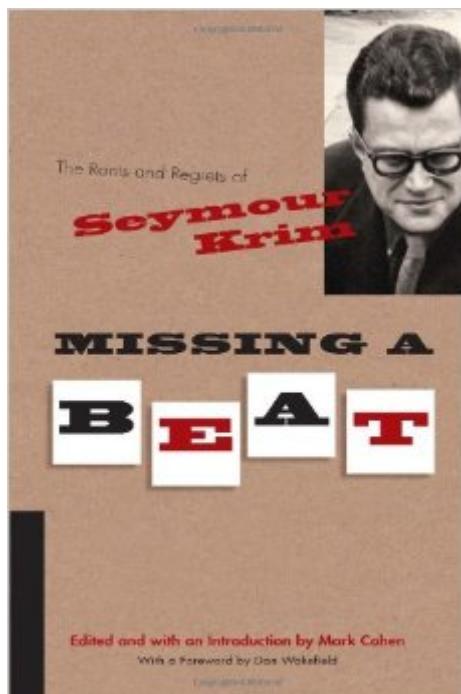


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## Synopsis

In 1961, Beat writer Seymour Krim set Greenwich Village on its ear with a slim volume of essays that featured an unleashed voice, a brash title, and a foreword by Norman Mailer. James Baldwin called *Views of a Nearsighted Cannoneer* an "extraordinary volume." Saul Bellow published an excerpt in his journal, *The Noble Savage*, and Mailer saluted Krim's jazzy prose with its "shifts and shatterings" of mood. Despite such praise and critical attention, Krim's work is excluded from most Beat anthologies and is little known outside literary circles. With *Missing a Beat*, a collection of eighteen essays by Krim published between 1957 and 1988, Cohen introduces this influential writer to a new generation. In the *Village Voice*, *New York Magazine*, *New York Times*, and elsewhere, Krim pioneered a new style of subjective and personal reporting to write about the postwar American scene from a Jewish angle. Aggressively unacademic, Krim's journalism displays the rapid, nervous, breathless tempo that is a hallmark of Jewish American literature. Krim outlived his early literary fame, but he produced an impressive body of work and was a tremendous prose stylist. *Missing a Beat* resurrects an American original, finding Krim a new literary home among such celebrated writers as Norman Mailer, David Mamet, and Saul Bellow.

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