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Home at Christmas Open Road Media

This remarkable gathering of previously unpublished writings shines new light on the On the Road author's life, from his French Canadian childhood to his meteoric rise to literary fame Edited and published with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. LIBRARY OF AMERICA is an independent nonprofit cultural organization founded in 1979 to preserve our nation's literary heritage by publishing, and keeping permanently in print, America's best and most significant writing. The Library of America series includes more than 300 volumes to date,

authoritative editions that average 1,000 pages in length, feature cloth covers, sewn bindings, and ribbon markers, and are printed on premium acid-free paper that will last for centuries.

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Jack Kerouac's profound meditations on the Buddha's life and religion In the mid-1950s, Jack Kerouac, a lifelong Catholic, became fascinated with Buddhism, an interest that had a significant impact on his ideas of spirituality and later found expression in such books as *Mexico City Blues* and *The Dharma Bums*. Originally written in 1955 and now published for the first time in paperback, *Wake Up* is Kerouac's retelling of the life of Prince Siddhartha Gotama, who as a young man abandoned his wealthy family and comfortable home for a lifelong search for enlightenment. Distilled from a wide variety of canonical scriptures, *Wake Up* serves as both a penetrating account of the Buddha's life and a concise primer on the principal teachings of Buddhism.

The Haunted Life National Geographic Books

The Haunted Life is the coming-of-age

story of Peter Martin, a college track star determined to idle away what he knows will be one of his last innocent summers in his tranquil New England home town. But with the war escalating in Europe and his two closest friends both plotting their escapes, he realises how sheltered his upbringing has been. As he surveys the competing influences of his youth, he struggles to determine what might lead to an intellectually authentic life. *The Haunted Life* is ultimately a meditation on intellectual truth, male friendship and the desire for movement - all themes that would dominate Kerouac's later work.

Maggie Cassidy Penguin

Presents selections from Jack Kerouac's novels, poetry, letters, and essays.

Subterranean Kerouac Open Road Media

An anthology of the best of the beats edited by Anne Waldman (who should know) and containing a chronology of the movement from Kerouac to Snyder. The emphasis is on the the poetry and prose excerpts; However, the volume includes brief biographical sketches, an introduction by Ginsberg, a recommended beat vacation guide of the places where the gang passed out or recovered, and

more scholarly references. The writers selected for inclusion represent the core of beat: Corso, Kerouac, Ginsberg, Orlovsky, di Prima, Burroughs, Baraka, Ferlinghetti, Kyger, Kandel, Kaufman, Whalen, McClure, and Snyder. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

The Unknown Kerouac (LOA #283) City Lights Books

"In 1965, Ginsberg travels to Cuba, where ignoring all advice, he behaves in his usual wonderfully provocative way and is deported under armed guard to, of all places, Prague. This leads to a remarkable and moving journey through the Iron Curtain countries, to Russia (the land of his heritage), to Poland and the Warsaw ghetto and to Auschwitz. When he returns to Prague, he runs afoul of the government when local students crown him "The King of May" and tour him around in a flatbed truck. He's beaten in the streets a few days later, arrested, and deported yet again: this time to swinging England, where he hangs out with Bob Dylan, meets the Beatles, and helps stage a massive international poetry reading at the Royal Albert Hall (where William S. Burroughs is piped in long distance over

the P.A.)"--

Understanding Jack Kerouac Penguin
The Awakener is Helen Weaver's long awaited memoir of her adventures with Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, Lenny Bruce, and other wild characters from the New York City of the fifties and sixties. The sheltered but rebellious daughter of bookish Midwestern parents, Weaver survived a repressive upbringing in the wealthy suburbs of Scarsdale and an early divorce to land in Greenwich Village just in time for the birth of rock 'n' roll—and the counterculture movement known as the Beat Generation. Shortly after her arrival Kerouac, Ginsberg, and company—old friends of her roommate—arrive on their doorstep after a non-stop drive from Mexico. Weaver and Kerouac fall in love on sight, and Kerouac moves in. " ... Weaver] paints a romantic picture of Greenwich Village in the 1950s and '60s, when she worked in publishing and hung out with Allen Ginsberg and the poet Richard Howard and was wild and loose, getting high and falling into bed almost immediately with her crushes, including Lenny Bruce ... Her descriptions of the Village are evocative, recalling a time

