



***Vali Myers--A Memoir* by Gianni Menichetti is finally available for purchase.**

This book has been a labor of love for both me, as publisher, and, of course, the author, Gianni Menichetti. It is a homage to an artist who lived without compromise.

Vali was my dear friend for twenty years, from 1983 until she passed on in February 2003 in Melbourne.

I first met Vali at the Chelsea Hotel in New York. Gregory Corso introduced me to her, and for this I am eternally grateful to him.

Vali had a salon at the Chelsea, and the most incredible people passed through.

She was an Australian, and a dancer, who went to Paris, where she lived for about ten years. It was there that she began the series of her exquisite drawings. Eventually, however, she went to Italy where she discovered 'Il Porto,' a wild and uninhabited canyon on the Amalfi coast. Gianni Menichetti, the author of this memoir, was her lover and companion there for thirty years.

Returning to Melbourne after an absence of over forty years, she discovered to her delight that she had become a legend in her native country. But she often went back to 'Il Porto' to be with Gianni in the wilderness. Gianni still lives there, and it is in 'Il Porto' that he wrote this wonderful book.

Finally, complementing the poetic and loving text, there are sixteen pages of photos of Vali and various of her friends, as well as eight pages showing reproductions of her work in full color.

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All the best,
Bobby Yarra

"Vali's dogs, Vali's trees, Vali's donkey, the birds, the flowers, the caves, the spiders of Vali. We have seen for the first time the old skeleton of nature." – Bernardo Bertolucci, film-maker, Last Tango in Paris, Stealing Beauty

"It was like being friends with some angel who had gotten kicked out for lewd behavior. . ." – Chris Stein, musician, Blondie

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