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Jack Kerouac's iconic 1950s novel *On the Road* is a Beat Generation classic, chronicling the adventures and misadventures of Kerouac's travels crisscrossing North America with Neal Cassady, William Burroughs, Allen Ginsberg, and other colorful companions. Now gifted writer Jay Atkinson hits the road to retrace Kerouac's legendary journey today. The author's experiences offer fascinating insights on American culture and society then and now and illuminate his own quest for self-understanding and discovery.

- Contrasts the life and landscape of Kerouac's 1940s and 1950s America with the realities today
- Filled with unexpected adventures and strangers encountered on Atkinson's trips to New York, New Orleans, Chicago, Denver, Mexico City, and the California coast
- Reveals Atkinson's engaging reflections on the search for personal identity and self
- Other titles by Jay Atkinson: *Ice Time* (a *Publishers Weekly* Notable Book of the Year) and *Legends of Winter Hill* (a *Boston Globe* bestseller) as well as the novels *City in Amber* and *Caveman Politics*

Absorbing and beautifully written, *Paradise Road* is essential reading for Kerouac fans as well as lovers of engaging travel memoirs and anyone interested in American life and culture.



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