



The First Few Friends I Had: Love Stories from the Gone World

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Pondering Pig Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 194 pages. Someone asked me who the first hippies were, those unknowns who kicked off the psychedelic era of the 1960s. Were they born-too-late beatniks who arrived at the party after everybody had gone home Or were they something else Something newl actually knew some of those first freaks. In fact, they were the first few friends I had. This trip starts in Nineteenth Avenue Park, San Mateo, California, winter of 1958, muddy raw subdivision streets, brine shrimp salt flats stretching to the Bayshore Freeway and beyond to sorrowful tract houses of Norfolk Street. The ground I sprung from. But we wont tarry. Well hit the road through the vast Sonoran Desert on solitary two-lane highways spring of 1961 to adventures in Mexico, then on to steaming East Village summer to swirling fog over North Beach, broken hearted spring of 1962. Along the way, well stop at the corner of Seventh and Judah Street in San Franciscos Inner Sunset to watch a girl named Solveig rush out our door with Ban the Bomb placards banging against her shoulder. Well scene shift till midnight to watch Peter Weissinger swing over the stair rail...

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