when she wore 'long skirts, Capezio ballet shoes and black stockings,' and used to 'sit in the Bagatelle and have sweet vermouth on the rocks with a twist of lemon.' Early on, she quotes Pasternak: 'You in others: this is your soul.' Kerouac's soul lives on through many people—Joyce Johnson, for one—but few have been as adept as Weaver at capturing both him and the New York bohemia of the time. He was lucky to have met her."—Tara McKelvey, *The New York Times Book Review* "There is a tendency for memoirs written by women about The Great Man to be self-abnegating exercises in a kind of inverted narcissism—the author seeking to prove her worth as muse, as consort, as chosen one. Not so with Helen Weaver's beautiful, plainspoken elegy for her time spent with Jack Kerouac, who suddenly appeared at her door in the West Village one white, frosty morning with Allen Ginsberg, who knew Weaver's roommate, in tow."—*New York Post* "Helen Weaver's book was a revelation to me! ... This is the most graphic, honest, shameless, and moving documentary of what the newly liberated women in cities got up to—how they lived, loved, and created. Who knew?

It is time they did! And here's how."—Carolyn Cassady "Weaver recreates the excitement of a time when things were radically changing and shows us what it was like living with an eccentric genius at the turning point of his life. Eventually she asks Jack to leave but they remain friends, and over the years her respect for his writing grows even as Kerouac's reputation undergoes a gradual transition from enfant terrible to American icon. She comes to realize that by writing *On the Road* he woke America up—along with her—from the long dream of the fifties. And the Buddhist philosophy that once struck her as Jack's excuse for doing whatever he liked because 'nothing is real, it's all a dream' eventually becomes her own." "Helen Weaver's memoir is a riveting account of her love affair and friendship with Jack Kerouac. She is both clear-eyed and passionate about him, and writes with truly amazing grace."—Ann Charters Helen Weaver has translated over fifty books from the French of which one, Antonin Artaud: *Selected Writings* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux) was a Finalist for the National Book Award in translation in 1976. She is co-author and general

editor of the Larousse Encyclopedia of Astrology and author of *The Daisy Sutra*, a book on animal communication. She lives in Kingston, New York.

Doctor Sax City Lights Publishers

When William Byrnes takes a teaching job at a private school in the Marais, he thinks he's escaping his sins. He sentences himself to winter afternoons under the vaulted ceilings of Notre Dame and to rice for dinner, while the City of Light goes unnoticed. Then the pretentious Monsieur Cygne gives him a list of French literature and the address of a bookstore, where he finds fellow ex-pat Lucy Navarre, with the gray eyes of a goddess, a cheating husband, and a mysterious past. Can the two exiles find redemption in the shadows of Paris? Or will they miss their chance?

Old Angel Midnight Penguin Books

In the summer of 1944, a shocking murder rocked the fledgling Beats. William S. Burroughs and Jack Kerouac, both still unknown, were inspired by the crime to collaborate on a novel, a hard-boiled tale of bohemian New York during World War II, full of drugs and art, obsession and brutality, with scenes and characters drawn from their own lives. Finally

published after more than sixty years, this is a captivating read, and incomparable literary artifact, and a window into the lives and art of two of the twentieth century's most influential writers.

Burning Furiously Beautiful Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

Theodo offers close readings of the works that make up the "Duluo Legend" - Kerouac's series of barely fictionalized recreations of his life - and reveals how his awareness of his writing self increased over the course of his career."

Iron Curtain Journals HarperCollins

A letter from Neal Cassady to his best friend and travelling companion Jack (On the Road) Kerouac. Kerouac received the letter from Cassady in 1950 and later told the Paris Review that it had inspired 'On the Road' along with his new literary style; referring to it as 'the greatest piece of writing I ever saw'. The energy of Cassady's fast-paced, free-flowing, confessional prose pulsates through the 15,000 word missive; bringing gloriously to life the personality of one of the most high profile figures in literary, and Beat movement, history. This incredibly illusive artefact, which describes in explicit detail

his relationship with Joan Anderson ('a perfect beauty of loveliness that I forgot everything else'), had been missing for 60 years when it was discovered in an attic in Oakland, USA, in 2014. Legal machinations over its ownership ensued and it has not been published in its entirety...until now. This much-anticipated letter is now reproduced in full, with an introduction by Beat scholar Professor A. Robert Lee. This jewel of Beat history also includes a range of photographs of the writers and a rare sepia drawing of Neal by his former wife, writer and artist Carolyn Cassady.

