



Carsick: John Waters Hitchhikes Across America

By Waters, John.

FSG. 1 Cloth(s), 2014. hard. Book Condition: New. (Chosen by Publishers Weekly as One of the Best Summer Books of 2014) At the age of 66, armed only with his wit, his pencil-thin mustache, and a cardboard sign that reads "I'm Not Psycho," John Waters hitchhiked across America from Baltimore to San Francisco. More attuned to the weirdness of people than mosthe was the filmmaker behind Hairspray, Pink Flamingos, and Cecil B. DeMented, after allWaters freely admitted the lunacy of this endeavor before he set out, and imagined the best and the worst that could happen. Both of those possible journeys are here, and in his wickedly funny style Waters writes of a friendly drug dealer who hands over piles of cash to finance films with no questions asked, a demolition-derby driver who makes a filthy sexual request in the middle of a race, a gun-toting drunk who terrorizes and holds him hostage, and a Kansas vice squad that entraps and throws him in jail. None of those things actually happened of course, so in the final part of the book Waters gives us the real story, in which he meets a gentle 81-year-old farmer who is convinced Waters is...



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