

Scattered Poems Jack Kerouac

A revised and expanded paperback edition of *We Hope This Reaches You in Time* by Samantha King Holmes and r.h. Sin with all-new bonus material from the authors. Ideas, poetry, and prose from bestselling authors Samantha King Holmes & r.h. Sin.

Written by the woman who loved them all--as wife of Cassady, lover of Kerouac, and friend of Ginsberg--this riveting and intimate memoir spans one of the most vital eras in twentieth-century literature and culture, including the explosive successes of Kerouac's *On the Road* and Ginsberg's *Howl*, the flowering of the Beat movement, and the social revolution of the 1960s. Carolyn Cassady reveals a side of Neal Cassady rarely seen--that of husband and father, a man who craved respectability, yet could not resist the thrills of a wilder and ultimately more destructive lifestyle.

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.

Kerouac's most important poem, *Mexico City Blues*, incorporates all the elements of his theory of spontaneous composition. Memories, fantasies, dreams, and surrealistic free association are all lyrically combined in the loose format of the blues to create an original and moving epic. "I want to be considered a jazz poet blowing a long blues in an afternoon jam session on Sunday. I take 242 choruses; my ideas vary and sometimes roll from chorus to chorus or from halfway through a chorus to halfway into the next." "A spontaneous bop prosody and original classic literature." - Allen Ginsberg; "Kerouac calls himself a jazz poet. There is no doubt about his great sensitivity to language. His sentences frequently move into tempestuous sweeps and whorls and sometimes they have something of the rich music of Gerard Manley Hopkins or Dylan Thomas" - *The New York Herald Tribune*

Highlighting a lesser-known aspect of one of America's most 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.

Poetry was at the center of Jack Kerouac's sense of mission as a writer. This landmark edition brings together for the first time all Kerouac's major poetic works—*Mexico City Blues*, *The Scripture of the Golden Eternity*, *Book of Blues*, *Pomes All Sizes*, *Old Angel Midnight*, *Book of Haikus*—along with a rich assortment of his uncollected poems, six published here for the first time. He wrote poetry in every period of his life, in forms as diverse as the classical Japanese haiku, the Buddhist sutra, the spontaneous prose poetry of *Old Angel Midnight*, and the poetic "blues" he developed in *Mexico City Blues* and other serial works, seeing himself as "a jazz poet blowing a long blues in an afternoon jam session on Sunday." Many poets found Kerouac a liberating influence on their work: Robert Creeley called him "a genius at the register of the speaking voice"; for Allen Ginsberg he was "a poetic influence over the entire planet"; and Bob Dylan said that *Mexico City Blues* was crucial to his own artistic development. Also available in specially-designed jacket (978-1-59853-194-7) 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.

Beat Generation great Jack Kerouac traverses the vast landscape of American counterculture in this raucous and insightful collection. In these collected articles, essays, and wild autobiographical tales, Jack Kerouac, author of *On the Road*, leads readers down the highways and through the myriad subcultures of mid-twentieth-century America, guiding them along with his ingenious observations and brilliant command of language. He cruises to San Francisco high on Benzedrine with a barefoot blond model in a white bathing suit; traipses from New York to Florida with photographer Robert Frank and a \$300 German camera; takes a bus ride along the edge of a precipice in Montana; and revels in the swampy blues of an old Southern bum at a Des Moines diner. On a journey of the mind, Kerouac courses through the philosophy, origins, and dreams of the Beats, those "crazy illuminated hipsters" of post-war America; describes his theory of experimental prose with the "Essentials of Spontaneous Writing"; and gives a tour of the San Francisco Renaissance, pointing out the new American poets who are "childlike graybeard Homers singing on the street." This sweeping portrait of the art, sounds, and people of a nation in transition could only be told with Kerouac's inimitable wisdom and charm.

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.

The first collection of letters between the two leading figures of the Beat movement Writers and cultural icons Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg are the most celebrated names of the Beat Generation, linked together not only by their shared artistic sensibility but also by a deep and abiding friendship, one that colored their lives and greatly influenced their writing. Editors Bill Morgan and David Stanford shed new light on this intimate and influential friendship in this fascinating exchange of letters between Kerouac and Ginsberg, two thirds of which have never been published before. Commencing in 1944 while Ginsberg was a student at Columbia University and continuing until shortly before Kerouac's death in 1969, the two hundred letters included in this book provide astonishing insight into their lives and their writing. While not always in agreement, Ginsberg and Kerouac inspired each other spiritually and creatively, and their letters became a vital workshop for their art. Vivid, engaging, and enthralling, *Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg: The Letters* provides an unparalleled portrait of the two men who led the cultural and artistic movement that defined their generation.

