

Seemed Like A Good Idea At The Time: A Memoir - David Goodwillie

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Fresh out of college and following a brief and disastrous stint playing minor league baseball, David Goodwillie moves to New York intent on making his mark as a writer. Arriving in Manhattan in the mid-nineties, Goodwillie quickly falls into one implausible job after another. He becomes a private investigator, imagining himself as a gumshoe, a hired gun only to realize that he's more adept at bungling cases than at solving them. When, in his stint as a freelance journalist, he unveils the Mafia in a magazine exposé, he succeeds only in becoming a target of their wrath. As a copywriter for a sports auction house, he imagines documenting the great histories hidden in priceless artifacts but finds himself forced to write about a lock of Mickey Mantle's hair. Even when he seems to break through, somehow becoming the sports expert at Sotheby's auction house appearing on major news networks, raking in a hefty salary he's lured away by the promise of Internet millions...just in time for the dot-com crash. Teeming with the vibrancy of a city in hyperdrive, *Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time* recounts a dizzying and enthralling search for authenticity in a cynical, superficial and suddenly dangerous age. In his heartbreaking and hilarious struggle to become a big-city writer, Goodwillie becomes something more: an important voice of the lost generation he so elegantly describes. Author: Goodwillie, David Publisher: Algonquin Books Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: *Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time: A Memoir* Pages: 00356 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2006-06-02 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781565124653 Category: Biography & Autobiography : Literary Category: Biography & Autobiography : Personal Memoirs Category: Humor : General

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