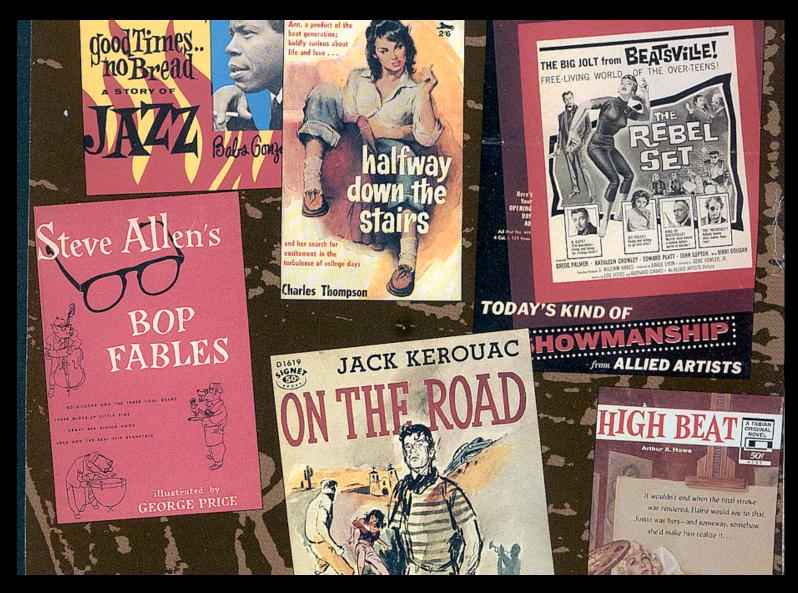
# the Beats





The "War to End All Wars"

The Bomb

Pink and Red

Returning Home

Squaresville

Rebel Without A Cause

## "Beatniks"

Locale?

Greenwich Village and North Beach

City Lights Bookstore

The Bohemian Tradition in San Francisco

# What is the purpose of life?

In one word...





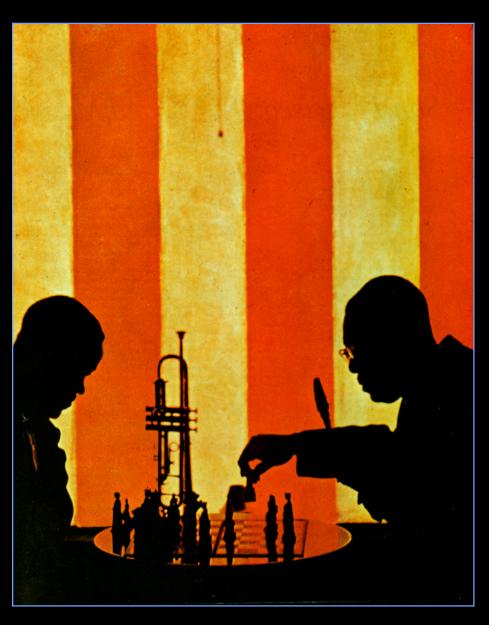
Co-Existence Bagel Shop, North Beach, 1955

Why North Beach?

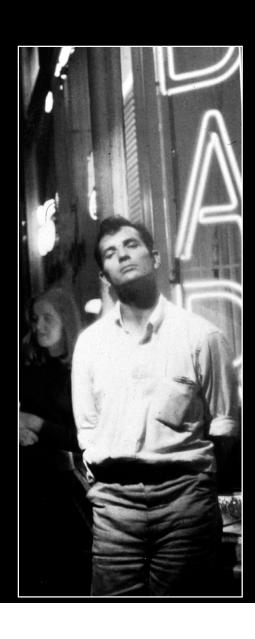
## Uncool



# Cool



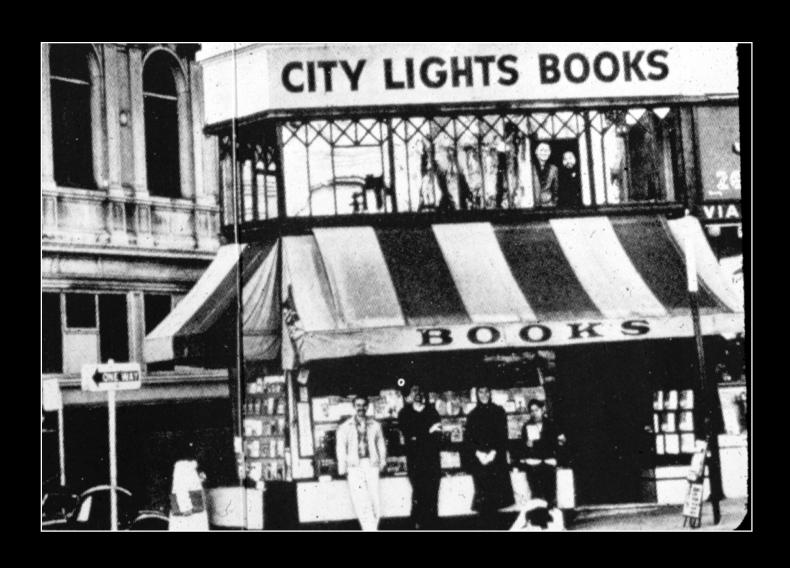
# Jack Kerouac on the Scene



# The Pad



# Beat Mecca



#### Golden Gate Park

```
In Golden Gate Park that day
  a man and his wife were coming along
      thru the enormous meadow
                which was the meadow of the world
He was wearing green suspenders
   and carrying an old beat-up flute
      in one hand
           while his wife had a bunch of grapes
which she kept handing out
     individually
        to various squirrels
            as if each
               were a little joke
```

