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Description:

From Publishers Weekly This achingly forthright account of heroin addiction and the madness of life in the L.A. rock-and-roll scene fairly crackles with reality. Sugerman (No One Here Gets Out Alive) tells of his well-heeled yet troubled childhood and of his association, beginning at age 12, with the Doors, particularly his relationship with the band's nihilistic leader, Jim Morrison. Himself experimenting with drugs at the time Morrison OD'd, Sugerman developed an addiction, at the same time assuming more responsible and more visible positions with the Doors' organization. The author describes in wrenching detail his increasingly outrageous behavior which, because it was equalled or exceeded by his friends and associates several of whom died during this period was perceived within his milieu as, if not normal, at least acceptable. Fortunately for Sugerman, he stopped his

wild rush toward self-destruction just short of its realization. His facility with dialogue and his breakneck writing style complement perfectly the intensity of the subject matter.

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From Library Journal At age 13, the author of *No One Gets Out of Here Alive* (LJ 9/15/80) and *The Doors: The Illustrated History* (LJ 12/1/83) was given a job opening *The Doors's* fan mail and was on his way to becoming a successful rock music promoter. This book is the story of the next eight years of Sugerma's life, a time in which alcohol, parties, "the usual gaggle of weirdos and parade of girls, druggies, roadies, musicians, music-industry types, and fans" all contributed to a life-threatening drug problem and admission to a mental hospital. Sugerma maintains the innocence of youth in his dialogue, but his excellent descriptions are seasoned with the insight of a man who has lived for over a decade after having made the decision to live rather than give into drugs and dying.

- *Donald W. Maxwell, Carmel Clay P.L., Carmel, Ind.*

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