



Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century

Jed Rasula

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century

Jed Rasula

Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century Jed Rasula

In 1916, as World War I raged around them, a group of bohemians gathered at a small cabaret in Zurich, Switzerland. After decorating the walls with art by Picasso and other avant-garde artists, they embarked on a series of extravagant performances. Three readers simultaneously recited a poem in three languages; a monocle-wearing teenager performed a spell from New Zealand; another young man sneered at the audience, snapping a whip as he intoned his “Fantastic Prayers.” One of the artists called these sessions “both buffoonery and a requiem mass.” Soon they would have a more evocative name: Dada.

In *Destruction Was My Beatrice*, modernist scholar Jed Rasula presents the first narrative history of Dada, showing how this little-understood artistic phenomenon laid the foundation for culture as we know it today. Although the venue where Dada was born closed after only four months and its acolytes scattered, the idea of Dada quickly spread to New York, where it influenced artists like Marcel Duchamp and Man Ray; to Berlin, where it inspired painters George Grosz and Hannah Höch; and to Paris, where it dethroned previous avant-garde movements like Fauvism and Cubism while inspiring early Surrealists like André Breton, Louis Aragon, and Paul Éluard. The long tail of Dadaism, Rasula shows, can be traced even further, to artists as diverse as William S. Burroughs, Robert Rauschenberg, Marshall McLuhan, the Beatles, Monty Python, David Byrne, and Jean-Michel Basquiat, all of whom—along with untold others—owe a debt to the bizarre wartime escapades of the Dada vanguard.

A globe-spanning narrative that resurrects some of the 20th century’s most influential artistic figures, *Destruction Was My Beatrice* describes how Dada burst upon the world in the midst of total war—and how the effects of this explosion are still reverberating today.

 [Download Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaki ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century Jed Rasula

From reader reviews:

Marie Nitta:

This book untitled Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century to be one of several books in which best seller in this year, this is because when you read this reserve you can get a lot of benefit upon it. You will easily to buy this specific book in the book shop or you can order it by means of online. The publisher of the book sells the e-book too. It makes you quicker to read this book, because you can read this book in your Smart phone. So there is no reason for your requirements to past this reserve from your list.

Andres Edelman:

Spent a free a chance to be fun activity to complete! A lot of people spent their leisure time with their family, or their particular friends. Usually they accomplishing activity like watching television, likely to beach, or picnic inside the park. They actually doing ditto every week. Do you feel it? Do you wish to something different to fill your own free time/ holiday? Could be reading a book may be option to fill your free of charge time/ holiday. The first thing you ask may be what kinds of book that you should read. If you want to attempt look for book, may be the reserve untitled Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century can be very good book to read. May be it is usually best activity to you.

Laura Buscher:

Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century can be one of your basic books that are good idea. All of us recommend that straight away because this reserve has good vocabulary that could increase your knowledge in vocabulary, easy to understand, bit entertaining but nonetheless delivering the information. The copy writer giving his/her effort to place every word into satisfaction arrangement in writing Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century but doesn't forget the main point, giving the reader the hottest as well as based confirm resource facts that maybe you can be one among it. This great information could drawn you into completely new stage of crucial imagining.

Sylvia Grable:

As a college student exactly feel bored to reading. If their teacher asked them to go to the library or make summary for some reserve, they are complained. Just minor students that has reading's heart and soul or real their hobby. They just do what the trainer want, like asked to the library. They go to at this time there but nothing reading really. Any students feel that reading through is not important, boring and can't see colorful pics on there. Yeah, it is to be complicated. Book is very important in your case. As we know that on this period, many ways to get whatever we really wish for. Likewise word says, ways to reach Chinese's country. Therefore this Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century can make you truly feel more interested to read.

**Download and Read Online Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada
and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century Jed Rasula
#DK7VWJ8PNS4**

Read Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century by Jed Rasula for online ebook

Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century by Jed Rasula Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century by Jed Rasula books to read online.

Online Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century by Jed Rasula ebook PDF download

Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century by Jed Rasula Doc

Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century by Jed Rasula Mobipocket

Destruction Was My Beatrice: Dada and the Unmaking of the Twentieth Century by Jed Rasula EPub