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About the Author

Hunter S. Thompson was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. His books include *Hell's Angels*, *Fear and Loathing at Rolling Stone*, *Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72*, *The Rum Diary*, and *Better than Sex*. He died in February 2005.

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