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Editorial Review

Review

Move over Maxwell Perkins—here's another literary editor who deserves to be more famous than you. Boyd McDonald may have been an alcoholic, sex-obsessed lunatic who masturbated chronically while encouraging his perverted readers to send in endless descriptions of their gay sex lives with heterosexual men but he remained pure in spirit. His *Straight To Hell* chapbooks join Valerie Solanas's *SCUM Manifesto* as the most radical (and hilarious) filth classics in modern literature. – **John Waters**

“An outrageous offering in its own right, and valuable for its insight and boldness.” **--Publishers Weekly**

About the Author

William E. Jones was born in Canton, Ohio. He received a B. A. from Yale University and an M. F. A. from California Institute of the Arts. He has made the films *Massillon* (1991) and *Finished* (1997), which won a Los Angeles Film Critics Association award, the documentary *Is It Really So Strange?* (2004), and many videos including *The Fall of Communism as Seen in Gay Pornography* (1998). His work was included in the 1993 and 2008 Whitney Biennials, and he has had retrospectives at Tate Modern (2005), Anthology Film Archives (2010), and the Austrian Film Museum (2011). He has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Foundation for Contemporary Arts Grant, two California Community Foundation Fellowships, and most recently, a Creative Capital/Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant. His books include *Killed: Rejected Images of the Farm Security Administration* (2010), *Halsted Plays Himself* (2011), and *Imitation of Christ*, which was named one of the best photo books of 2013 by *Time* magazine. He lives in Los Angeles.

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