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Preface

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Even as we finished Volume 4 of Hip Santa Cruz, we knew we needed at least one more book to include a minimum of stories needed to establish the birth and rapid growth of a world-wide revolutionary progressive counter-culture. We are convinced that Spiritual awakenings triggered by wide use of Psychedelics contributed greatly to our personal and cultural transformations

Over the past 60 years we have created cultural, legal and political changes which have profoundly transformed millions of lives for the better.

The stories you are about to read reflect the experiences of artists, scientists, musicians, teachers, writers, and ordinary people responding and adapting to extraordinary times. Santa Cruz was one of the crucial incubators of the Aquarian Age. Caught between the University of California at Santa Cruz on one side and Cabrillo Community College on the other, this quiet retirement community was catapulted into the 20th century by an sudden influx of new ideas and a demand for new ways to live, think, and breathe.