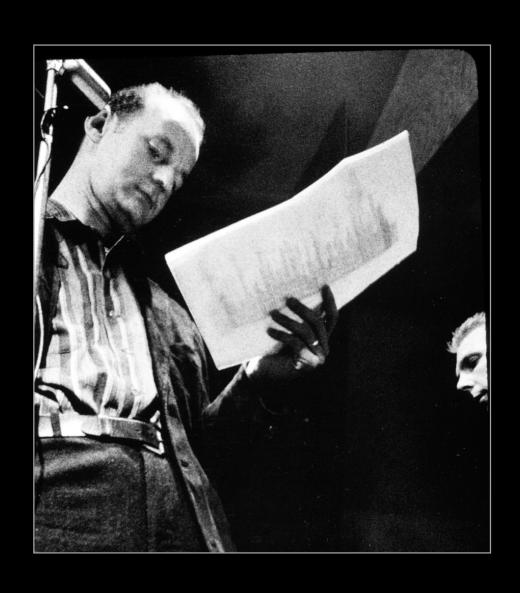
And then the two of them come on thru the enormous meadow which was the meadow of the world and then at a very still spot where the trees dreamed and seemed to have been waiting thru all time for them they sat down together on the grass without looking at each other and ate oranges without looking at each other and put the peels in a basket which they seemed to have brought for that purpose without looking at each other

```
and then
  he took his shirt and undershirt off
   but kept his hat on
sideways
     and without saying anything
fell asleep under it
   And his wife just sat there looking
      at the birds which flew about
calling to each other
   in the silly air
       as if they were questioning existence
or trying to recall something forgotten
```

But then finally she too lay down flat and just lay there looking up at nothing yet fingering the old flute which nobody played and finally looking over at him

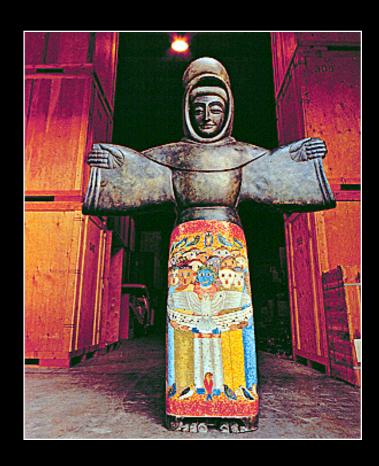
without any particular expression except a certain awful look of terrible depression

# Lawrence Ferlinghetti Reading



#### The Statue of Saint Francis

They were putting up the statue of Saint Francis in front of the church of Saint Francis in the city of San Francisco in a little side street just off the Avenue where no birds sang and the sun was coming up on time in its usual fashion and just beginning to shine on the statue of Saint Francis where no birds sang



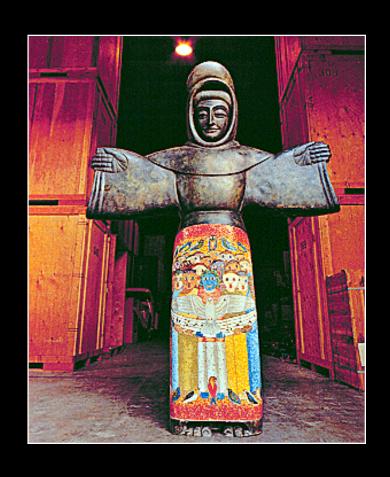
And a lot of old Italians were standing all around in the little side street just off the Avenue watching the wily workers who were hoisting up the statue with a chain and a crane and other implements And a lot of young reporters in button-down clothes were taking down the words of the one young priest who was propping up the statue

with all his arguments



And all the while while no birds sang any Saint Francis Passion and while his arms outstretched to the birds which weren't there a very tall and purely naked young virgin with very long and very straight straw hair and wearing only a very small bird's nest in a very existential place kept passing thru the crowd all the while and up and down the steps in front of Saint Francis her eyes downcast all the while and singing to herself





# Flibberty Jib









# Some Time During Eternity...

```
Sometime during eternity
    some guys show up
and one of them
    who shows up real late
is a kind of carpenter
    from some square-type place
        like Galilee
and he starts wailing
and claiming he is hip
     to who made heaven
        and earth
and that the cat
   who really laid on us
        is his Dad
```

```
And moreover
   he adds
It's all writ down
  on some scroll-type parchments
    which some henchmen
leave lying around the Dead Sea somewheres
    a long time ago
and which you won't even find
   for a coupla thousand years or so
or at least for
   nineteen hundred and fortyseven
      of them
          to be exact
              and even then
nobody really believes them
   or me
       for that matter
```

You're hot they tell him

And they cool him

They stretch him on the Tree to cool And everybody after that is always making models of this Tree with Him hung up and always crooning His name and calling Him to come down and sit in on their combo as if he the king cat who's got to blow or they can't quite make it

#### Only he don't come down from His Tree

```
Him just hang there
  on His Tree
looking real Petered out
   and real cool
      and also
according to a roundup
      of late world news
          from the usual unreliable sources
                 real dead
```

### What Time Is It?

# Ginsberg America

# Columbus

### A Manhattan Fable