Jack Kerouac: Road Novels 1957-1960 (LOA #174) Penguin

A groundbreaking portrait of Kerouac as a young artist—from the award-winning author of *Minor Characters* In *The Voice is All*, Joyce Johnson, author of her classic memoir, *Door Wide Open*, about her relationship with Jack Kerouac, brilliantly peels away layers of the Kerouac legend to show how, caught between two cultures and two languages, he forged a voice to contain his dualities. Looking more deeply than previous biographers into how Kerouac's French Canadian background enriched his prose and gave him a unique

outsider's vision of America, she tracks his development from boyhood through the phenomenal breakthroughs of 1951 that resulted in the composition of *On the Road*, followed by *Visions of Cody*. By illuminating Kerouac's early choice to sacrifice everything to his work, *The Voice Is All* deals with him on his own terms and puts the tragic contradictions of his nature and his complex relationships into perspective.

The Beat Book Library of America

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.

Atop an Underwood Abrams

A poignant masterpiece of wrenching personal expression from the acclaimed author of *On the Road* "In many ways,

particularly in the lyrical immediacy that is his distinctive glory, this is Kerouac's best book . . . certainly he has never displayed more 'gentle sweetness.'"—San Francisco Chronicle Jack Kerouac's alter ego Jack Duluo, overwhelmed by success and excess, gravitates back and forth between wild binges in San Francisco and an isolated cabin on the California coast where he attempts to renew his spirit and clear his head of madness and alcohol. Only nature seems to restore him to a sense of balance. In the words of Allen Ginsberg, *Big Sur* "reveals consciousness in all its syntactic elaboration, detailing the luminous emptiness of his own paranoiac confusion."

Wake Up Penguin Group

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

Becoming Tom Thumb Penguin UK

A luminous, intimate, and transcendental glimpse into the mind of Jack Kerouac, one of the most original voices of the twentieth century "Sketching . . . Everything activates in front of you in myriad profusion, you just have to purify your

mind and let it pour the words and write with 100% personal honesty." In 1951, it was suggested to Jack Kerouac by his friend Ed White that he "sketch in the streets like a painter but with words." In August of the following year, Kerouac began writing down prose poem "sketches" in small notebooks that he kept in the breast pockets of his shirts. For two years he recorded travels, observations, and meditations on art and life as he moved across America and down to Mexico and back. The poems are often strung together so that over the course of several of them, a little story—or travelogue—appears, complete in itself. In 1957, Kerouac sat down with the fifteen handwritten sketch notebooks he had accumulated and typed them into a manuscript called *Book of Sketches*. Published for the first time, this work offers a detailed portrait of Kerouac at a key period of his literary career.

The Scripture of the Golden Eternity

Shambhala Publications

An exploration of Beat spirituality--seen through excerpts from the writings of the seminal writers of Beat Generation themselves. It's been said that Jack

Kerouac made it cool to be a thinking person seeking a spiritual experience. And there is no doubt that the writers he knew and inspired—iconic figures like Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, Gary Snyder, and Michael McClure—were thinkers seeking exactly that. In this re-claiming of their vision, Robert Inchausti explores the Beat canon to reveal that the movement was at heart a spiritual one. It goes deeper than the Buddhism with which many of the key figures became identified. It's about their shared perception of an existence in which the Divine reveals itself in the ordinary. There is a spirituality where real life triumphs

over airy ideals and personal authenticity becomes both the content and the vehicle for a kind of refurbished American Transcendentalism.

And the Hippos Were Boiled in Their Tanks
Scala Books

Biographies & Autobiographies.

Beatific Soul Penguin

The definitive biography of an iconic American entertainer

The Town and the City Library of America
Jack Kerouac

From the acclaimed Beat writer, Jack Kerouac's unique collection of personal travel writing, now reissued following his centenary celebration In his first directly

autobiographical book, Jack Kerouac relates the exhilarating stories of the years he spent restlessly traveling and writing his acclaimed novels. He journeys from the California deserts crisscrossed by train tracks to the bullfights of Mexico to the Beat nightlife of New York City, and across the Atlantic to Paris, Morocco, and London. With echoes of landscapes that appear in his other novels, including *The Dharma Bums* and *Desolation Angels*, and featuring his distinctive exuberant style and "jazzy impressionistic prose" (*New Yorker*), *Lonesome Traveler* is a unique addition to Kerouac's body of work. Show Additional Fields