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About the Author

WILLIAM S. BURROUGHS (1914 1997) was the author of numerous novels, including *Nova Express*, *The Ticket That Exploded*, *The Soft Machine*, and *The Wild Boys*, and was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. JAMES GRAUERHOLZ was Burroughs's longtime secretary and editor. BARRY MILES has been involved for years with Beat literature as a scholar and participant. Among his books are *The Beat Hotel* and biographies of Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, and Jack Kerouac.

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