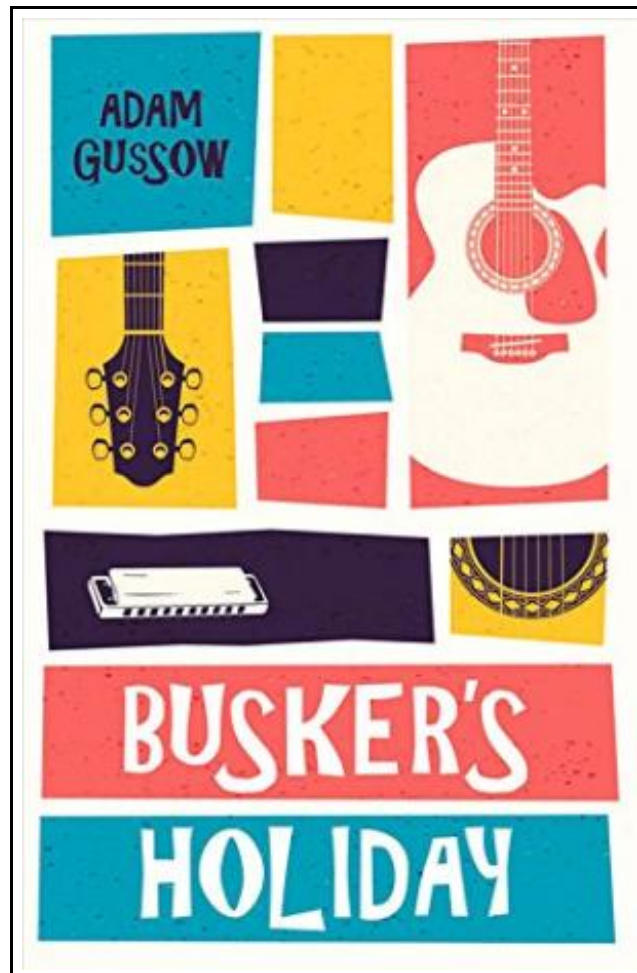


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BookBaby, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Desolate and despairing after a painful romantic breakup, a Columbia University grad student named McKay Chernoffa Hemingway-Kerouac scholar with a harmonica in his pocket and a blues band in his background--decides to reinvent himself as a street performer during an impromptu European sojourn beginning in Paris. A would-be Dionysus, he s determined to enter the busking life, sing a song of summer, and accumulate a mermaid or two. McKay is accompanied on his journey by a pair of foils. The first, a fellow grad student named Paul Goldberg, is a Jewish Montrealer and Renaissance specialist who plays an irritable Sancho Panza to McKay s manic Don Quixote. The second is Billy Lee Grant, a wild young guitar shredder whose Memphis-to-Mississippi pedigree and Dylanesque surrealism make him, when he explodes into view, precisely the doppelganger McKay has been yearning for. A fearless, antic Dean Moriarty, Bill goads the scholar-turned-blues-desperado into a sun-drenched bender, stoked by wine, women, mushrooms, and trains, that careens down out of Avignon and across the French Riviera into Italy, leaving broken guitars and all-night chaos in its wake. After parting with Bill and reuniting with Paul, McKay staggers down the road of excess toward moral collapse in San Gimignano, a walled hill town deep in the Tuscan countryside. What happens next in Florence, Solingen, Amsterdam, Paris is a story of purgatory, redemption, and love regained: hope, in a word, as a modern troubadour returns from his wanderings, reborn. A fast summer read for beach and backpack, *Busker s Holiday* is also a work of aesthetic daring, a genre-bending mashup. It s a comic picaresque featuring a trio of roguish antiheroes; a Hemingwayesque evocation of Europe s fiesta season crossed with a...



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