An anthology of writing from the Beat Generation features the surrealism of Burroughs, the poetry of Ginsberg, the zen prose of Gary Snyder, and essays, songs lyrics, letters, and memoirs by

Cassady, Corso, Di Prima, Dylan, Baraka, and Kerouac. Reprint.

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.

Originally subtitled "An Adventurous Education, 1935-1946," *Vanity of Duloz* is a key volume in Jack Kerouac's lifework, the series of autobiographical novels he referred to as *The Legend of Duloz*. 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 Duloz* gives a fascinating portrait of the young Kerouac, dedicated and disciplined in his determination from an early age to be an important American writer.

A selection of Jack Kerouac's poems, plus his statements on poetics and letters to an editor.

Just as he upended the conventions of the novel with *On the Road*, Jack Kerouac revolutionized American poetry in this ingenious collection. Bringing together selections from literary journals and his private notebooks, Jack Kerouac's *Scattered Poems* exemplifies the Beat Generation icon's innovative approach to language. Kerouac's poems, populated by hitchhikers, Chinese grocers, Buddhist saints, and cultural figures from Rimbaud to Harpo Marx, evoke the primal and the sublime, the everyday and the metaphysical. *Scattered Poems*, which includes the playfully instructive "How to Meditate," the sensory "San Francisco Blues," and an ode to Kerouac's fellow Beat Allen Ginsberg, is rich in striking images and strident urgency. Kerouac's widespread influences feel new and fresh in these poems, which echo the rhythm of improvisational jazz music, and the centuries-old structure of Japanese haiku. In rebelling against the dry rules and literary pretentiousness he perceived in early twentieth-century poetry, Kerouac pioneered a poetic style informed by oral tradition, driven by concrete language with neither embellishment nor abstraction, and expressed through spontaneous, uncensored writing.

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Retiring to a seaside cabin near San Francisco, Jack Duloz looks for tranquility, but finds only horror and despair.

"Each book by Jack Kerouac is unique, a telepathic diamond. With prose set in the middle of his mind, he reveals consciousness itself in all its syntactic elaboration, detailing the luminous emptiness of his own paranoid confusion. Such rich natural writing is nonpareil in later half XX century, a synthesis of Proust, Céline, Thomas Wolfe, Hemingway, Genet, Thelonus Monk, Basho, Charlie Parker, and Kerouac's own athletic sacred insight. This entire short novel *Tristessa's* a narrative meditation studying a hen, a rooster, a dove, a cat, a chihuahua dog, family meat, and a ravishing, ravished junky lady, first in their crowded bedroom, then out to drunken streets, taco stands, & pads at dawn in Mexico City slums." —Allen Ginsberg

In this pioneering critical study of Jack Kerouac's book-length poem, *Mexico City Blues*—a poetic parallel to the writer's fictional saga, the *Duloz Legend*—James T. Jones uses a rich and flexible neoformalist approach to argue his case for the importance of Kerouac's rarely studied poem. After a brief summary of Kerouac's poetic career, Jones embarks on a thorough reading of *Mexico City Blues* from several different perspectives: he first focuses on Kerouac's use of autobiography in the poem and then discusses how Kerouac's various trips to Mexico, his conversion to Buddhism, his theory of spontaneous poetics, and his attraction to blues and jazz influenced the theme, structure, and sound of *Mexico City Blues*. Jones's multidimensional explication suggests the formal and thematic complexity of Kerouac's long poem and demonstrates the major contribution *Mexico City Blues* makes to post-World War II American poetry and poetics.

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.

