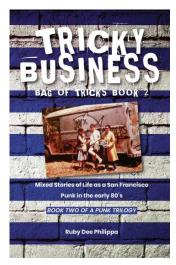


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Mixed Stories of Life as a San Francisco Punk in the early 80's BOOK TWO OF A PUNK TRILOGY by Ruby Dee Philippa

TRICKY BUSINESS is book two of the BAG OF TRICKS trilogy: a compilation of short stories about San Francisco punks in the early 80's.

Continue to share the adventures of The Shits, Val, Sophie, Amy, Babs, Annie, Carla, Marco and other denizens of the punk scene as they spread out across The City attending punk shows, doing drugs and other mischief to themselves and one another, and maybe learning a thing or two about survival on the outside.

Ruby grew up in the foothills of Northern CA and the West Texas flatlands, riding horses in the back woods near Folsom Prison, and singing with family on the back porch. She attended SDSU at fifteen-studying electrical engineering and drama- then stumbled into life on the streets of San Francisco, enchanted by all the grime and glitz, the drugs and wild nights, even the discordance and insanity of life as a punk in those early days.

Moving on, Ruby co-founded the North Coast California Earth First! in Arcata, CA while attending Humboldt State, and fished across Alaskan waters. Eventually, she moved to Seattle, WA where she opened a series of restaurants, then transitioned from restaurateur to singer/songwriter when she started the roots-rockabilly band Ruby Dee and the Snakehandlers in 2002. Thrice Grammy-considered, they tour the world and produce award-winning records.

In 2023, Ruby wrote Bag of Tricks after reconnecting with old punk friends and reminiscing about those lost years. Most of what she wrote came from events that really occurred, though Ruby took liberties and changed some details because she could.

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