



Beat Generation: The Lost Work (Paperback)

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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