



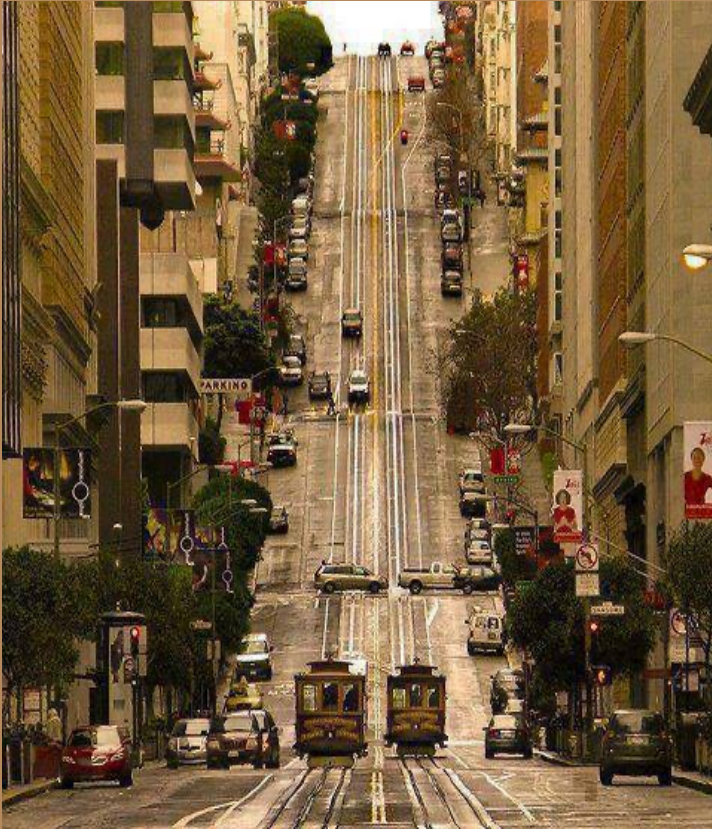
GRASS THROUGH PAVEMENT

a novel

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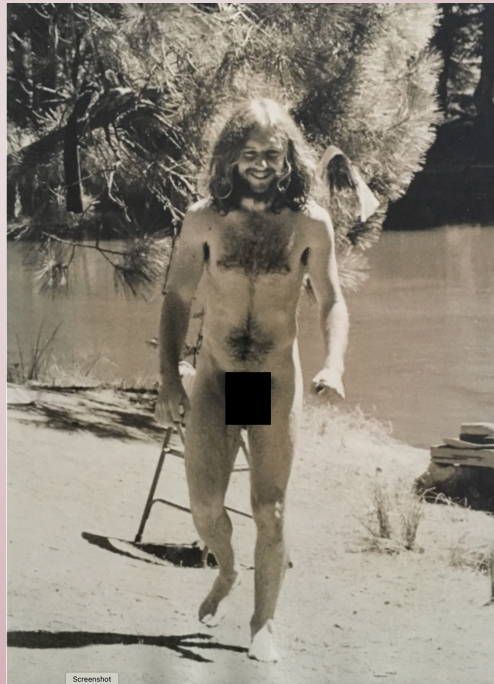


Grass Through Pavement is a story of the Vietnam war, seen through the eyes of a boy thrust into the U.S. Navy during the height of that controversial conflict.



Negotiating the aftermath becomes as challenging as his four years on the aircraft carrier in the Gulf of Tonkin. Life in San Francisco following the Summer of Love gives Lucien new eyes, leads to the destruction of one marriage and creates the prelude to another.

Lucien is a young man in his prime who seeks to fulfill his confused youthful imaginations about what sex is. With a vein of humor throughout, his curiosity leads him to confront the various faces of sexual reality: adolescent confusion, macho military acting out, alcohol muddle in Far East countries and PTSD in a civilian world that seems to revolve primarily around sex.



Lucien learns what true spiritual awakening is after a lifetime of sexual illusion. Yet the remainder of his days aren't without dead-ends, albeit on a more lofty, enlightened scale, one foot in the mud and the other in artful pursuit of what is really real.



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Several chapters from the book have been published as stand-alone short stories in literary journals.