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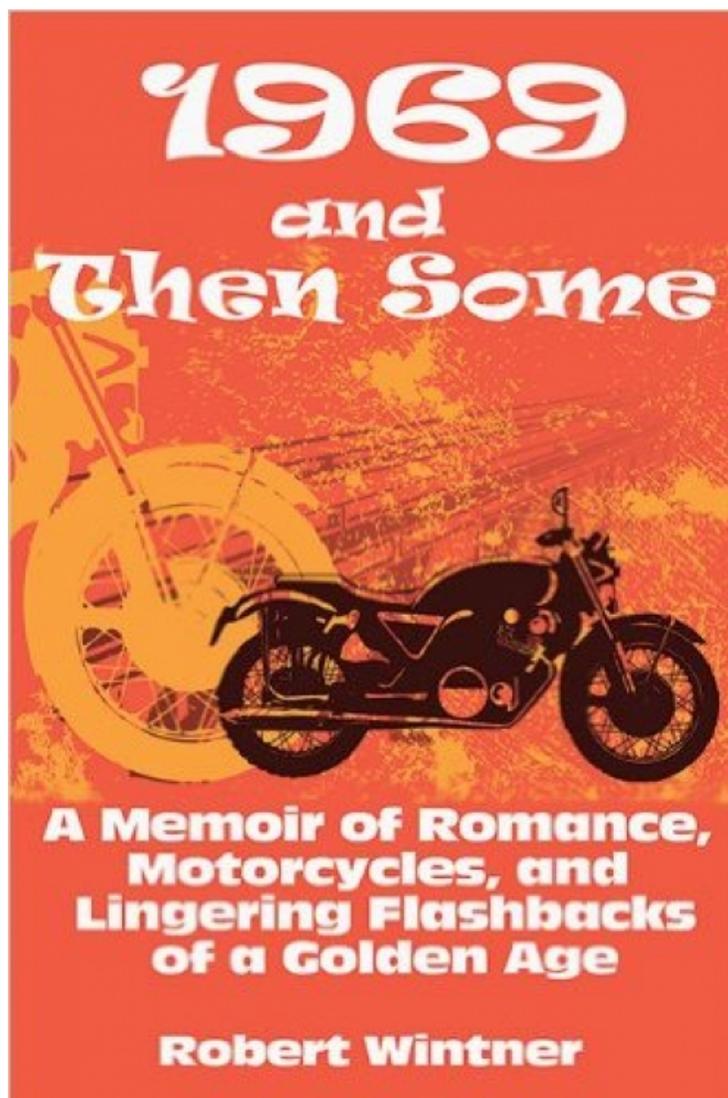
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BOOK REVIEW: "1969 and Then Some" by Robert Wintner



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1969 was the year when everything needed to be experienced and tried, when innocence was tempted, played, and lost. It was a pivotal year for the baby boomers. Young and innocent, they were given the ultimate freedoms and were faced with

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growing up.

In "1969 And Then Some" (Yucca Publishing; \$24.95/hardcover) author Robert Wintner recalls a defining era and personal evolution. Robert Wintner, aka Snorkel Bob, is renowned in Hawaii and the world for innovative snorkel gear and reef advocacy. His presence and wit will engage you on topics such as "the boomer influence on today's culture and values" emerging from sudden collapse of physical, mental and emotional stability.

This touching, humorous memoir is the true story of a late '60s grand tour of Europe – a life-defining parable, for those who remember and even for those who can't. Never before and not since have a handful of seasons so exquisitely defined the difference between right and wrong. With the gift of youth they saw, sensed, and savored the laughably clear distinction between profit motive and greed, between truth and propaganda, between national interest and defense contractors, between a lovely cloud of smoke and the smoke of napalm, and between the phantoms of security and the dangers of complacency and atrophy.

Stoned to the gills and then some, these adventurers saw and felt and knew things that no generation before did. Some fully engaged in the counter-culture while others merely observed, sticking a left foot in, pulling a left foot out, but not quite jumping to the full hokey pokey.

1969 was an incredible time of self-discovery, of love, and of finding oneself. And this memoir of romance, and flashbacks of a golden age will bring back memories of a time not to be forgotten.

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Robert Wintner is also known as Snorkel Bob, Hawaii's largest reef outfitter. He lives on Maui and has written fifteen books, including one presented for a Pulitzer nomination in 2005, as well as two movie options. While the '60s are often discounted as ephemeral or a social aberration, "1969 & Then Some" demonstrates lingering values guiding a most significant population group, the baby boomers, many of whom still hold sway in social and cultural evolution.



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