

"Loose Change" Essay/chapters LIST

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"COA" = Coming of Age

Cloud Dancing FINISHED (maybe) Essay about flying experience Late '70s (Age mid-40s). (WONDER, ME FLYING PLANE)

Cross-eyed Great Dane (making Early TV commercial 1947 (Age 12) (FUNNY, DAD PORTRAIT)

Crybaby Early newspaper horrors, effect in me 'til age 71 Became grandfather...cried. (WHISTFUL, EMOTIONAL)

Delinquent Dozen (Compilation) 12 early delinquent acts. Age 4-15 (FUNNY, CONFESSIONS) (Some of these shorts appear elsewhere as longer pieces.)

Denver Bus 1951 3-day trip NY to Denver on Bus, met cowboy singers, prostit. (COA, ADVENTURE)

Rose On The Denver Bus, (excerpt) 1st serious midnight passion with transient Farm girl in a cross country bus. Age 14 (expanded excerpt from Delinquent Dozen. (COA ROMANCE)

Down And Dirty Three episodes of planting my head into dog poop, ages 16, 24, 25 (FUNNY)

Duck Tales (Billie, Daisy, Mom against the US Army) Childhood love of ducks, and three stories about ducks I have known. (CAMEO DUCK stories)

French Deck (S-E-X On The Rock) Early teen quest for porn. (One saga) (LUST GONE WRONG/FUNNY, COA)

Getting Shorter Musings on death and dying and how it may all play out for me. (SAD, SLIGHTLY FUNNY INTROSPECTIVE)

Hole-In-The-Shoe Gang Camp life and Dad's effort at bonding ends with him shooting a shotgun hole through my shoe. Well-meaning but dangerous father) (MILDLY FUNNY, DAD PORTRAIT)

Hooker # 3 (1962 Age-27) Stopped at a red light on Second Ave (NYC) aggressive street hooker sticks her rear all the way into my window. (FUNNY, PROSTITUTE)

Hooker #1 Ossining Hotel COA Visit from Hotel Hooker at my room Age 16 (FUNNY, COA)

Hot Date Accidentally set my blind date on fire on Jones Beach night party (1955, Age 20) (FUNNY, DATING)

How I Avoided Dying At Summer Camp Terrifying near-death drowning experience and resulting psychosomatic total full body paralysis a year later. Age-9 and 10, 1944 & '45 (FEAR, TRAUMATIC STRESS)

How I Became Devastating Self-absorbed preening and subsequent worst-ever blind date. (FUNNY, DATING)

How To Not Vomit- Age-5 1940 A Love Story about Pre-K teacher who saves me from getting sick when the whole class vomits. (POIGNANT)

Kissing Under Mistletoe And Other Strategies (Sleeping With Steve's Parents) 1952 (17-yrs) New Years Eve party hope-for seduction of girlfriend leads to near social disaster. (COA, FUNNY, DATING)

Life On The Tracks 1947 Age-12 Death-defying escapes, poop, sex and flattened pennies. (ADVENTURES, COA)

Lionel Trains 3/4/09 Abusive mother lays traps. (SAD, MOM PORTRAIT)

Loose Change #1 5&10 Age 15, 1950 My masterful first robbery, my official coming-out as a Juvenile Delinquent (CRIME ADVENTURE, DELINQUENT)

Loose Change #2 Age 15, 1950 Drugstore Robbery (+A. Dub) I rob a second store, get caught, hauled into court, get 2-year probation and meet a terrific probation officer. (ROBBERY-GONE-BAD, WHIMSY, TENSE, DELINQUENT)

Lousy Lover Age 20, 25, 64, Surviving five decades of Moms abuse and betrayals. Tough moments (VERY SAD, MOM PORTRAIT)

Mother's Day Booby Prize Age 12, 1947 Struggles to find the right present in Woolworth fir Mothers Day. (FUNNY, MOM PORTRAIT)

MURDERERS Age 18 (1953) Late-night attack by two thugs that turned out to be murders. (FRIGHTENING, SCARY)

My Movie Career And Other Short Subjects Age 13, 1948 Weekend job in movie theater fails on first Saturday Matinee with a spectacular goof. (FUNNY FAILURE, WORK)

NEWSPAPER DAYS Year=1954 Age 19 Flunking out of high school and finding my first real job and one that I loved. Introduction to newspaper publishing . Anecdotes, (AMUSING, WORK)

Numb Struck Age 31, 1966 Meeting my wife on a disastrous blind date. (FUNNY, DATING)

One Minute Marriage Age 19, 1954 Shotgun wedding, saga, Father sells me out to look good, events have surprise ending. (LONG SAGA, ANXIOUS SAD, COA),

One Ton Son Age- 9 - 14 . A series of "bad mom" stories with one good tale. (SAD, BAD PARENTING))

Padiddle Hunt Age 16 Secret teenage boy's plot to gain kisses on a date. (FUNNY, COA, DATING)

Park Avenue Shooting Age: 21, 1956 Cub photographer get's his biggest break, Shooting, blood, robber gets caught (on film) (ADVENTURE, WORK)

Pig Farm Fugative 1953, Age 17 Arrested and jailed for standing on principal. (HUMOROUS, ADVENTURE, WORK)

Pillow Age 9, 1944 Mom burns my "best friend toy" (BOYHOOD TRAGEDY, (MOM PORTRAIT VERY SAD)

Pookie's and My First Time Age 17- 21 Mom shows up and kills my first overnight romance, Betrays again, (MOM PORTRAIT, DYSFUNCTIONAL PARENT, QUIRKY, SAD)

Rea On Top Age 16, 1951 I meet a seductive classmate and flee (COA, LIGHT HUMOR)

Shaving My Dad 1952-1991 Age 16 - 54 Time-lapse snapshot of Dad's struggle to hold his family together and to be a good father from his divorce to his death, as I saw it unfold. (DAD PORTRAIT, SAD, STRONG)

Come Out Mr. Turkey Age 9, 1944. Nine year-olds worst nightmare: Humiliation in a third-grade play for parents. My first acting roll. (MOM PORTRAIT, SADISTIC TEACHER PORTRAIT, HUMILIATION, FUNNY)

Soda Jerk 1952 Age 17. My job as a part-time drugstore short-order lunch-counter cook which ends in a genuine catastrophe and meeting a victim over 50 years later. ((RETAIL DRUGSTORE PORTRAIT, FUNNY, AMAZING RESULT)

Superboy & Slim 1942-1947, Age 7-12 My family housekeeper who became my best friend and protector. My introduction to black people. (BEST FRIEND PORTRAIT, BEING PROTECTED, FEELING LOVED)

Teen Arena 1950, Age 15 First teenage dance event is excruciatingly embarrassing. (COA, Funny)

The Good Mom 1942- 1950 Age 7-15 The only 5 good times with my Mom that I remember. (COA)

Trails End 1950, Age 15 A punishing month at a remote mountain summer camp for kids. My parents attempt to give me some "structure." (COA, EVENTFUL BAD MONTH)

Wonder Thunder Cure (from Good Mom) 1942 Mom teaches and to defeat the advancing terror of a wild thunderstorm. 36 years later I apply the learned tricks to another terrified boy. (MOM PORTRAIT, MY FATHERING) (this piece is part og another longer one called ("The Good Mom."))

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