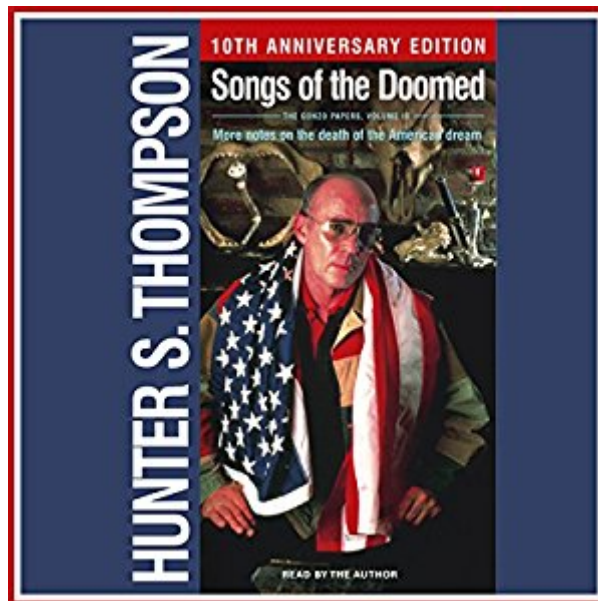




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A collection of journalism, social commentary, short fiction and autobiography, this book is divided into sections of writing on each decade: 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s. The book begins with a furious condemnation of the US justice system and ends with the author's own version of the events that led to his extraordinary court case. "The Great Shark Hunt" and "Generation of Swine" are volumes 1 and 2, respectively, of the "Gonzo Papers". --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Ok. So didn't like my stories of meeting Thompson in '82 during a speaking gig in Berkeley, or how he introduced me to a Mitchell Brothers dancer. Or how we met up a few times afterwards at that famed strip joint. No, they wouldn't I suppose though it was during the same period quite a bit of this book came from. I still have an SF Examiner newspaper stand cardboard from then along with the fond and not so fond memories. Great writing. Anyone who says otherwise or says that it's outdated or irrelevant isn't intelligent enough to understand how often history not only repeats itself but how the same monsters frequent the battlefield and how necessary it is to load your pen with obscene and vulgar ammo and let fly in order to slay the dumb brutes. If you honestly believe this is fiction in any sense you should take handfuls of drugs, walk into a bar full of bikers and announce tattoos are vulgar and you work for the CIA. The ensuing discussions should bring about an understanding that this stuff happens. Regularly. Trump wouldn't stand a chance had Thompson drawn from a different deck. Him and his billionaire bed fellows would be pulling typewriter keys and ribbons from their

backsides as did quite a few of those political monsters from previous administrations. Cheers Thompson. Thanks for the booze, drugs, woman and brilliant writing.

Happy

OK, it's been a while since I read this, but remember it being essential Hunter S. Thompson writing. It's a broad mix of stuff, I guess from his early career to 1990. I think this is the third installment of the Gonzo Papers, including Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas and Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72'. I think it is a collection of essays which span all the above years, and they have been very carefully selected. I think this is Hunter in prime form and would recommend it to any Thompson reader. I know this doesn't tell anyone anything specifically, but trust in my "gestalted" memory, this is a keeper or I wouldn't have bothered to re-purchase it many years later(I bought it in the 90's...) So we will all have to dig in to some kickin' Thompson. It's on my stack. This is one of his best efforts, I believe. Happy reading!Â Â Songs of the Doomed: More Notes on the Death of the American Dream

This book is by far one of my favorite HST works -- a perfect example of Gonzo nuttiness and a hodgepodge of letters, stories, and mishaps. This is Hunter S. at his craziest and a few stories (particularly: Saturday Night at the Riviera) had me bursting out into mad laughter while sitting in the airport. There is still a general dose of politics sprinkled throughout the book, but you'll find plenty of other hilarious and interesting content.

Hunter Thompson has to be read. one has to go through some tedium, but like his other books, it is well worth the effort. I find myself laughing out loud at some of his characterizations. There is a classic timelessness to his efforts.

I wish hst was here today!!!

Solid reading for fans of HST, could be a good jumping off point for people new to his work as well though 'Kingdom of Fear' has a bit more going on.

I LOVE this book, but my ex got custody of it in the divorce. My daughter is taking freshman comp and needed an essay for literary analysis. I have always believed that "Midnight on the Coast

Highway" is the best piece of descriptive writing HST has ever produced. Book arrived on time and in excellent condition. Enjoy!

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