

*Outlaw Biker, Psychedelic Hippie, Political Revolutionary, Oregon Commune Founder...*

## **A Veteran of the 1960's Psychedelic Revolution Reveals the True Story of the American Counterculture**

How does a 22 year old alcoholic, drug-using outlaw biker/machine shop worker, in a span of less than three years, become a yoga practicing, vegetarian commune founding revolutionary, who, inspired by his psychedelic drug trips, begins to practice an Eastern form of meditation in search of inner peace? This sort of radical transformation could only take place during the 1960's Cultural Revolution, arguably America's most turbulent time when our country exploded into chaos and mad idealism.

Marc DuQuette is a "veteran" of this era, and in spite of his excessive drug and alcohol use, was divinely protected and managed to survive with his sanity and tell his incredible story with astounding lucidity. From his experience as a teenaged soldier to outlaw biker, disgruntled machine shop worker, peace activist, hippie leader and commune organizer, Marc gives a first hand account of what it was like to be an active participant in the movement that shaped our nation - a war baby's roller coaster ride of hot rods, guns, dope, revolution and redemption that's action-packed and heartbreakingly hilarious.

Marc, in a clear, engaging, and absolutely hysterical manner, tells us about:

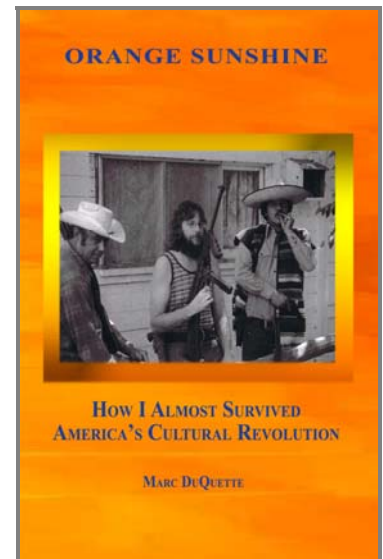
- What it was really like to be a hippie in San Francisco during the "Summer of Love" in July, 1967.
- The "inside story" of founding a commune in the forests of Oregon during 1968 and 1969, struggling to survive not only the winter but especially the hostile townspeople, law enforcement and vigilantes.
- His revolutionary antics (including how he pretended to organize workers) with the Cuban-based Venceremos Brigade, and why he was ultimately kicked out of the infamous Communist Party Marxist-Leninist, a Maoist Chinese-based group.
- How his LSD experiences opened up a "portal" to higher consciousness that ultimately launched him on a spiritual quest, resulted in his hitting rock bottom - morally and spiritually - and eventually answered the questions deep within his restless soul.

Marc shares these experiences, with wit and honesty, while revealing a very personal, yet universally appealing, perspective on the chaos and turmoil of this country's most disaffected generation of the 20th Century.

**CREDENTIALS:** After becoming sober in 1981 Marc dedicated his life to helping others overcome their addictions as a certified Recovery Counselor. His memoir, **ORANGE SUNSHINE: How I Almost Survived America's Cultural Revolution**, available on Amazon.com, chronicles his experiences through the turbulent sixties, through his addictions and brushes with the law, and ultimately to his spiritual awakening and sense of purpose. He currently lives in Laguna Beach, California, and frequently travels to India to recharge his spiritual batteries. Visit [www.MarcDuQuette.com](http://www.MarcDuQuette.com) for more information, author interviews, and reader reviews.

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## ORANGE SUNSHINE



### HOW I ALMOST SURVIVED AMERICA'S CULTURAL REVOLUTION

MARC DUQUETTE

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#### ABOUT ORANGE SUNSHINE

In the heart of the turbulent Sixties, when his life and his country exploded in chaos and mad idealism, Marc DuQuette, outlaw biker and hippie commune leader joins the Revolution in an attempt to answer the questions deep within his restless soul.

This is the story of a man and an era - a crack in time in the history of American culture - a war baby's roller coaster ride of hot rods, guns, dope, revolution and redemption. It's action-packed and heartbreakingly hilarious. Playing against the beat of primitive R & B and the birth of rock and roll, Marc morphs from teenaged soldier to outlaw biker, to peace activist, to hippie leader and then to commune organizer.

