feeling of desperation during an opium overdose, and in Mexico City he meets up with a morphine-addicted philosopher and seeks an antidote to his solitude in a whorehouse. As in Kerouac's other novels, *Desolation Angels* features a lively cast of pseudonymous versions of his fellow Beat poets, including William S. Burroughs (as Bull Hubbard), Neal Cassady (as Cody Pomeray), and Allen Ginsberg (as Irwin Garden). Duluoz draws readers into the trials and tribulations of these literary iconoclasts—from drug-fueled writing frenzies and alcoholic self-realizations to frenetic international road trips and tumultuous love affairs. Achieving literary success comes with its own consequences though, as Duluoz and his friends must face the scrutiny that comes with rising to the national stage. Presents Jack Kerouac's novel "On the Road" along with four other of his autobiographical "road books" and journal entries related to "On the Road." The classic novel of freedom and the search for authenticity that defined a generation *On the Road* chronicles Jack Kerouac's years traveling the North American continent with his friend Neal

Cassady, "a sideburned hero of the snowy West." As "Sal Paradise" and "Dean Moriarty," the two roam the country in a quest for self-knowledge and experience. Kerouac's love of America, his compassion for humanity, and his sense of language as jazz combine to make *On the Road* an inspirational work of lasting importance. Kerouac's classic novel of freedom and longing defined what it meant to be "Beat" and has inspired every generation since its initial publication more than fifty years ago. This Penguin Classics edition contains an introduction by Ann Charters. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators. In 1952 and 1953 as he wandered around America, Jack Kerouac jotted down spontaneous prose poems, or "sketches" as he called them, on small notebooks that he kept in his shirt pockets. The poems recount his travels—New York, North Carolina, Lowell (Massachusetts, Kerouac's birthplace), San Francisco, Denver, Kansas, Mexico—observations, and meditations on art and life. The poems are often strung together so that over the course of several of them, a little story—or travelogue—appears, complete in itself. Published for the first time, *Book of Sketches* offers a luminous, intimate, and transcendental glimpse of one of the most original voices of the twentieth century at a key time in his literary and spiritual development. Before Jack Kerouac expressed the spirit of a generation in his 1957 classic, *On the Road*, he spent years figuring out how he wanted to live and, above all, learning how to write. *Atop an Underwood* brings together more than sixty previously unpublished works that Kerouac wrote before he was twenty-two, ranging from stories and poems to plays and parts of novels, including an excerpt from his 1943 merchant marine novel, *The Sea Is My Brother*. These writings reveal what Kerouac was thinking, doing, and dreaming during his formative years, and reflect his primary literary influences. Readers will also find in these works the source of Kerouac's spontaneous prose style. Uncovering a fascinating missing link in Kerouac's development as a writer, *Atop an Underwood* is essential reading for Kerouac fans, scholars, and critics. "Kerouac's best book."—*TIME* Dr. Sax is a haunting novel of deeply felt adolescence, Jack Kerouac tells the story of Jack Duluoz, a French-Canadian boy growing up in Kerouac's own birthplace, the dingy factory town of Lowell, Massachusetts. There, Dr. Sax, with his flowing cape, slouched hat, and insinuating leer, is chief among the many ghosts and demons that populate Jack's fantasy world. Deftly mingling memory and dream, Kerouac captures the accents and textures of his boyhood in Lowell in this novel of a cryptic, apocalyptic hipster phantom that he once described as "the greatest book I ever wrote, or that I will write." Neil Gaiman's complete original scripts for the highly anticipated six-episode original series, adapted from the classic novel he wrote with Terry Pratchett. First published nearly thirty years ago, the novel *Good Omens* has sold more than five million copies worldwide and is beloved by Gaiman and Pratchett fans alike. Collected here are Neil Gaiman's original scripts for the *Good Omens* television series, offering readers deeper insight into Gaiman's brilliant new adaptation of a masterwork. A tale of good and evil and the end of the world, *Good Omens* stars Michael Sheen as the angel Aziraphale; David Tennant as the demon Crowley; and Jon Hamm as the archangel Gabriel, as well as Anna Maxwell Martin, Josie Lawrence, Adria Arjona, Michael McKean, Jack Whitehall, Miranda Richardson, and Nick Offerman. This authoritative biography of writer, poet, and beat generation icon Jack Kerouac (1922-1969) recounts in gripping detail the story of his exceptional life and the key relationships that affected Kerouac's development as an artist, including those with his three wives, numerous girlfriends, and beloved mother. Kerouac presents a fresh and more accurate account of the author of *On the Road*, one that neither ignores nor wallows in his flaws. Kerouac's gritty, moving take on the destruction