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An edgy, no-holds-barred, post-modern memoir that moves with ease from the gritty details of a harrowing childhood, to the soulless meanderings of a young man "making it" in New York City, to the soaring search for meaning.

### From Publishers Weekly

Death inspires a hip young New Yorker to quest for spiritual life in this searing memoir. During a vacation in Jamaica in the mid-1980s, Matousek realized that his life was about to undergo a cataclysm. At 28, he was an editor at the chic Manhattan magazine *Interview*. Yet despite success, he was sickened by the meaninglessness of his work; the sight of the magazine's founder, Andy Warhol, "ghostlike, his sharp dead eyes surveying his kingdom," did little to ease his soul. As Matousek and a college friend lazed on the beach, the author saw on his friend's foot a purple spot, a symptom of AIDS. Suddenly, Matousek "knew without question that the virus was in me"?and that "there was not a minute to waste." He determined to gain a glimmer of enlightenment before he died. A guiding angel arrived in the form of Alexander Maxwell, a handsome young writer. The two became lovers, and Maxwell took Matousek to India, with a detour to Germany to meet Mother Meera, a young woman believed by many to be an incarnation of the Goddess. Through the subsequent decade of pain and quest also chronicled in this brave, beautiful and brilliantly observed work, Matousek never forgot her. Finally, he returned to Germany, where he found from Mother Meera confirmation that his own life is the only real path he has ever needed. Author tour.

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At 28, Matousek lived in the glitzy, glamorous world of Andy Warhol's Factory, working as an editor of *Interview* and chronicling the rich, the famous, and the wanna-bes. Ten years later, anomie shriveled him inwardly; his world had become one filled with empty sensations and the devastation of AIDS. He went to India for spiritual enlightenment and to put meaning into a life scarred early by an abusive childhood, teenage prostitution, and violence. He writes of his journey movingly, without either self-pity or preaching, and often with humor, as when, having turned obsessively to a macrobiotic diet after testing positive for HIV, he sees the chef in a macrobiotic restaurant--"the thinnest person I had ever seen outside a hospital" -- keel over dead into the turnip greens and kukicha tea for no apparent reason. His panic when he develops AIDS-related conditions pushes him further spiritually: "Terror is the door to enlightenment," he says. "There's a vitality in facing death. . . . It pushes you to travel fast and deep and wide." *Whitney Scott*

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