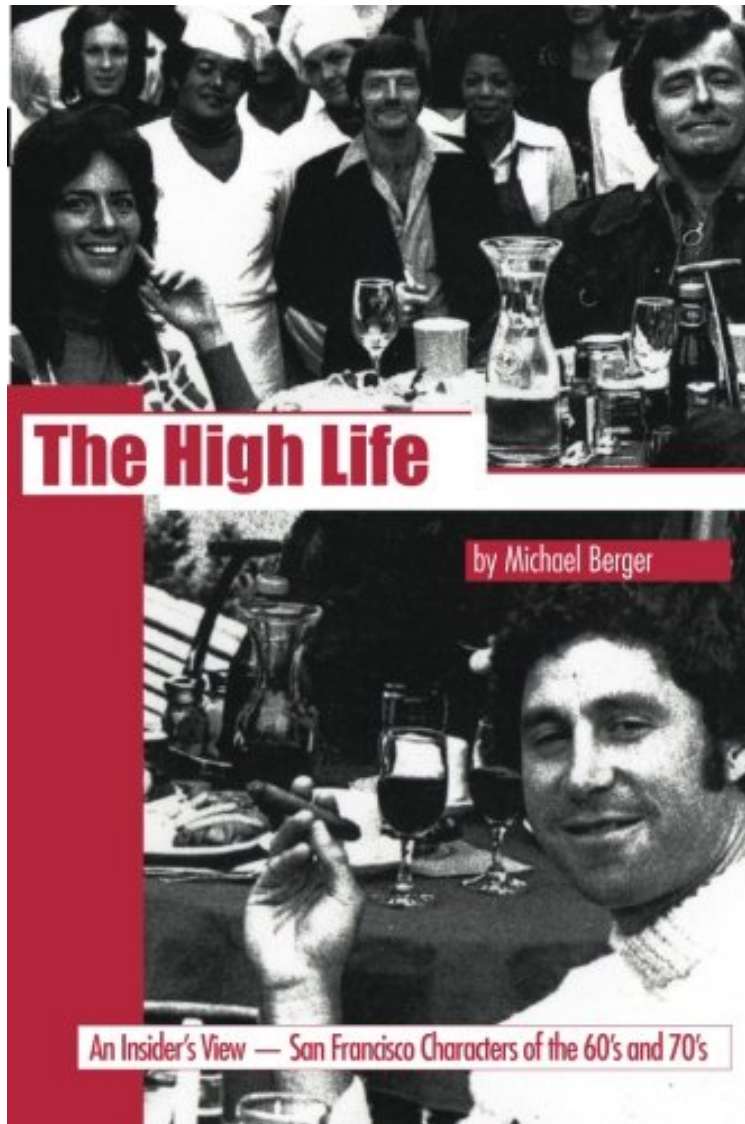


The High Life: An Insider's View: San Francisco Characters of the 60's and 70's

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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Thanks For The Memories!By Ray GregoireAs a former member of the Delancey Street Family in the 70's, Mike's book flooded me with wonderful memories. The book focuses more on the characters of San Francisco during the 60's 70's more than it does on Michael himself. At one point he talks about

Delancey Street's founder, John Maher, and what a terrible driver he was. I had to laugh. I rode with John once in his little MG sports car. I remember thinking, "here this guy saves my life by getting me out of a 5 year to life prison sentence to kill me on the streets of San Francisco!" It reminded me of Bill Cosby talking to his kids, "I brought you into this world and I can take you out!" This book is filled with personal stories with diverse personalities from Albert Disalvo (The Boston Strangler) to Cesar Chavez of the United Farmworkers of America, and Melvin Belli to Rev. Jim Jones of the People's Temple. It reads well and you may not put it down until finished. Thank you Michael for this lovely stroll down memory lane. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Customer I read the whole book at one sitting. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By ds written by a man who lived it!

The High Life is Mike Berger's vivid, first-person account of some of San Francisco's most famous characters from the 60's and 70's. The stories include his legal colleagues Nate Cohn, Jim MacInnis, Pat (Butch) Hallinan and some of their clients, including Sally Stanford, Mel Belli and the People's Temple Survivors. The major thread throughout his humorous anecdotes and reminiscences is Berger's 40-year devotion to the Delancey Street Foundation and his intimate friendship with founders John Maher and Mimi Silbert. As their first lawyer and a founding member of the Board, he is justifiably proud of the nation's most successful and respected residential drug rehabilitation facility.

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