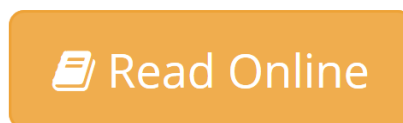


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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

*Starred Review.* In his bold memoir, Geng takes readers on a wild ride through low-life Paris, Miami and above all, New York City. The brother of *New Yorker* writer Veronica Geng (who died of a brain tumor in 1997), Geng enjoyed a lucrative career as a petty criminal—and hardcore junkie—while his sister climbed the masthead of the *New Yorker*. The chronicle of Geng's misadventures includes prison stints, an HIV diagnosis in the early 1980s and murder attempts by not one but two girlfriends, the second one drugging Geng before setting him on fire. It's amazing that Geng is still alive and a miracle that a man who didn't pick up a pen until he was in his 50s writes with such vigor and joy. "Record Steve," as he was known for his LP shoplifting skills, draws vivid scenes of Parisian brothels, South Beach stints on *Miami Vice* and the hipster underworld of 1960s and '70s Greenwich Village. Geng tells of meeting such celebrities as Don Johnson, Debbie Harry and Leroi Jones (who told Geng that heroin was keeping Geng young), but his finest descriptions are of his fellow hustlers. Although his sister's rarely involved in Geng's hijinks, she hovers throughout the narrative as a puzzle, goad and guardian angel. (May)

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### Review

“The only man more honest than a man without sin is a man without shame. In *Thick as Thieves*, Steve Geng explores his tumultuous life and poetic relationship with his sister with a hard won clarity and a resigned grace. Candidly unsentimental but powerfully moving, Geng's tribute to his sister is one of the most frank and insightful depictions of familial devotion-- and failings--that I've ever read.” *Josh Kilmer Purcell, author of I Am Not Myself Today*

“You'll never forget your vicarious joyride through Steve Geng's world, where jail, junk, jazz, larceny and sex are the dominant themes, and art and love are the variations. Geng has committed and survived any number of crimes, but his thirst for life, lively prose and clear-eyed analysis of his own story will have you rooting for him, no matter what.” *Elizabeth Gaffney, author of Metropolis*

“Along with ample evidence of Stephan Geng's honesty, clarity, and courage--and, let's not forget, occasional depravity--*Thick as Thieves* demonstrates that there were two writers growing up in the same household with pitch-perfect senses of the absurd.” *Mark Singer, author of Somewhere in America*

### About the Author

**Steve Geng** grew up an army brat in Philadelphia with his sister, the late Veronica Geng, who wrote and edited for *The New Yorker* and died in 1997. He attended high schools in Heidelberg, Germany, and Orléans, France. He has been a thief, a saloon keeper, and an actor, and is an active member of Manhattan's recovery community. *Thick as Thieves* is his first book.

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