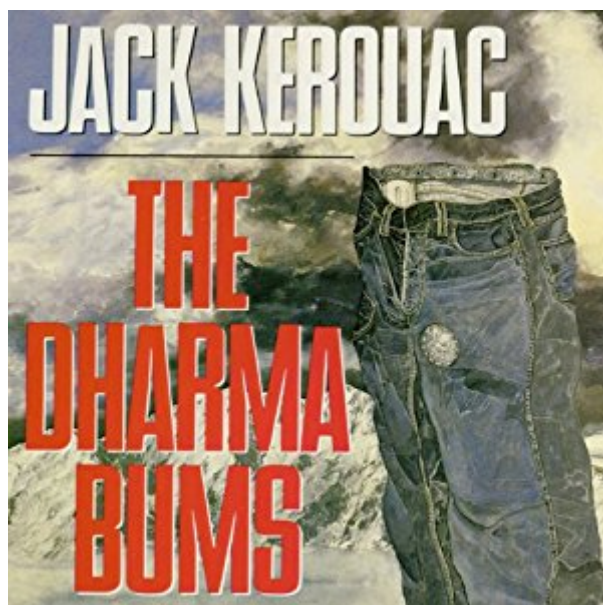


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# The Dharma Bums



## Synopsis

Two ebullient young men search for Truth the Zen way: from marathon wine-drinking bouts, poetry jam sessions, and "yabyum" in San Francisco's Bohemia to solitude in the high Sierras and a vigil atop Desolation Peak in Washington State. Published just a year after "On the Road" put the Beat Generation on the map, "The Dharma Bums" is sparked by Kerouac's expansiveness, humor, and a contagious zest for life. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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## Customer Reviews

My only criticism is that occasionally Kerouac makes up words or used them oddly. The reader sometimes has to pause and figure out what he is trying to say. Otherwise, a great piece of nostalgia for Californians and those interested in the 50's and early 60's.

interesting story - not for every audience. Very 'hippy'. If that is your thing you'll dig. This book was once recommended to me as one of the primary books to read when you enter the corporate rat race. If you're struggling a bit with the notion of being glued to a strict work schedule and job responsibilities, read this one to open your mind to what the complete opposite side looks like.

This book was given as a gift to replace an old, very dog-eared and damaged original copy. The recipient is the true fan and has loved this book for a lifetime. I simply "extended the warranty."

What a great American classic. I loved this book, the adventure of it, and the search for higher purpose and meaning that the characters take you on. Being a huge fan of Kerouac, I'd recommend any of his books.

Kerouac's well-intentioned but mostly failed attempt to spark a Buddhist revolution in America remains a wonderful book about compassion and free-spiritedness that transcends all the chatter about the Beat Generation and whatever personal slights occurred between the writer and others at the time. Disregard all that background noise and just read this book. Then read Herman Hesse's "Siddhartha"!

Great book. Went up to the mountains and was backpacking around Courtright Reservoir....took the book out in the evening by the lake. Just a great place to read this particular book.

The Penguin Classics edition of this book has those satisfying, unevenly trimmed pages and a worn/loved feel that go a long way to enhance the experience of reading this novel.

This is a classic, so I'm glad I picked it up and read it. Having said that, I found the content pretty thin and monotonous. If you're looking for insights into spirituality or period zeitgeist, there are probably better choices. This reads mostly as "I did this, I did that, I did another thing, and after that I went someplace...", on and on.

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