

# THE SECRET LIFE OF WHITE PEOPLE

(and other anarchist traveling riddles) by SASCHA ALTMAN DUBRUL

“Sascha DuBrul is a madly gifted storyteller, and I’ve been waiting for this book since the day I first read his early stories about train-hopping and the squat on Avenue C. Whether he is writing about seed-saving, or madness, or the history of punk, his is one of the most passionate and relevant voices of these crazy times. So read this book. It will inspire you and make you feel good to be alive.”

—Ruth Ozeki, author *My Year of Meats* and *All Over Creation*

“Crack open this book at your peril. For this way lies madness . . . divine madness. Witness the concrete visions and subterranean journeys of a 21st Century vagabond, captured here in plain English.” —Eric Drooker, author of *Flood*, *Bloodsong*, and *Illuminated Poems*

“Over a decade ago DuBrul wrote an article on the cover of the *SF Bay Guardian* that resulted in tens of thousands coming together questioning the psychiatric disease model of mental illness. You will be different after reading DuBrul’s first book. And I cannot wait to share in the paradigm shifting, cultural explosions this debut is destined to elicit!”

—Bonfire Madigan Shive, *Performing Artist and Community Activist*

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Part mad manifesto, part revolutionary love letter, part freight train adventure story—*The Secret Life of White People* is a self-reflective shattered mirror, a twist on the classic punk rock travel narrative that searches for authenticity and connection in the lives of strangers and the solidarity and limitations of underground community. Beginning at the edge of the internet age, a time when radical zine culture prefigured social networking sites, these timely writings paint an illuminated trail through a complex labyrinth of undocumented migrants, anarchist community organizers, radical seed savers, punk rock historians, social justice farmers, mad movement activists and creative rebel bridge builders. From the late 1980s gentrification battles in the streets of New York City to the rise of the millennial Global Justice Movement, all the way to the awakening of Occupy Wall Street: rather than asking you to watch from sidelines, this book beckons you to wrestle with the complexities and join in the story.

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### Marketing

- 1: Understand the kind of people who create political movements like Occupy Wall Street and offers opportunities to join in.
- 2: Combines the thrill of an On the Road adventure story with contemporary radical politics and culture
- 3: Learn to self consciously talk about race and use irony in a creative bridge building way that leaves room for conversation.



From the anarchist squatter community in New York City to the Lacandon jungle of Chiapas, Mexico, to the Earth First! road blockades of the Pacific Northwest, **Sascha Altman DuBrul** has been a pioneer in urban farming and creative mental health advocacy. He is the co-founder of the Bay Area Seed Interchange Library and the Icarus Project, a radical community support network and media project that’s actively redefining the language and culture of mental health and illness. Among certain crowds he is well known as the bass player of the classic 90s punk band Choking Victim.

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