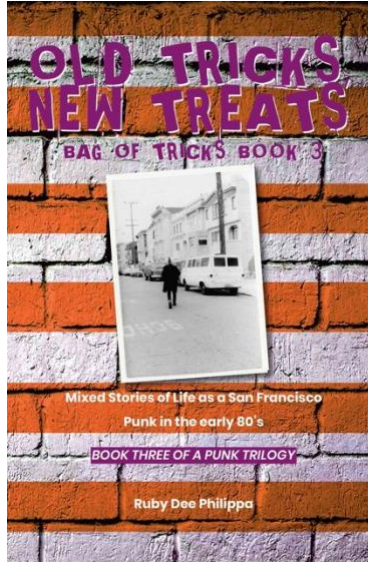




Earth Island Books

www.earthislandbooks.com



198 x 129mm
Colour cover, b/w inside.
266 pages.
£9.99 (\$14.99)
14th November publishing date.
ISBN 9781916864849 paperback
ISBN 9781916864856 ebook

#trickybusinesspunk



Old Tricks, New Treats

Mixed Stories of Life as a San Francisco Punk in the early 80's
BOOK THREE OF A PUNK TRILOGY

by Ruby Dee Philippa

OLD TRICKS, NEW TREATS is book three of the **BAG OF TRICKS** trilogy: a compilation of short stories about San Francisco punks in the early 80's.

Follow the adventures of The Shits, Val, Sophie, Babs, Carla, Red, Marco, Bags and all the rest of the rag-tag gang of street punks that populate these stories. Ride with them as they hit new highs and lows, make mostly bad and occasionally good choices, and aim for uncharted lives in the end.

For those of you who never stepped foot inside the punk rock world of the late 1970's to early 1980's, this collection of short stories might hold some surprises for you. Sure, there were off-the-beaten path experiences and great music and all sorts of crazy shenanigans, but there was a darker side to that way of life too. A lot of the punk rockers I knew were estranged from their families of origin, often lived on the streets, and turned to heavy drinking and drugging along with all the other trappings of being a punk rocker.

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.

For more information and to request an author interview please contact:

Louise louise@earthisland.co.uk 07799 275794 www.earthislandbooks.com

