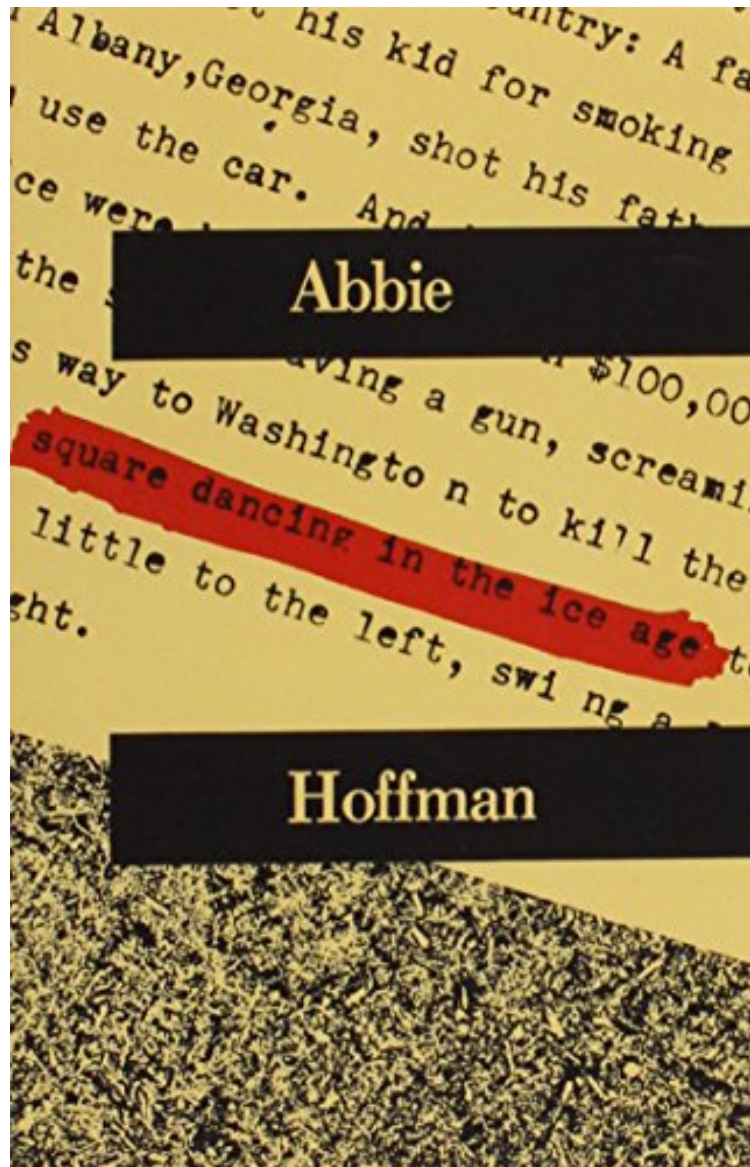


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Joan Jeffries Great Book!!! 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Witty, Readable and Irreverent By K.A. Goldberg Leftist activist Abbie Hoffman (1936-1989) writes with surprising clarity and wit in this collection penned during his days on the run during the mid-late 1970's.

Hoffman describes life as a fugitive (via drug charges) and provides his take on the state of U.S. society during those years - though Hoffman was more tied to the 1960's. Some of these written pieces are better than others; I enjoyed his hilarious masquerading as Playboy's restaurant critic in Paris, and his look at Pat Robertson's emerging CBN broadcasting network. He also offers support for the environment, mocks the FBI (which was searching for him), critiques the Carter Administration, etc. There are some laughs here, plus irreverence, foolishness, and Hoffman's slightly offbeat view. Hoffman was a spotlight grabber, but his bad manners in the highly-questionable Chicago Seven trial (he often insulted the judge) and those of his codefendants and attorneys earned convictions for contempt of court, and did little for the anti-Vietnam cause. Still, rebels, progressives, and those that enjoy gonzo journalism should like both this book and those of Hunter S. Thompson. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Through the eyes of Abbie Hoffman

By Zeta Thompson

This is an interesting collection of articles written by Abbie when he was on the run. Needless to say, some are better than others, but all in all, it is Hoffman from many aspects. We see him as the Prankster touring the Federal Bureau of Investigation while he is on the wanted list. He is the invisible man at a party in New York. He is the activist in fighting the dredging of the river and he is the social commentator going through the newspaper and noting how strange parts of the world have become. Some of the articles are a trip down memory lane or at least another perspective on history. Others are still relevant today. Obviously, his tips for going underground are outdated in today's world - but the commentary of the language of the the public relations of the U.S. and the translation of the news still holds today. Only the names of the leaders and countries have changed.

A book from the U.S. underground, covering Abbie--in disguise--interviewing people, touring the FBI building, and organizing a campaign to save the St. Lawrence River. The articles are creative, funny, nifty, and political.