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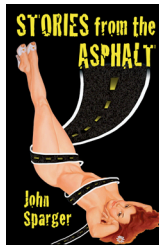
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## NEW LINE THEATRE'S BERGER FROM HAIR RELEASES UNAPOLOGETICALLY DIFFERENT NOVEL



SEX DRUGS MOTORCYCLES



Local actor [John Sparger](#), starring as Berger in [New Line Theatre's production of HAIR](#) at the Washington University South Campus Theatre Sept. 11 – Oct. 18, has released a book of fiction that creates a new form for the traditional novel. Told through an interconnected collage of short stories, flash fiction, poetry, and artwork, *Stories from the Asphalt* takes the reader on a motorcycle ride across the country and into the lives of saints, dealers, junkies, and whores; abandoned and lost souls looking for something, anything to fill the void along the pursuit of happiness in the underbelly of the American Dream.

After his father skips out on his eighth birthday never to return, Johnny's mother shuts down emotionally and buries her boredom in a decade of alcohol and men. Two months shy of his eighteenth birthday, his high school girlfriend dies in a bad drag between a car and a train. Devastated, Johnny sets off on his Harley to search for the remnants of family on the road between destruction and enlightenment.

John Sparger was born and raised in Southern Illinois and still lives less than a tank of gas from his old stomping grounds. At sixteen he began performing in rock bands and later, rock operas... anywhere he could scream without getting handcuffed. He spent his 20s riding around the country on several motorcycles, living in different cities, working a number of odd jobs. Always searching for something that meant a damn. The balance of home and wanderlust is a subject close to his soul and his writing. Sparger's stretch of asphalt continues to roll across miles and mind as he examines the primeval pull of things known and the electric tug of roads unknown.

*Stories from the Asphalt* is available at online retailers such as [Amazon.com](#) and [BarnesandNoble.com](#), as well as the author's website [StoriesFromTheAsphalt.com](#).

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