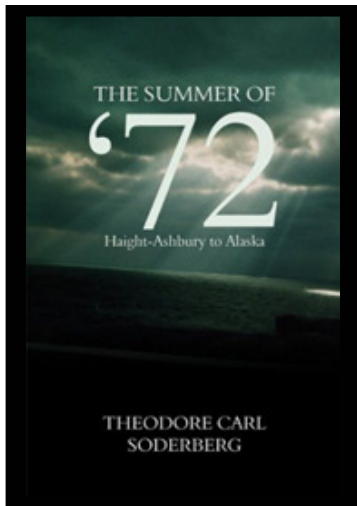


**'Reader Reviews' For 'The Summer Of '72- Haight Ashbury To Alaska' – by Theodore Carl Soderberg**

**Reviewed by Ginger Harman (Reader) 9/2/2011**



“Haight and Ashbury meet Rolling Stones and the Alaska Fisherman! I have to admit this is my favorite book written by the Ted Soderberg and I highly recommend this book! Mr. Soderberg provides a plethora of characters with a capriciousness of personalities. The author narrates the story of his experiences during the hippie Revolution of 1972 as he takes a hiatus from college. From the beginning humor is ever present when the storyteller recalls his driving across the United States. For example, he slams his burgundy Corvair into a large brass propeller. After all, who else can manage to be in a boating accident and later get pulled over on the Pennsylvania Turnpike for going three miles over the speed limit, and next thing you know is that he is having a conversation with an actor portraying W.C.Fields while picking up women at a San Francisco bar?

One of my favorite scenes was Ted driving his red VW to a Rolling Stone magazine party with Sunshine and Earth girl. I was completely captivated with images of Hors d'œuvre of Iranian caviar with orange wedge and secret ingredients. In addition to the “one per customer” rule and listening to a private concert by guitar legend Steve Miller, Ted writes in detail what Allan Cohen describes as celebrating “transcendental consciousness, the beauty of the universe, the beauty of being.” This is followed with Ted the next morning beating on the wrong red Volkswagen while suffering from “existential vertigo.”

The author has an amazing talent for his descriptions of his fellow crew members and his job as a commercial purse seiner in Southern Alaska. Fires, bears, and near death experiences are all encompassed while on board the Ranger with Captain Jim at the helm. Moreover, I enjoyed the story of Brother Tobias and the religious tale of why you don't hitch hike and accept a ride from just anybody. Ted returns to landlady Hazel who just cannot figure out why those lovely plants don't seem to grow any tomatoes.

The growth and experience that Mr. Soderberg gained during the Summer of 1972 was more than a lesson of confidence and self-reliance, but the remarkable journey of cultures and relationships that are formed between those around us including our environments. Much like Ted, we all get burned out with career, frustrated with media, and dream of a little bit of adventure in life. Perhaps we should all embark on an existential adventure of our own.”

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**'Reader's Choice Book Reviews' For 'The Summer of 72: Haight Ashbury to Alaska' – by Theodore Carl Soderberg**

**Reviewed by Alexandra Grunberg**

“[Theodore Carl Soderberg](#) tells the tale of his journey on an Alaskan fishing boat during the summer of 1972. A Navy veteran on his summer vacation from college, he is looking to find his way in the world.

Soderberg starts off his summer in true 1970’s fashion: a midnight trip on LSD. After describing this in detail, he proclaims that he is going to be a commercial Alaskan fisherman. In his quest to get a crew together, he finds that no one shares his dream of getting on a fishing boat heading up north. He does, however, find a couple of girls to drive him up to Seattle.

Once in Seattle, it takes him a couple weeks to find a boat to take him, but he does. The boat is called the Ranger and Captain Jim is in charge. Ted’s first days of being a fisherman consist of just him and Captain Jim preparing the small, 30-foot boat. Eventually Ted finds out that two others will be joining him: Lenny and Frank. As soon as young Lenny, fresh out of juvenile hall, arrives it is time for the small fishing boat to head up to Alaska. Captain Jim has given Ted the job of keeping Lenny in his place, but in the meantime, Ted also quickly learns his place on the small fishing rig.

Soon Frank arrives and proves to be nothing like Lenny and Ted and here the true adventure begins. Friendships are made, experiences are had, and Ted makes a little bit of money to end his summer.

The author’s interesting personality and ability to vividly describe his experiences and the people he met caught and kept my attention throughout the book, leaving me wanting more. I highly recommend [The Summer Of 72](#) to those who enjoy reading memoirs.”

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## **Author's Information:**

[Theodore Carl Soderberg](#) was born in Brattleboro Vermont, raised in Westchester County New York and Fairfield County Connecticut. After high school he headed west, for two years and was stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

Theodore attended the college of Marin in Kentfield, CA. and SF State. For thirteen years he sold "High ticket" automobiles, and after a motorcycle accident returned to the Navy as a crew member in a Special Boat unit, and participated in the Iraq/Iran War in Bahrain.

For six months Theodore worked at KTIM in San Rafael, CA as an Account executive, and decided to go back to sea. Today he continues to sail as a merchant marine as an active member of the SUP, (Sailors Union of the Pacific). Theodore Carl Soderberg received two honorable discharges from the United States Navy.

He is a member of AFTRA, (American Federation of Radio and Television Artists, SAG, and a member of the Commonwealth Club since 1972.

For twenty years Theodore worked as a part time film and TV extra. For two years he worked in Hollywood, and can be seen in many films: Basic Instinct, The Dead Pool, The Rock...plus loads of TV shows: NYPD Blue, Coach, Mad About You, and Nash Bridges.

Theodore Carl Soderberg is an active VVA member and put many years of service in the U.S. Navy and Merchant Marine to good use in his engaging novel, 'Uncharted Waters' set during Operation Desert Shield, and Storm.

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