



Beat Generation: The Lost Work

By Jack Kerouac

Thunder s Mouth Press, United States, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 185 x 117 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Beat Generation is a play about tension, about friendship, and about karma -- what it is and how you get it. It begins one fine morning with a few friends, honest laborers some of them, some close to being down-and-out, passing around a bottle of wine. It ends with a kind of satori-like reaffirmation of the power of friendship, of doing good through not doing, and the intrinsic worth of the throw-away little exchanges that make up our lives. Written in 1957, the same year that On the Road was first published, and set in 1953, Beat Generation portrays an authentic and alternate 1950s America. Kerouac s characters are working-class men and women -- a step away from vagrants, but not a big step. Their dialogue positively sings, suggesting jazz riffs in their rhythm and content, and Kerouac, like a master composer, arranges it to magical effect. Here is the heart and soul of the beat mentality, the zeitgeist that blossomed over the decades and eventually culminated in the counter-culture of 1960s America. It s a spirit that still...

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