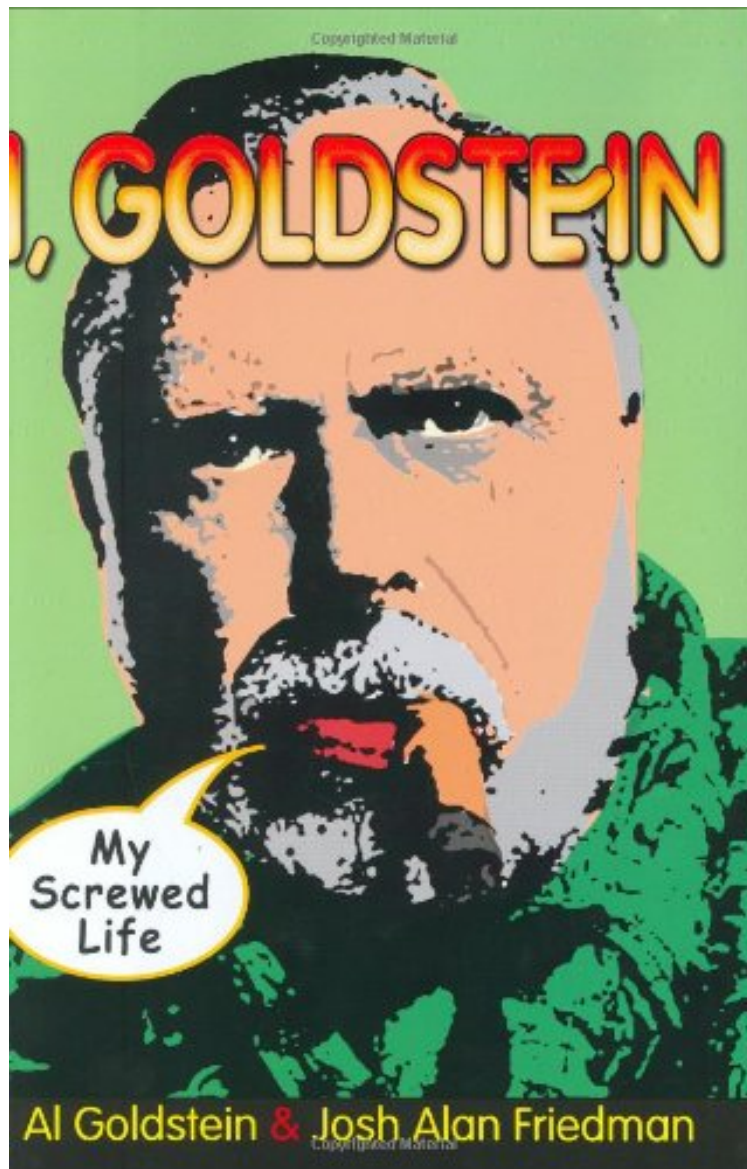


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**Al Goldstein : I, Goldstein: My Screwed Life** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I, Goldstein: My Screwed Life:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hysterical / The Rodney Dangerfield of SMUTBy HCRMy first introduction to Al Goldstein was as a child when I used to sneak to the TV room to watch Midnight Blue on Public Access TV. During the SCREW era I would frequent the video arcade parlors and peep shows around Times Square.

This book takes me back to those days. Besides detailing Al's life with funny commentary ( Bat Mitzvah photos and all ) this book also describes the legal issues and first amendment battles that it took to publish his magazine. Much to my surprise he did not mention Porn Actress Cable TV Host and Show World owner ROBYN BYRD. She had a show on cable tv around the same time that was just as popular as Midnight Blue. I find it odd that she was never mentioned in the book when several other people relevant to the porn world were featured. I love people like Al. A true NYC jew unapologetic loud mouth. These guys are a dying breed in this PC Punk Society we now live in. May he rest in piece and know that he was greatly appreciated....a pioneer in the world of smut.....but a pioneer no less. God Speed. 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Funny, raw, visceral, and ultimately a little sad.....By T. Bundrick Many years back I used to watch Al Goldstein's MIDNIGHT BLUE program on my local cable station. I loved his commentary about the adult movie scene and his scathing company reviews. When his Mercedes broke down and he received shoddy service, he retaliated by calling the Mercedes company a bunch of Nazi-supporters. When he felt an airline had wronged him, he retaliated by showing mid-air collisions. He gave out the home and office numbers of the chief executive of Time Warner, asking his viewers to call and express their outrage at the perceived censorship. He was a strong supporter of free speech issues and a major proponent of the sexual revolution during the latter half of this century. His print publication SCREW, often featured interviews with a variety of entertainers, politicians and writers. You may not agree with his views on politics, marriage or adult movies but he was always open and honest with his audience. He spent, snorted, ate, and alimoned his way through various fortunes. Now broke (and until recently indigent), he is still unapologetic. He lives in an apartment on Staten Island, donated to him by the entertainer, Penn Jillette. Eating in soup kitchens, scrounging for money, and completely dependent on his health insurance to manage his many ills (diabetes, manic depression), he is still commenting on the times with vitriolic stamina. I admire the man and very much enjoyed this brave, wreckless, and very funny autobiography. Highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great behind scene of the porn world in the 70s ...By Richard chin Great behind scene of the porn world in the 70s screw magazine history must read for anyone interested in this period