"Reality Sandwiches" is a book of poetry by Allen Ginsberg published in 1963. The title comes from one of the included poems, "On Burroughs' Work": "A naked lunch is natural to us,/we eat reality sandwiches." The book is dedicated to friend and fellow Beat poet Gregory Corso. Despite Ginsberg's feeling that this collection was not his most significant, the poems still represent Ginsberg at a peak period of his craft. Contents: My Alba Sakyamuni Coming Out From The Mountain The Green Automobile Havana 1953 Siesta In Xbalba And Return To The States On Burroughs' Work Love Poem On Theme By Whitman Over Kansas Malest Cornifici Tuo Catullo Dream Record: June 8, 1955 Fragment 1956 A Strange New Cottage In Berkeley Sather Gate Illumination Scribble Afternoon Seattle Psalm III Tears Ready To Roll Wrote This Last Night Squeal American Change 'Back On Times Square, Dreaming Of Times Square' My Sad Self Battleship Newsreel I Beg You Come Back & Be Cheerful To An Old Poet In Peru Aether Fearfully Waiting Answer, A Magic Universe Have Felt Same Before Soundy Time, I Hear Again! Einstein Books' edition of "Reality Sandwiches" contains supplementary texts: * Selected Poems From Empty Mirror, By Allen Ginsberg. * Howl, By Allen Ginsberg. * A Few Selected Quotes Of Allen Ginsberg.

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.

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

This newly-revised edition—originally published in 1973—of the haiku Jack Kerouac, Albert Saijo, and Lew Welch jotted down on the road from San Francisco to New York in 1959, are dense, earthy incarnations of life on the road: "A coral colored Cadillac/ in Texas/ Threw gravel all over us,/ our beat jeep/ -Our windshield is nicked/ but our eyes/ are/ CLEAR..." Albert recounts their November trip in Lew's Jeepster, making the big city scene, visiting Jack's home in Northport on Long Island, and the long drive back west. The book also includes letters to Kerouac from Lew Welch in Reno.

Poems of self-reflection. Poems of observation. Poems of love before death. While we are alive, we are given the opportunity to control how we represent ourselves to humanity. The poems in *SCATTERED* reflect Kenneth's perspective as it pertains to his legacy. The poems concentrate on the tiniest of nuances in the grand scheme of the universe. This collection is not a grandiose announcement, but the definition of Kenneth's perspective of life, love, and legacy in the uniqueness of his existence - a uniqueness shared by all - and his understanding of how he will be remembered when the time comes for his ashes to be "scattered in the westward wind."

A treasury of mid-'50s road poems, intoxication poems, dharma verse, Canuck patois elegy, haikus, and blues.

From the iconic New York Times—bestselling author of *On the Road*: Three revolutionary collections of poetry in one volume. Rebelling against the dry rules and literary pretentiousness he perceived in early twentieth-century poetry, Jack Kerouac pioneered a poetic style informed by oral tradition and driven by concrete language with neither embellishment nor abstraction. In these three groundbreaking collections, the legendary Beat writer offers a spontaneous, uncensored perspective on everything from religion to the structure of language itself. *Scattered Poems: Bringing together selections from literary journals and his private notebooks*, *Scattered Poems* exemplifies Kerouac's innovative approach to language. Populated by hitchhikers, Chinese grocers, Buddhist saints, and cultural figures from Rimbaud to Harpo Marx, the poems evoke the primal and the sublime, the everyday and the metaphysical. *The Scripture of the Golden Eternity*: During an unexplained fainting spell, Kerouac experienced a flash of enlightenment. A student of Buddhist philosophy, he recognized the experience as "satori," a moment of life-changing epiphany. The knowledge he gained in that instant is expressed in this volume of sixty-six prose poems with language that is both precise and cryptic, mystical and plain. His vision proclaims, "There are not two of us here, reader and writer, but one golden eternity." *Old Angel Midnight*: A spontaneous writing project in the form of an extended prose poem, this sonorous and spiritually playful book is one of 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* captures the rhythms of the universe and secrets of the subconscious with stunning linguistic dexterity.

