

“ RECENT REVIEWS ”

Excerpts from Literary Titan (June 2020)

“Greg Wyss has crafted an engrossing tale of one man’s journey through life in the wake of the wild 60s. He has written a story so intriguing and appropriately sculpted that a reader of any age will relate and enjoy the book. The scenes are described in vivid detail leaving the reader thrust deep into the vortex of Jeffrey’s life at that time as well as the general lifestyle back then. The story teeters on the edge of humorous and poignant. It is a brilliant mix of serious and casual.”

Excerpts from BlueInk Review (June 2020)

“When Life Was Like a Cucumber depicts an odyssey of identity-seeking, set during the Watergate years. Greg Wyss is a talented writer, and there are moments of transcendent wordcraft, particularly involving the perceptual distortions of drugs. As Jeff relates during “the waning hours” of an acid trip: “The world was a holocaust, but inside crumpled cigarettes floated methodically and outside it was still raining. Energy raged with nowhere to go.” Wyss’s best writing is artful, offering readers a vivid, believable look at the times. Wyss evokes the tradition of Kerouac and succeeds in delivering an entertaining and credible, if repetitive, tale of late hippie-era exploration”

Excerpts from Self-Publishing Review (May 2020)

“Author Greg Wyss expertly transports readers to the chaotic 70s with remarkable ease and charm in When Life Was Like a Cucumber. Following Jeffrey Hesse’s fiery split from his wife, this is a hilariously unpredictable story of self-exploration, healing, liberation, and growth. The writing is as stylized as the main character himself, winding around itself with clever turns of phrase. All in all, Wyss has created a unique road romp with the sporadic wisdom of Pirsig, the antics of Kesey, and the visual artistry of Steinbeck. There is more to this story than meets the eye, and readers of any generation will benefit from its kaleidoscopic layers of both absurdity and meaning.”

Excerpts from Reader’s Favorite by Rabia Tanveer (May 2020)

“When Life Was like a Cucumber is a beautiful story. It is funny yet sad at the same time. Jeff is not particularly a happy-go-lucky kind of guy, but he doesn’t take life seriously as well. I was immersed in the story and Jeff’s progress. Greg Wyss did a good job of introducing Jeff and making sure the reader feels the connection with him. I usually don’t like reading stories written in the first-person narrative, but this one is special. I felt connected with Jeff. I felt his confusion and his elation when he discovered something new. The author added an extra layer of humor and wit to the already charming Jeff to make him irresistible. The dialogues and situations had me smiling, the fast pace of the story had my attention, and the dramatic yet funny situations had me entertained. This novel is brilliant.”