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About the Author

CAROLYN CASSADY was born in Michigan, graduated from Bennington College, Vermont, and earned her MA in fine Arts and Theater Arts from the University of Denver. While at Denver, she met Neal Cassady, Jack Kerouac, and Allen Ginsberg, and in 1948 she and Cassady married in San Francisco.

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