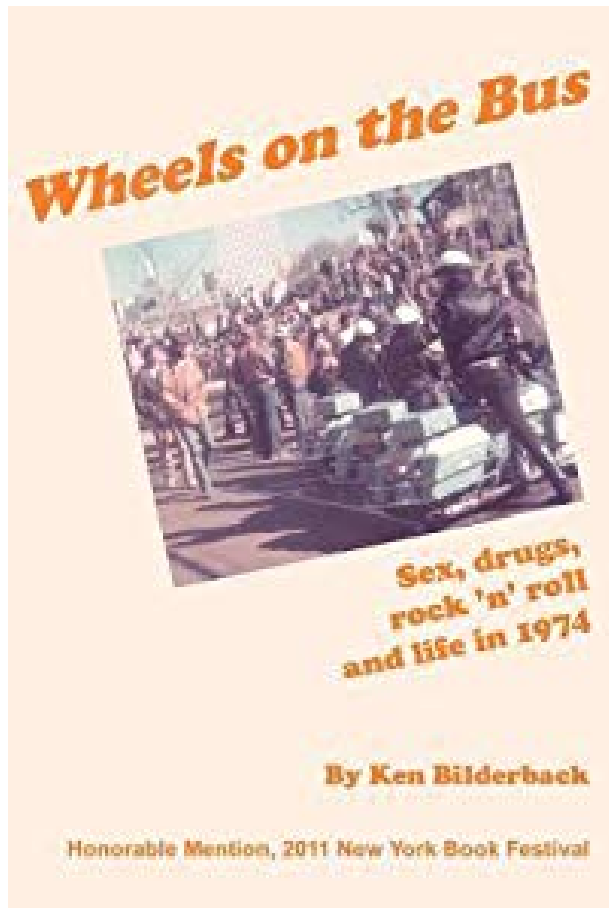


# Wheels on the Bus



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Over a lifetime many people encounter sexual predators, prostitution, drug dealers, murder, robbery, racism, sexism, kinky sex, post-traumatic stress syndrome, homosexuality and broken-down old people.

Back in 1974, thanks to a bus company marketing promotion, a shy 18-year-old could pack all that and more into just 30 days. Throw in Mardi Gras, some sleazy preachers, a UFO, a switchblade-yielding cowboy and a person of indeterminate gender with a tongue like sandpaper and you have the makings of a real adventure. When you're a shy 18-year-old fleeing neighborhood bullies and a paranoid-schizophrenic father, none of those things seem all that bad, so you immediately hit the road again for some more solo rambling ... until falling into a life of mortgages and 401(k)s.

But somewhere inside many of us there's a certain yearning to return to 1974. Not so much to the Chevy vans with shag carpet interiors or the cheap drugs and even cheaper sex, but maybe to the belief we shared that there was something better out there, something better than the lives of our parents ... "Wheels on the Bus" is an autobiographical novel that lets you live all this vicariously, if you aren't already living it for real. Fiction – Coming of age