of his own myth, as the King of the Beats approaches middle age... One of the renowned Beat writer's most formally inventive books, *Mexico City Blues* is Jack Kerouac's essential work of lyric verse, now reissued following his centenary celebration. Written between 1954 and 1957, and published originally by Grove Press in 1959, *Mexico City Blues* is Kerouac's most important verse work. It incorporates all the elements of his theory of spontaneous composition and his interest in Buddhism. Memories, fantasies, dreams, and surrealistic free association are lyrically combined in the loose format inspired by jazz and the blues. Written while Kerouac was living in Mexico City, and with references to William S. Burroughs, Gregory Corso, and Bill Garver, this exciting book in Kerouac's oeuvre is an original and moving epic of sound, rhythm, and religion. *Theodo* offers close readings of the works that make up the "Duluoz Legend" - Kerouac's series of barely fictionalized re-creations of his life - and reveals how his awareness of his writing self increased over the course of his career." 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 through the windows, unfurling their meaning as the mind lets go and listens. 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. Described by Kerouac as being about "man's simple revolt from society as it is, with the inequalities, frustration, and self-inflicted agonies", the 158-page handwritten manuscript was Kerouac's first novel, but was not published during his lifetime. He wrote in his notes for the project that the characters were "the vanishing American, the big free by, the American Indian, the last of the pioneers, the last of the hoboes". The novel follows the fortunes of Wesley Martin, a man who Kerouac said "loved the sea with a strange, lonely love; the sea is his brother and sentences. He goes down." Jack began this work not long after his first tour as a Merchant Marine on the S.S. *Dorchester* in the late summer of 1942 during which he kept a journal detailing the gritty daily routine of life at sea. Inspired by the trip, which exemplified Jack's love for adventure and the character traits of his fellow shipmates, the journals were spontaneous sketches of those experiences that were woven into a short novel soon after disembarking from the S.S. *Dorchester* in October of 1942. Now that Kerouac's major novel, *On the Road* is accepted as an American classic, academic critics are slowly beginning to catch up with his experimental literary methods and examine the dozen books comprising what he called 'the legend of Duluoz.' Nearly all of his books have been in print internationally since his death in 1969, and his writing has been discovered and enjoyed by new readers throughout the world. Kerouac's view of the promise of America, the seductive and lovely vision of the beckoning open spaces of our continent, has never been expressed better by subsequent writers, perhaps because Kerouac was our last writer to believe in America's promise—and essential innocence—as the legacy he would explore in his autobiographical fiction. In this haunting novel of intensely felt adolescence, Jack Kerouac tells the story of Jack Duluoz, a French-Canadian boy growing up, as Kerouac himself did, in the dingy factory town of Lowell, Massachusetts. Dr. Sax, with his flowing cape, slouch hat, and insinuating leer, is chief among the many ghosts and demons that populate Jack's fantasy world. Deftly mingling memory and dream, Kerouac captures the accents and texture of his boyhood in Lowell as he relates Jack's adventures with this cryptic, apocalyptic hipster phantom. "Kerouac dreams of America in the authentic rolling rhythms of a Whitman or a Thomas Wolfe, drunk with eagerness for life." - John K. Hutchens; "Kerouac's peculiar genius infects every page." - *The New York Times*. The definitive Kerouac collection—now in Penguin Classics To coincide with the 50th anniversary celebration of *On the Road*, Penguin Classics republishes this landmark collection. The *Portable Jack Kerouac* made clear the ambition and accomplishment of Kerouac's "Legend of Duluoz"—the story of his life told in his many "true story" novels. Featuring selections from Kerouac's autobiographical fiction, as well as from his poetry, criticism, Buddhist writings, and letters, *The Portable Jack Kerouac* offers a total immersion in an American master. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. 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influential authors, this new collection displays Jack Kerouac's interest in and mastery of haiku. Experimenting with this compact poetic genre throughout his career, Kerouac often included haiku in novels, correspondence, notebooks, journals, sketchbooks, and recordings. In this collection, Kerouac scholar Regina Weinreich supplements an incomplete draft of a haiku manuscript found in Kerouac's archives with a generous selection of Kerouac's other haiku, from both published and unpublished sources. With more than 500 poems, this is a must-have volume for Kerouac enthusiasts everywhere. "Kerouac dreams of America in the authentic rolling rhythms of a Whitman or a Thomas Wolfe, drunk with eagerness for life."--John K. Hutchens

