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## Campus Sextop A Memoir Association of Writers and Writing Programs Award for Creative Nonfiction

By David Carkeet

University of Georgia Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 152 pages. Dimensions: 7.8in. x 5.3in. x 0.5in. She tipped her head sideways, her lips offering themselves to his. He remembered the fire those lips contained, the promise her kiss held. . . . In 1962 David Carkeet's drowsy hometown of Sonora, California, snapped awake at the news that it had inspired a smutty potboiler titled *Campus Sextop*. Before leaving town on short notice, the novel's author had been an English teacher at the local high school, where Carkeet was a hormone-saturated sophomore. Leaving was a good idea, it turned out, for most of the characters in *Campus Sextop* had been modeled after Sonora's citizens. Carkeet uproariously recaptures his stunned, youthful reaction to the novel's sleazy take on his hometown. The innocent nowhere burg where he despaired of ever getting any action became, in the pages of *Campus Sextop*, a sink of iniquity echoing with animal cries of delight. Blood pounded, dams of passion broke, and marriages and careers--not to mention the basics of good writing--went straight to hell. As Carkeet relates his own romantic fumbling to the novel's clumsy twists and turns, he also evokes the urgently hushed atmosphere in which...



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