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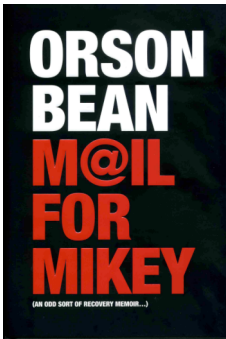
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MAIL FOR MIKEY: AN ODD SORT OF RECOVERY MEMOIR By Orson Bean

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Praise for *Mail for Mikey*

“Orson Bean has pulled off a perfect marriage of the sacred and the profane, and he’s done so without sacrificing his wonderfully sly humor.”

-George Carlin, Comedian and #1 NY Times best-selling author.

Orson Bean has taken inspiration from his own outrageous life experiences to write his new book *Mail for Mikey*. Nearly forty years after the publication of his first book *Me and the Orgone*, which detailed his search for sexual fulfillment in Wilhelm Reich's controversial method of psychotherapy, it turns out Mr. Bean is still seeking fulfillment.

In *Mail for Mikey* Mr. Bean recounts how having pursued sex, drugs, and the demon rum to their usual excess, he proceeded to, as the saying goes, find God. God was never lost, of course. He was right there waiting for Orson to figure that out. To discover that while other sources of amusement might work for a while, sometimes quite a long while, true and lasting happiness comes from hitting ones knees and ‘turning it over’.

Mail for Mikey is a hilarious and merciless exploration of addiction and recovery. Mikey, a twenty-year-old drunk desperately trying to stay sober in a twelve-step program is lucky, to say the least, to have Mr. Bean as his sponsor. Through a series of colorful emails Mr. Bean instructs Mikey, and consequently the reader, on the amusing and sometimes alarming realities of life.

Throughout this book the reader is immersed in the pair’s most heartbreaking failures and greatest triumphs. Orson Bean holds nothing back in this odd sort of recovery memoir, and constructs a story that is truly unforgettable, brutally honest, and absolutely hilarious.

Orson Bean the acclaimed American film, television and stage actor is also the author of *Me and the Orgone*. He may best be known for his many appearances on the *Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson, and his long time stint as a panelist on *To Tell the Truth*. He currently resides in LA with his wife Alley Mills.