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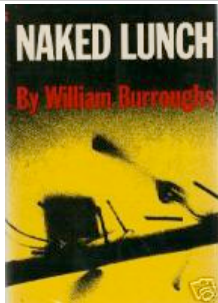
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Binding:	Hardcover w/Jacket	Special Attributes:	1st Edition
Category:	Literature	Printing Year:	1959

Naked Lunch

By

William S. Burroughs

First Printing

Grove Press, 1959

1/3500

"A paranoid is someone who knows a little of what is going on." -William S. Burroughs.

Description: Grove Press, NY, 1959. Stated FIRST PRINTING in Brodart-protected Dustjacket. **One of a tiny issue of 3,500** printed by maverick publisher Barney Rosset of Grove Press (rarer than the scarce 1st French issue) in *First State Dustjacket*, with the \$6.00 original price on the inside flap, and **no zip code** (as required for a true 1st) on the back panel.

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Naked Lunch is the third written by William S. Burroughs, but was the second of his novels to see publication. It is considered one of the landmark publications in the history of American literature. The book was first published as *The Naked Lunch* in France in 1959 by the infamous Olympia Press; an American edition by Grove Press followed soon after in 1962. The Grove edition is substantially different from the Olympia Press edition and is based on an earlier 1958 revision of the text that Allen Ginsberg had in his possession.

Extremely controversial in both its subject matter and its use of often 'obscene' language (something Burroughs recognized and intended), the book was banned in many regions of the United States, and was one of the last American books to actually be put on trial for obscenity. The book was banned by Boston courts in 1962 due to obscenity (notably child murder in pedophilic acts), but that decision was reversed in a landmark 1966 opinion by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

This was the last major literary censorship battle in the U.S. The Appeals Court found the book did not violate obscenity statutes; the hearing included testimony in support of the work by Allen Ginsberg and Norman Mailer.

William Seward Burroughs II (February 5, 1914 - August 2, 1997), more commonly known as William S. Burroughs was an American novelist, essayist, social critic, painter and spoken word performer. Much of Burroughs' work is semi-autobiographical, drawn from his experiences as an opiate addict, a condition that marked the last fifty years of his life. He was a primary member of the Beat Generation, an avant-garde author who affected popular culture as well as literature. In 1984, he was elected to the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

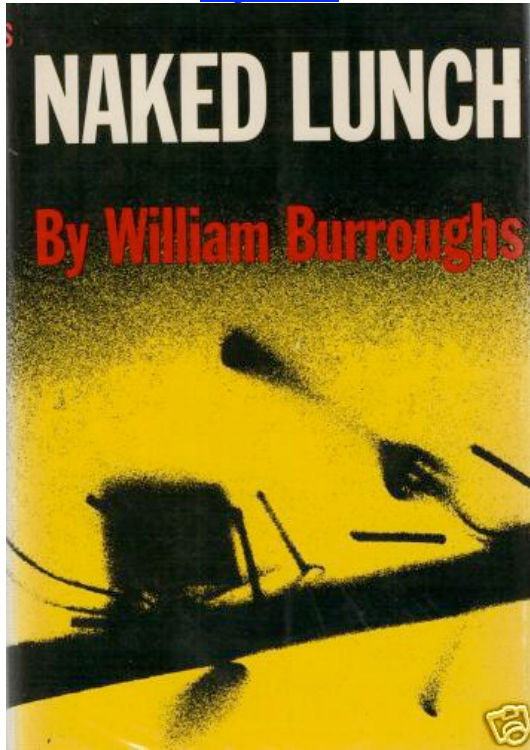
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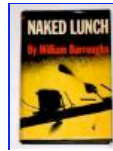
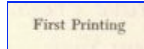
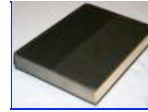
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