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"An 'ecstatic sobriety' which combats the dreariness of one and the bleariness of the other—false pleasure and false discretion alike—is analogous to the anarchism that confronts both the false freedom offered by capitalism and the false community offered by communism." —CrimethInc. Ex-Workers' Collective

"Less 'get pissed, destroy', more 'use your brain, change the world'. And it's for all ages, too." —*Classic Rock Magazine*

"Kuhn's book can be credited as the first deeply international account of straight edge and perhaps the first to draw from the voices of women and queer folks as central (rather than ornamental) to the subject's history." —www.UppingTheAnti.org

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