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Sara Nickles, Bob Shacochis : Drinking, Smoking and Screwing: Great Writers on Good Times before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Drinking, Smoking and Screwing: Great Writers on Good Times:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. A debauched life is one worth livingBy Mr. JoeFor my

generation, the road to depravity was ostensibly via sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll. For the contributors to this anthology, most born in the previous generation, moral and physical ruin came from DRINKING, SMOKING SCREWING. It's comforting to note that there's at least one vice the two generations can agree upon. It should come as no surprise that the subject of screwing dominates eleven of the book's twenty-four chapters, followed by drinking (7), smoking (4), and a combination of the last two (2). The subtitle of DSS is "Great Writers on Good Times", which implies that the three vices necessarily lead to such. But this isn't the case. The twenty-six contributing authors - 19 men and 7 women - present, rather, non-judgemental evidence of the human condition that both causes and results from indulgence in the title sins. The individual pieces, like Mark Twain's "Concerning Tobacco" and Art Buchwald's "Some Heady Phrases on Wine", are personal commentary on the subject at hand, or, like Terry Southern's and Mason Hoffenberg's "Candy" and Anais Nin's "Henry and June", are excerpts from longer works of fiction. There are even a couple of short poems. As related to the overall topic, no chapter is less than three stars, and a couple are worth five. My personal faves are "The Ginger Man" by J.P. Donleavy, about the aftermath of a cad's argument with his long-suffering wife, and "Women" by Charles Bukowski, the perfect illustration of male Homo sapiens as Sexual Pig. Were the book to be compiled today for the current generation, I imagine the title would be something like "Sugar-Laden Sodas, Fatty Fast Foods Unprotected Screwing." Time marches on. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "Lying, Cheating and Stealing" this is just full of great writing, essays. By miles allison Along with "Lying, Cheating and Stealing" this is just full of great writing, snippets of novels and short stories. This is how writing is done. If you enjoy reading good literature, GET THIS BOOK! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must have for any scholar's library shelf! By Customer The title says it all. Read this book!

Before the notion of "political correctness" encroached on the ways people spoke, wrote, and conducted themselves in public and private, some of America's best writers embraced unsafe sex, excessive alcohol, and a good cigar. From the classically libidinous Henry Miller to the hilariously contemporary Fran Lebowitz, Drinking, Smoking and Screwing includes novel excerpts, essays, poems, and short stories in a bawdy and thoroughly entertaining anthology with no warnings -- and no apologies.

.com Here's to the three greatest pleasures in life: a cigarette before and a martini after. Drinking, Smoking Screwing celebrates these less-than-holy pursuits and unlocks the sweet mystery of sin with a sordid selection of essays, stories, excerpts, and poetry from noted libertines such as Mark Twain, Charles Bukowski, Henry Miller, Vladimir Nabokov, Spalding Gray, and Dorothy Parker. Also deliciously wicked is the introduction, penned by Bob Shacochis, author of Swimming the Volcano and not one to shy away from a drink, a smoke, and a... Well, you get the point. He writes, "Not to defend smokers, drinkers, and fuckers would be a terrible mistake.... The world might be simple and clean, but it wouldn't be deliciously, fascinatingly, pathetically human, would it? Nor would it be much fun." And, damn, is this book fun. --Tod Nelson From Library Journal This collection of 24 poems, essays, short stories, and excerpts from novels written between 1917 and 1986 has been put together to show readers that there was a time when Americans enjoyed drinking, smoking, and screwing rather than worrying, as do many writers in the 1990s, about how these activities threaten their health. However, though many selections are amusing, most stress the problems and frustrations that result from these activities rather than the joy. Authors include Dorothy Parker, Erica Jong, Mary McCarthy, Vladimir Nabokov, J.P. Donleavy, and Henry Miller, and most of what is collected here is well known. Nothing in the organization of the material or in the introduction provides insight into either familiar or unfamiliar writings. Not recommended. Judy Mimken, Boise, Id. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Bob Shacochis is the award-winning author of several short-story collections and novels, including Swimming in the Volcano. Sara Nickles is a screenwriter and author who lives in Berkeley, California.