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A Gypsy Good Time

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A Gypsy Good Time is a 1992 *noir* detective novel by Viet Nam War veteran Gustav Hasford and the last novel he completed before his death in 1993, at forty-five years old. It is written in the style of classic *hardboiled* detective fiction and was poorly received by book critics at the time for making too much use of the *cliches* of the genre^[*citation needed*]. *A Gypsy Good Time* never received the same critical recognition as Hasford's novels on Viet Nam, *The Short-Timers* (1979) and *The Phantom Blooper* (1990), and is relatively unknown even among the author's followers.^[*citation needed*] The book is reportedly based on Hasford's disillusionment with *Hollywood* during the production of *Full Metal Jacket* (1987).^[*citation needed*]

Plot [edit]

Viet Nam War veteran and *Private Investigator* Dowdy Lewis, Jr. struggles with *alcoholism*, his time in the *Viet Nam War*, and his own rapid aging. He meets Yvonna Lablaine, an attractive, red-headed outcast from a prominent Hollywood family, and falls in love. One day, however, after a brief but passionate romance, Lewis finds Lablaine dying at his door, murdered. He then embarks on a quest involving drug dealers, mobsters, and Hollywood moguls in order to find the truth about what happened and to take revenge on the culprits.

Out of print [edit]

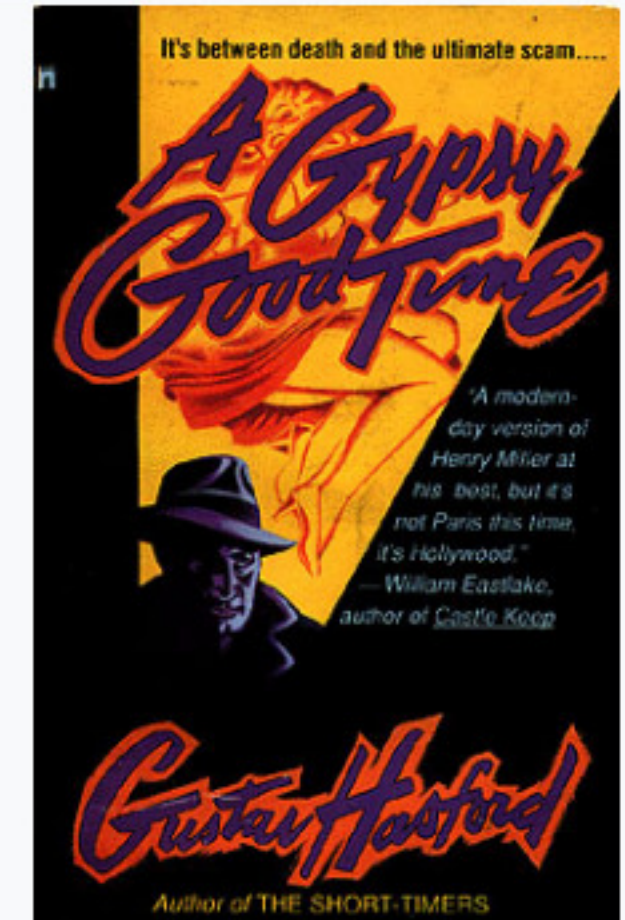
According to the Official Gustav Hasford Website maintained by Hasford's cousin, *The Short-Timers*,^[1] *The Phantom Blooper*,^[2] and Hasford's third and last completed book, a *noir* detective novel titled *A Gypsy Good Time* (1992),^[3]^[4] are currently *out of print*. The texts of the two war novels and an excerpt of *A Gypsy Good Time* were publicly available at the website for at least a decade,^[5] but the site has since been redesigned, and Hasford's cousin, who manages the site, has stated he "likely won't be reposting the novel" there.^[6]

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