The key distinction between Al Goldstein and Hugh Hefner is that the last thing on earth Al would be caught doing is taking himself seriously. Otherwise, given the amount of trouble Al has seen, his autobiography reads more like a tragedy than the absurd, uproarious comedy it is. Like a fat tiger with nine lives, Al Goldstein constantly collides with his own mortality, yet has survived for 69 years, so far. Recently, after finally succeeding in cannibalizing his entire fortune, Goldstein toughed his way through a full year homeless on the streets of New York merely his latest accomplishment. Al's list of priors involve two dozen arrests, four ex-wives, Mafia hit contracts, thousands of death threats, innumerable medical procedures, and constant legal attack throughout his 34 years publishing Screw. Al's blood enemies include politicians, D.A.'s, CEO's and religious officials. When Goldstein was acquitted on pornography charges in Wichita, Kansas, in 1978, he flew the entire jury to New York to celebrate at Plato's Retreat, and took them all out to dinner on the anniversary of his acquittal. This landmark victory thereafter insured the right of Americans to view buck-ass naked sex with or without redeeming social value.

From Publishers Weekly Screw magazine founder Goldstein chronicles his dramatic career in pornography in this occasionally compelling but more frequently repellent memoir. Driven by an unfocused rage-"I got up every morning to face my enemies. And I loved it"-Goldstein cut a wide swath in his rise to porn infamy, alienating readers, family members and friends with outrageous and inflammatory behavior before cannibalizing his sizable fortune and winding up in a homeless shelter for half a year. Unfortunately, Goldstein never quite gets around to discussing his crushing financial failure in much detail, focusing instead on gleeful stories of debauchery with porn stars like Linda Lovelace and interviews with the famous and notorious, ranging from Sammy Davis Jr. to Albert Speer, pulled from the pages of his magazine. He's more than candid, and certainly isn't out to make himself a hero; when gunmen enter his magazine's office, for example, Goldstein's thoughts first turn to his infant son, but then "turned to the more immediate matter of protecting the \$2,500 Pulsar watch on my wrist." It's a recurring theme in the book-when given the opportunity to do the right thing, Goldstein instinctively thinks of himself first-making it hard to muster much sympathy. Though amusing and titillating, this memoir isn't much more than another stab at fame and fortune from a selfish, angry and intermittently funny man. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist A genuine survivor of the culture wars of the 1960s, Screw magazine publisher Goldstein comes clean in a rambling autobiography-cum-cultural manifesto. Goldstein, 69, hasn't had an easy life. Indeed, he was recently homeless for a year--a consequence of frittering away a not-insignificant pile of pelf amassed during his heyday, which wealth shouldn't be considered in the same breath with the fortune of that other notorious sex publisher, Hugh Hefner. Playboy was all about "tasteful" nudity and air-brushing, whereas Screw was all in-your-face, sweaty reality and in many ways a precursor of Larry Flynt's Hustler, which shoved porn into the mainstream along lines greased by Goldstein. Now on marriage number five, Goldstein works in Internet media, with sexually oriented Web sites and services. This book, written with former Screw associate Friedman, invokes familiar names from Jacob Javits to Mad publisher William M. Gaines as it summarizes and justifies a life lived on the cultural barricades. Details

about genuine sixties characters, such as porn star John C. Holmes ("Johnny Wadd"), add fascination. Mike  
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covered by major magazines, newspapers, and national media most recently in The New York Times and The New  
Yorker. He's good buddies with Stern and Imus. Ready and able to do whatever is required to promote his book.