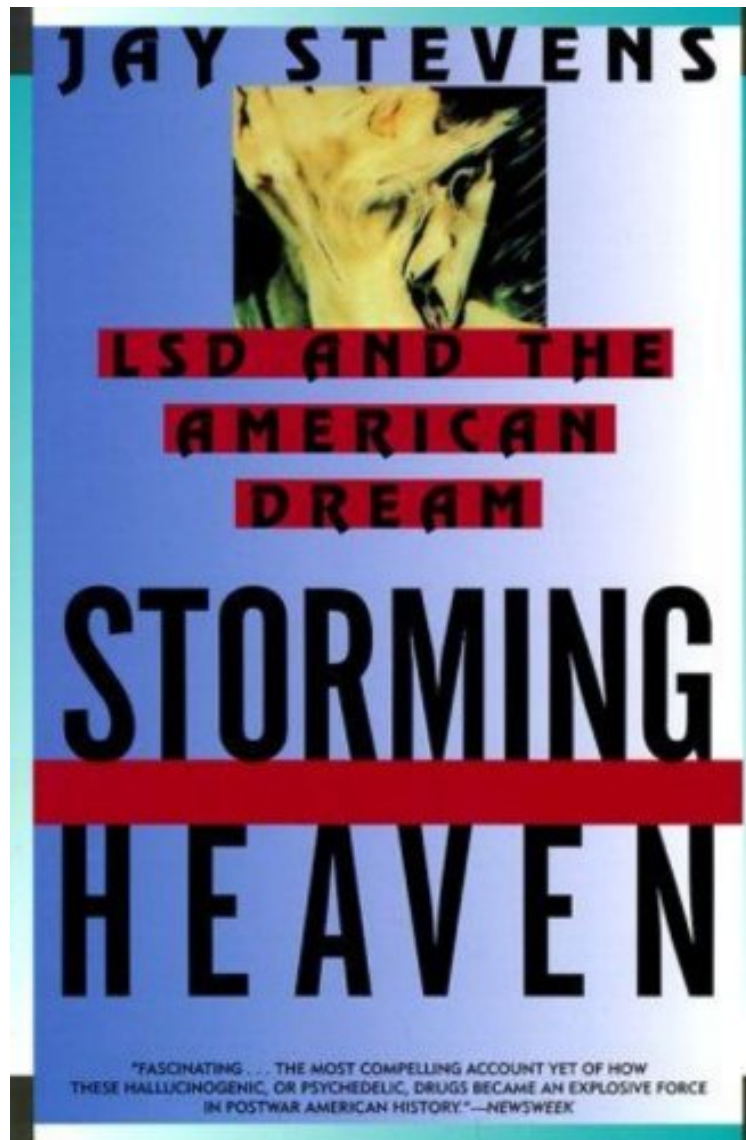


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Von Jay Stevens : Storming Heaven; LSD and the American Dream (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Storming Heaven; LSD and the American Dream (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Battle between God's Flesh and Green MoneyVon Ein KundeSegue to the end: money wins. Personal greed (or some variant of Maslow's hierarchy) triumphs over freedom of the mind. How pure these early pioneers of mind expansion

were in their intentions. And how naive. What kind of society could sustain a populace of blissed-out fun-seeking consumer bees more bent on self-discovery than on collecting and distributing green pollen? The answer to this question posed such a threat to the established system that what resulted was no less than a civil war, with one side winning a smashing victory. Life in the trenches is so boring, we need our legal opiates to blot out the meaninglessness. How dare a group of outsiders suggest an alternative marketing channel! What would happen to G.M., Seagram's, the Papal seat, and the organized crime syndicates working in the underground economy? Better to have a bloodless revolution (well, almost...see Chicago in 1968 and Kent State University in 1970) than to tolerate such an open threat to income production and distribution. This book is a fine social study that is a "must" reading for anyone who would attempt to explain the America we live in today. Going beneath the headlines without sounding too much like Oliver Stone opens up other interpretations of what happened and suggests what could have been. If you were born between 1945 and 1965 and want to know why you and your friends are doing this instead of that, read this book. If you are a student of modern American history, read this book. I have read it three times since it was first published (just finished it again), and as a baby-boomer born in 1952, I can appreciate just how close to the mark the author makes his shot.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Technicolored Masterpiece of a Maelstrom
Von Ian Hough
This is very likely the best book I have ever read. It gave me a taste for any non-fiction which is written in "story" form. Jay Stevens leads us down a realistic but picturesque garden path, stopping at many points along the way to point out the more fascinating individuals and descriptions of the world, created by this incredible chemical. He quotes one voyager as saying "I was struck more by its strangeness than its beauty." Obviously a man with some experience of that other world, Stevens is slick as well as humane in his treatment of what it did to a generation, and what happened to them when it was over. From the moment Albert Hofmann accidentally ingested the stuff in Basle, to the studious setting of Huxley's awakening, to Tim Leary and his anti-establishment stance in the bowels of Harvard, to Allen Ginsberg's being born again, and on into the psychological armageddon beyond Altamont, Stevens' voice never wavers, but becomes ever clearer, more colorful and true. I lay on a bed for two days straight and read this big book. It was a trip, and the volume stands in a very convenient spot on my bookshelf. It shines.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a missing part of american culture revealed
Von Tim Shortnacy
if they taught this kind of history in school, I don't think I would have ever been bored enough to draw stupid comics of stick figures running about the pages of my notes and classwork.... a truly inspiring journey into the souls of some truly brave people in their journey to break on through.....

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Synopsis To a generation of psychotherapists, LSD was a door to the unconscious. To the CIA, which purchased enough to turn on 100 million people, it was potentially a mind-control weapon. To Aldous Huxley, it was a force which could push mankind up the evolutionary ladder, a belief inherited by Dr Timothy Leary, who thought LSD would transform America into a spiritual Utopia. "Storming Heaven" begins in scientific investigation and ends in social and cultural revolution. With names like Henry Luce, Cary Grant, Allen Ginsberg, Ken Kesey, G Gordon Liddy and Charles Manson, the book examines a force which shaped contemporary America.