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together "ations from Duncan's notebooks and interviews with those who knew him, Jarnot vividly describes his life on the West Coast and in

New York City and his encounters with luminaries such as Henry Miller, Anaïs Nin, Tennessee Williams, James Baldwin, Paul Goodman, Michael McClure, H.D., William Carlos Williams, Denise Levertov, Robert Creeley, and Charles Olson.