Written over the course of three days and three nights, *The Subterraneans* was generated out of the same kind of ecstatic flash of inspiration that produced another one of Kerouac's early classics, *On The Road*. Centering around the tempestuous breakup of Leo Percepied and Mardou Fox—two denizens of the 1950s San Francisco underground—*The Subterraneans* is a tale of dark alleys and smoky rooms, of artists, visionaries, and adventurers existing outside mainstream America's field of vision. "Previously unpublished screenplay adaptation of the mystical vision-novel *Doctor Sax*. Kerouac based this haunting tale on true reflections of his 1930s childhood growing up in the industrial milltown of Lowell, Massachusetts. As concentrations of evil gather aspiring to destroy mankind, Doctor Sax, alchemist of the night and friend of children, is the caped crusader who stands against the darkness"--Rear cover of container.

Originally subtitled "An Adventurous Education, 1935-1946," *Vanity of Duluoiz* is a key volume in Jack Kerouac's lifework, the series of autobiographical novels he referred to as *The Legend of Duluoiz*. With the same tender humor and intoxicating wordplay he brought to his masterpieces *On the Road* and *The Dharma Bums*, Kerouac takes his alter ego from the football fields of small-town New England to the playing fields and classrooms of Horace Mann and Columbia, out to sea on a merchant freighter plying the sub-infested waters of the North Atlantic during World War II, and back to New York, where his friends are the writers who would one day become known as the Beat generation and where he published his first novel. Written in 1967 from the vantage point of the psychedelic sixties, *Vanity of Duluoiz* gives a fascinating portrait of the young Kerouac, dedicated and disciplined in his determination from an early age to be an important American writer. "An astonishing discovery was recently made among the Kerouac archives; that he had written a screenplay, a script for a motion picture based on his classic novel, *Doctor Sax* - the only known existing screenplay to have been written by one of America's most renown and influential authors. Kerouac's imagination runs wild in this screenplay, which cleverly combines child-like fantasies with true recollections of his childhood growing up in the industrial mill town of Lowell, Massachusetts in the 1930s. A time when things like the Merrimack River, abandoned buildings, religious memorials, and strange noises in the night ignited the unique talent of one of the great writers of the twentieth century. Welcome to the world of 11-year-old Jacky Duluoiz; a world of sinister plots, mischievous, youthful antics, underworld evildoers, colorful neighborhood characters and childhood chums. "Gallery Six is honored to introduce this Collectable Special Edition in its original form with over 70 illustrations by Richard Sala, and includes audio readings by celebrated writers, poets and recording artists with an original music score by John Medeski.

THE PACKAGE: Gallery Six has created an exciting and attractive multimedia package: 2 audio CDs and illustrated book packaged together in an 8-panel fully-illustrated folding 'digipak' measuring roughly 7 1/2" in. high X 5 1/2" wide. The CDs sit in disc trays and the book fits into a panel pocket. The outside cover of the digipak has the appearance of a classic cloth-bound hardcover novel that will fit comfortably on a bookshelf.

THE AUDIO: The spoken word version of the screenplay is produced in a style reminiscent of the 1930's radio show, "The Shadow. Thereaders, all literary and entertainment greats, include Jim Carroll (*Basketball Diaries*), Robert Creeley, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Robert Hunter (of *The Grateful Dead*), and Graham Parker, winner of Publishers Weekly 1996 Best Dramatic Reading for his work on the Jack Kerouac audio book "Visions of Cody. John Medeski, of Medeski Martin and Wood, one of the foremost jazz groups in the world, has created a score that lifts Kerouac's prose off the page. Produced by Jim Sampas (*Badlands: A Tribute to Bruce Springsteen's Nebraska*, *From A Window: Lost Songs of Lennon & McCartney*).

