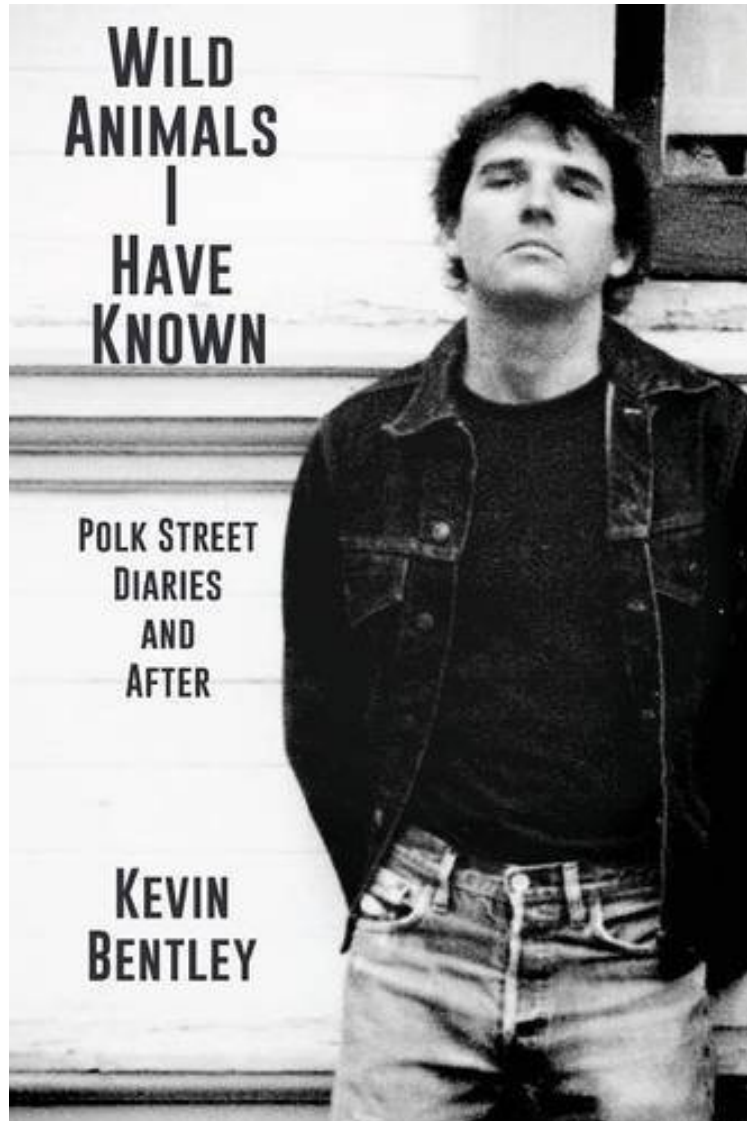


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Kevin Bentley

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happy to discover in the last chapter that Kevin found happiness, and was so pleased to read that some of the folks from his past were still in his life. But I wasn't surprised. You see, Kevin is one of those guys you want to know and will never forget. I imagine him sitting in a bookstore somewhere, sipping something good, reading this review and smiling wryly thinking about how grand life truly is. Blessings.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Loved itBy Mark-MiamiI loved it - brings back memories of my pre-AIDS youth in the early 1980's and the changes and maturity that resulted as a result of AIDS. My first visit to San Francisco was in 1982, and I could see the changes with my next visit in 1992 - as such, the book captures a time that will never come back.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed this book for the history of the time period ...By Joe DunnamI enjoyed this book for the history of the time period in San Francisco. There was a lot of explicit information. This was just how it was back then. This book is definitely not for the closed minded. I would definitely read more of his books.

In the late '70s there was a massive migration of young gay men to San Francisco. They left home in droves, traveling by plane, bus, Pinto or Volkswagen towards a life free from discrimination. Struggling to make ends meet, many worked in bookstores and restaurants, all the while taking advantage of a scene of sexual hedonism. Kevin Bentley faithfully kept a frank, literate diary of his experiences as this generation of gay men tumbled into the era of AIDS.

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