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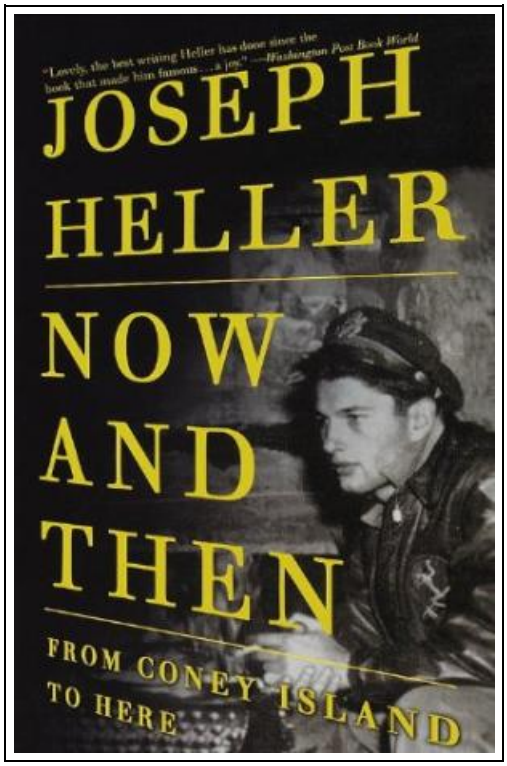

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Random House USA Inc, United States, 1999. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The demented Army Air Force of Catch-22, the lethal business world of Something Happened, the dysfunctional family of Good as Gold-all these, we have assumed, had their roots in Joseph Heller s own past. Now, more than thirty-five years after the explosion of Catch-22 into the world s consciousness, Heller gives us his life. Here is his Coney Island childhood, down the block from the world s most famous amusement park. It was the height of the Depression, it was a fatherless family, yet little Joey Heller had a terrific time--on the boardwalk, in the ocean (dangerously out of his depth), playing follow-the-leader in and out of local bars, even in school. Then a series of jobs, from delivering telegrams (on his first bike) to working in a navy yard-until Pearl Harbor, the air force, Italy. And after the war, college (undreamed-of before the G.I. Bill), teaching, Madison Avenue, marriage, and-always-writing. And finally the spectacular success of Catch-22, launching one of the great literary careers. The strengths of Now and Then lie in the energy, humor, and mischief that have characterized all of Heller s work, along with the dark undertones that lie beneath them. He brings back a Coney Island that is not only a symbol of fun and fantasy around the world but a vision of what seems today to have been a golden age of carefree innocence. For the first time, he writes about the people and the events, both tragic and hilarious, he was eventually to translate, in Catch-22, into such memorable characters as Hungry Joe, Orr, Major--de Coverley, Natel s whore, and (of course) Yossarian, and such moving and frightening scenes as the death...

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