THE BOOK: The book is the unabridged, illustrated version of the manuscript, printed in the form of a screenplay. It consists of 74 pages of text as originally laid out and created by Kerouac. Accompanying nearly every page of text are 72 superb illustrations created by Richard Sala (www.richardsala.com), one of today's most highly regarded Illustrators/Artists. The illustrations are in the style of a 1930's mystery novel and/or classic horror comic book. Introduction by renowned historian Douglas Brinkley. A collection of poems by beat generation author Jack Kerouac, written between 1954 and 1965 about Mexico, Tangier, Berkeley, the Bowery, God, drugs, and other topics. From the bard of the Beat Generation, Jack Kerouac's *Maggie Cassidy* is an autobiographical novel of young love, published in Penguin Modern Classics. Though publishers stopped *Maggie Cassidy's* *Jack Duluoiz* and *On the Road's* *Sal Paradise* from sharing the same name, Kerouac meant the books to be two parts of the same life. While *On the Road* made *Paradise* (and Kerouac) a hero for generations to come of the disaffected and restless, *Maggie Cassidy* is an affectionate portrait of the teenager that made the man - of friendship and first love growing up in a New England mill town. *Duluoiz* is a high school athletics and football star who meets *Maggie Cassidy* and begins a devoted, inconstant, tender adolescent love affair. It is one of the most sustained, poetic pieces of Kerouac's 'spontaneous prose'. Jack Kerouac (1922-69) was an American novelist, poet, artist and part of the Beat Generation. His first published novel, *The Town and the City*, appeared in 1950, but it was *On the Road*, published in 1957, that made Kerouac famous. Publication of his many other books followed, among them *The Subterraneans*, *Big Sur*, and *The Dharma Bums*. Kerouac died in Florida at the age of forty-seven. If you enjoyed *Maggie Cassidy*, you might like Kerouac's *The Subterraneans* and *Pic*, also available in Penguin Modern Classics. 'A very unique cat - a French Canadian Hinayana Buddhist Beat Catholic savant' Allen Ginsberg

In this first biography of Jack Kerouac to fully portray the intense inner life that inspired his work, Kerouac's last editor addresses the writer's homosexual relationships with men, and sheds a new light on their profound impact upon his life. of photos. When *MEMORY BABE* first appeared from Grove Press in 1983, *LIBRARY JOURNAL* wrote: "To call this book the definitive Kerouac biography is an understatement ... [it is] all-inclusive and richly detailed. The reader's immersion in Kerouac's thoughts, moves, and mess-ups is so total that one cannot but feel a great empathy for him" *USA TODAY* wrote: "*MEMORY BABE* is the most relentlessly and thoroughly researched of the Kerouac biographies ... There is a day-to-day tracing of Kerouac's thoughts and movements astonishing in its exactitude." In the new, revised and updated version, Gerald Nicosia builds on his landmark text, using a wide range of sources that have only become available in the past quarter century, since the book was last published by University of California Press in 1994. The new edition contains hundreds of changes from the last edition. Some of these are merely corrections, a name or date changed, but there are also extensive new passages based on material that has come to light since 1994. As just some examples, the book contains new material on Kerouac's ancestry; on his relationship with his mother and his last wife Stella Sampas; on some of his dark sides, such as his anti-Semitism; on the ways Kerouac was influenced by Neal Cassady's infamous "Joan Anderson Letter"; on what Kerouac wished for and saw as his legacy; and on the details of his death. Nicosia also tries to define more precisely Kerouac's role in pioneering the postmodern novel. *MEMORY BABE* is still the only critical biography of Kerouac--still the only book that examines in detail his literary output and attempts to analyze just what his literary innovations and achievements were. This new, revised and updated version is an even more accurate and comprehensive look at the Father of the Beat Generation, his life, his oeuvre, and his legacy. "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 Generatoin 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

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