This is the poetry of the San Francisco Renaissance of the 50s, reconsidered as literature: Lawrence Ferlinghetti's lyrical cityscapes, Jack Kerouac's blues and haikus, Allen Ginsberg's saxophone prophecies, Gregory Corso's obsessive odes, John Wieners' true confessions, Michael McClure's physical hymns, Philip Lamantia's surreal passions, Gary Snyder's work songs, Philip Whalen's loose sutras, Lew Welch's hermit visions, David Meltzer's improvisations and discoveries, and Bob Kaufman's jazz meditations. Scholarship dances with poetic intuition and insight. Skip the footnotes, or not. Larry Beckett generates where it's at, cats. -Dan Barth, poet and Beat scholar, author of *Fast Women Beautiful: Zen, Beat, Baseball Poems* I was genuinely knocked-out by this] book. A generous & insightful work on poets writ w/ a poet's mindful heart. Because of its timeline, I assume (& hope) there will be more. It would seem immodest for me to blast a blurb, but my enthusiasm is genuine & immediate. -David Meltzer Larry Beckett's vivid, highly readable testament to the Beats provides a useful introduction to this wild-side school-out-of-school of American poetry, identifying the movement's twentieth century "oral scripture" (to quote his essay on Philip Whalen) as enduring Gospel for the Millennium. - Tom Clark poet, author of *Jack Kerouac: A Biography* Oh sure, it's all these poems by poets whose names sing in our blood as the heart pumps; but it took Larry Beckett to marry ink to paper in such a way that it appears the words are written on wedding sheets. - Robin Rule poet, publisher of Beckett's *Songs and Sonnets* "4.5 out of 5 stars... an intriguing exploration of the history of Beats and their poetry." - Portland Book Review

"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 "Some of the results are hilarious, some are profound and even unsettling, but they are never bland or boring." — Ephermerist Newspaper article + sharpie = Newspaper *Blackout Poetry*: Instead of starting with a blank page, poet Austin Kleon grabs a newspaper and a permanent marker and eliminates the words he doesn't need. Fans of *Not Quite What I Was Planning* and *Post Secret* will love these unique and compelling poems culled from Austin's popular website.

"Dave Moore's work on this collection is simply awesome.... It should become and remain the definitive reference book for Beat scholars forever." —Carolyn Cassady Neal Cassady is best remembered today as Jack Kerouac's muse and the basis for the character "Dean Moriarty" in Kerouac's classic *On The Road*, and as one of Ken Kesey's merriest of Merry Pranksters, the driver of the psychedelic bus "Further," immortalized in Tom Wolfe's *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*. This collection brings together more than two hundred letters to Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, John Clellon Holmes, and other Beat generation luminaries, as well as correspondence between Neal and his wife, Carolyn.

These amazing letters cover Cassady's life between the ages of 18 and 41 and finish just months before his death in February 1968. Brilliantly edited by Dave Moore, this unique collection presents the "Soul of the Beat Generation" in his own words—sometimes touching and tender, sometimes bawdy and hilarious. Here is the real Neal Cassady—raw and uncut.

A record of the writer's actual dreams is populated by characters from his novels.

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Jack Kerouac immortalized her in his novel Big Sur. A student of Zen, she hung out with Gary Snyder and Allen Ginsberg and was a speaker at San Francisco's Human Be-In. But Lenore Kandel was no muse or hanger-on; she was a brilliant lyric poet, often unabashedly erotic, and that's where her legacy lies. Collected Poems of Lenore Kandel contains 80 examples of her art, from the "holy erotica" of her early years to later, more contemplative works. Many of the poems have never been published, others only in rare ephemeral publications. Some are explicit, celebrating carnal love as part of the divine. Others are humorous and cover more quotidian subjects. A recurring theme is the "divine animal" duality. The collection includes poems written from the early fifties up until Kandel's death. The paradox of Lenore Kandel is that despite her prodigious talent, she was one of the least read and critically appreciated of modern poets. Kandel found her voice at a time when the Beat era was giving way to the countercultural age, and though she straddled both eras, it meant that she also fell through the cracks in terms of recognition. Now for the first time the full range of her work appears in one volume.

First published in 1956, Allen Ginsberg's Howl is a prophetic masterpiece—an epic raging against dehumanizing society that overcame censorship trials and obscenity charges to become one of the most widely read poems of the century. This annotated version of Ginsberg's classic is the poet's own re-creation of the revolutionary work's composition process—as well as a treasure trove of anecdotes, an intimate look at the poet's writing techniques, and a veritable social history of the 1950s.

These classic Kerouac meditations, zen koans, and prose poems express the poet's beatific quest for peace and joy through oneness with the...

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