

ISBN: 0-7596-8444-8

TITLE: Indian Summer of Love

AUTHOR: Lawrence M. Levy

DESCRIPTION: It is the summer of 1967. Sam, an intelligent, well educated, sensitive, middle-class Jewish boy, leaves the Bronx, college, his family, his friends and sets out to find himself and his place in the world. He is twenty. He rides out to California, high on his freedom, his youth, marijuana and life in general. Full of joy and optimism, he heads straight for the San Francisco Haight-Ashbury district where he follows impulses and instinct to experience life wherever he finds himself.

EXCERPT:

They were finally here, a little late into the Summer of Love, but there still seemed to be plenty of action on the street. It was wall to wall hippies.

Tie-dyed, long-haired, straggly-bearded, droopy-eyed, dirty-faced, bare-footed, guitar-carrying, spare-change-panhandling, Berkeley Barb-pushing, dope-peddling, half-drunk, high-as-a-kite, ain't-we-cool-to-be-where-it's-at freaks. More freaks than you could shake a nightstick at. There was music and the aroma of marijuana in the air.

There were literally hundreds of people on the street. Every store had a dozen kids in front of it, every doorway had a knot of people standing, talking, some singing and playing guitars. Joints were being passed openly, paper-bagged bottles were obvious. It seemed like everyone was happy and smiling, laughing and having a Mardi Gras time. As they moved along the street, the scene repeated itself over and over again. Ira kept turning his head from one side to another, just barely able to take in the whole picture...there was so much going on. The wild variety of dress was amazing. They had been involved with the cool people in New York, so they were far from naive or inexperienced. But nothing had prepared them for what they saw. Girls with see-through, flimsy blouses, smiling and kissing long-haired, bearded, barefoot boys. One totally naked young man, wearing nothing but a top hat and high-top sneakers, his body painted in Day-Glo pinks, oranges and lime green. It was definitely a party.

AUTHOR BIO: First time novelist, Lawrence Levy, was born in 1947 and raised in the Bronx section of New York City. He graduated from CCNY in 1969 with a degree in English Literature. Currently he lives in San Francisco, California with wife, Teresa and his two daughters, Kristen and Greta. Visit the "Indian Summer of Love" web site at <http://www.LMLevy.com>

INDIAN SUMMER OF LOVE by L.M. Levy. All new first edition, softcover, 5 x 8, 609 pages, four-color cover. ISBN 0-7596-8444-8, \$25.95. Photographs of the book and/or author are available from LehaneDesign Promotions.

Note to editor: if you do not wish to re-key this release, contact us at promos@LehaneDesign.com and we will e-mail it to you. For backgrounders and downloadable TIFF files, see the Press Room at <http://www.LMLevy.com>