Between shoot-outs with vigilantes, he immerses himself in psychedelics, yoga, and Eastern Philosophy. All this prepares him in a twisted way for his most colorful and self-destructive life as a political revolutionary, his involvement with the notorious Cuban-based Venceremos Brigade (a revolutionary group violently opposed by anti-Castro agents) and finally, with the Maoist October League/Communist Party Marxist-Leninist. After expulsion from the Party for drunkenness, a wild, downward spiral of alcohol, drugs, guns, and jail propels him to his bottom - a place where there was nowhere else to go but up.

Born in 1942 in Long Beach, California, Marc's sense of patriotism and desire to be of help to his fellow man launches him on a spiritual quest, resulting in his hitting bottom - morally and spiritually. In *Orange Sunshine*, Marc writes with wit and honesty about his experiences, revealing a very personal, yet universally appealing, perspective on the chaos and turmoil of this country's most disaffected generation of the 20th Century. Today? Marc has been an addictions counselor for over twenty years. He lives in Southern California, and frequently travels to India to recharge his spiritual batteries.

Marc has also written a screenplay of *Orange Sunshine* that is registered with the Writer's Guild of America.



## ABOUT MARC DUQUETTE

Marc Duquette was born in 1942 in Long Beach, California where he and his younger brother, author Lon Milo Duquette were raised until they moved to Nebraska. Marc graduated from Columbus High School in Columbus, Nebraska in 1960. He served in U.S. Army Infantry, Army Reserve, and Nebraska National Guard and received an Honorable Discharge in December 1967. During the 1960's and 1970's, he pushed life to the limits as an alcoholic outlaw biker in Costa Mesa, California, an acid-dropping, commune living hippie, and a communist political radical.

For most of 1968 he lived in the woods of Southern Oregon and subsequently became involved in various radical groups such as Vietnam Veterans Against the War, the Cuban based Venceremos Brigade, and the Maoist October League/Communist Party Marxist-Leninist, from which he was ultimately expelled for being drunk at an International Womens Day rally in San Francisco. In order to make a living to support his "lifestyle" he worked at various factory jobs and pretended to organize the workers.

In 1979 and 1980, Marc picked up two DUIs and refused to attend Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings at the court's request. As a result, he was sentenced to Orange County Main Jail.

On December 19, 1981 Marc hit rock bottom. He had a spiritual experience and called the Central Office of a Twelve Step Program. He attended his first meeting over 27 years ago and started working the Twelve Steps. He has maintained continuous sobriety and still attends meetings and works the steps to this day.

**ORANGE SUNSHINE: How I Almost Survived America's Cultural Revolution**, is Marc's first book and chronicles his experiences through the turbulent sixties, through his addictions and brushes with the law, and ultimately to his spiritual awakening and sense of purpose. He currently lives in Laguna Beach, California, and frequently travels to India to recharge his spiritual batteries.

## READER REVIEWS

### One-of-a-kind Reading Adventure!

*This book grabbed my attention from the first sentence to the last. It is captivating, entertaining and a wild and memorable ride. What's even more amazing is that the story is true and the author actually did survive! Marc Duquette's voice is authentic and he reveals the spirit of the cultural revolution in all its excesses, and the impact on one person. He doesn't spare himself - not insisting on being the hero of his own tales, he is honest about the crazy risks, the various indulgences, and the misguided idealism of the time. Often guided by the allure of "Gee, what would happen if...?", the author dives into each experience and writes engagingly and uproariously. The people and the locations all become characters in this first-hand account. This book is alive!!*

J. L. Colgrove, Palmdale, CA

### What a ride!

*Get in, hold on, and shut up! This wonderful baby-boomer-gone-wild autobiography captures the essence of 1960s America and beyond. I followed the karma of Marc Duquette in one sitting, hanging on as he careened wildly from one adventure to the next, making me laugh and breaking my heart. It's worth the read simply to get inside the head of a man who will think to himself, upon being thrown to the ground by police, "What's the karma with my nose and the street?" I loved this book.*

Melissa B. Latimer, Riverside, CA