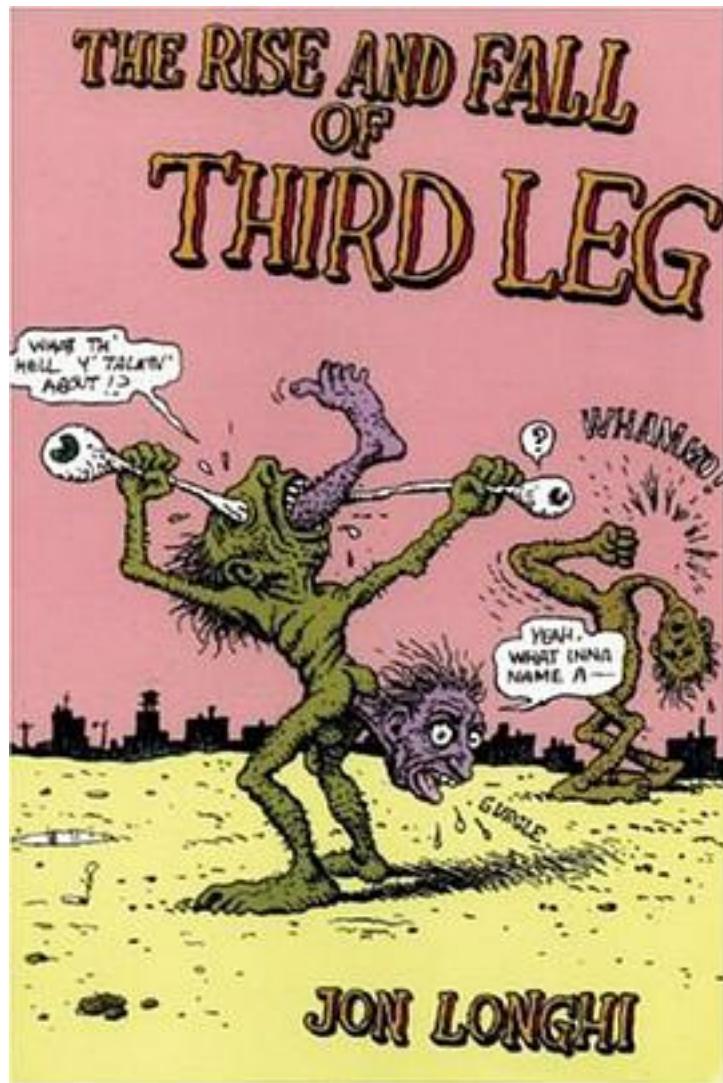


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"Anyone who's an admirer of Richard Brautigan's unclassifiable Trout Fishing in America will be drawn to the eccentric, wandering vision of Longhi's prose." -San Francisco Bay Guardian "Longhi's prose is carefully measured, engaging, laid-back." -Guardian The eighties were a crazy time in history: The Left had been crushed by the Reagan White House, most young people were not rebelling . . . in fact, many were more cynical and conservative than their parents. But amidst the widespread regression, a bizarre fungus was sprouting, and its cultural manifestation was punk rock. The stories and novella in *The Rise and Fall of Third Leg* illustrate just how bent out of shape some punks were: They knew something was really wrong and rotten in America. These side-splittingly funny short stories relive the twisted glory days of homegrown DIY punk rock, from "Road Trip," in which four benevolent urban skinheads venture forth to rural Montana for a friend's wedding, to the title novella, which follows the absurd trials and tribulations of a small-town Delaware punk band, *Third Leg*, as its dreams of superstardom get flushed away in a series of hilarious catastrophes. Jon Longhi is the author of four books, including *Wake Up and Smell the Beer*. His writing, which critics have compared to Terry Southern, Charles Bukowski, and Hunter S. Thompson, has also recently appeared in *San Francisco Noir* (Akashic Books) and *Retaking the Universe: William S. Burroughs in the Age of Globalization* (Pluto Press).

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