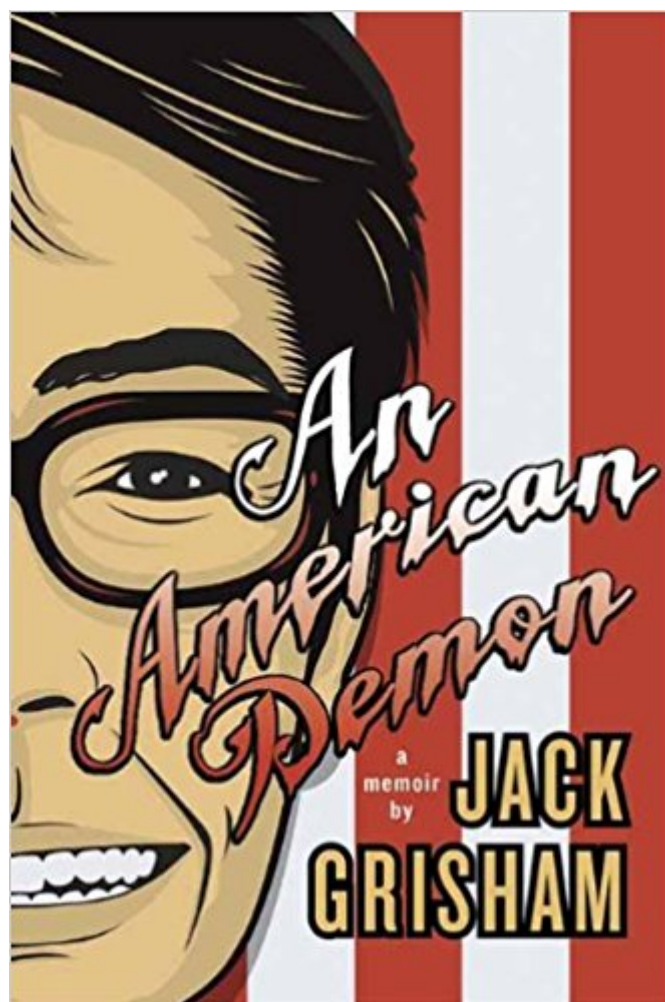


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An American Demon is Jack Grisham's story of depravity and redemption, terror and spiritual deliverance. While Grisham is best known as the raucous and provocative front man of the pioneer hardcore punk band TSOL (True Sounds of Liberty), his writing and true life experiences are physically and psychologically more complex, unsettling, and violent than those of Bret Easton Ellis and Chuck Palahniuk. Eloquently disregarding the prefabricated formulas of the drunk-to-sober, bad-to-good tale, this is an entirely new kind of life lesson: summoned through both God and demons, while settling within eighties hardcore punk culture and its radical-to-the-core (and most assuredly non-evangelical) parables, Grisham leads us, cleverly, gorgeously, between temporal violence and bigger-picture spirituality toward something very much like a path to salvation and enlightenment. An American Demon flourishes on both extremes, as a scary hardcore punk memoir and as a valuable message to souls navigating through an overly materialistic and woefully self-absorbed modern society. An American Demon conveys anger and truth within the perfect setting, using a youth rebellion that changed the world to open doors for this level of brash destruction. Told from the point of view of a seminal member of the American Punk movement; doused in violence, rebellion, alcoholism, drug abuse, and ending with beautiful lessons of sobriety and absolution; this book is as harrowing and life-affirming as anything you're ever going to read.

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For those of you expecting a straight up punk rock biography on Jack Grisham and or T.S.O.L.

(True Sounds Of Liberty - Jack's band) let me state emphatically that you won't get it. Yes, Jack regales the reader with plenty on his view of the music scene he whole-heartedly participated in and in his way defined, but I believe the reader gets a lot more than that. Jack labels this book a "memoir," and it is especially when you read and put the title into context with Jack and his life as An American Demon. But a typical, rushed, and poorly written rock-n-roll bio this is not. Demon reads like a novel and in many ways I would have loved to have read this book without any prior knowledge about Jack. Simply because a reader who may know nothing about Mr. Grisham may believe that his life as described within the pages of this tome may be that of a man completely made up! It seems to be unbelievable at times as the book unfolds into a life of pure unadulterated mayhem and chaos. Like Jack himself this is a one of a kind reading experience. Without giving too much away I hope people out there don't take some things in the book too literally. What's great is that it's up to you to try and decipher what the reality is behind the words. One may even be amazed to find that Jack is still very much alive after they read this book! That he survived the years described in this book (roughly Jack's childhood until the late 1990's prior to TSOL reforming) as a demon is a testament to his no holds barred outlook on religion, child abuse/neglect, love, death, music, cross dressing, surfing, drug and alcohol abuse, and an amazing knack for being able to avoid any really serious physical/mental damage.

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