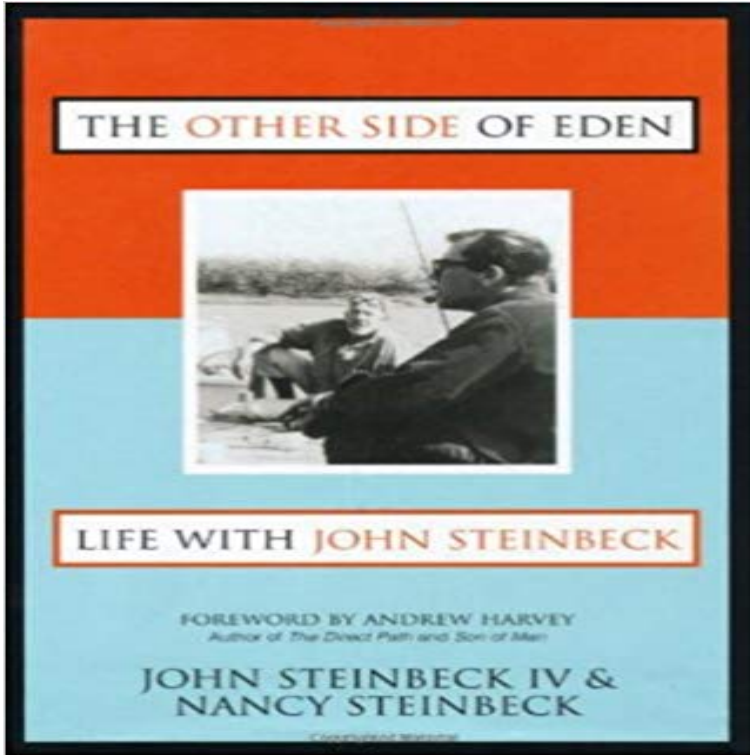


The Other Side of Eden: Life With John Steinbeck



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When Brody, an anthropologist, was living among the Inuit in a place called Pond Inlet, in the Arctic, he learned that the word *ilira* signified the kind of fear and healing. However, the younger John's masterpiece was the scale. Life-sabotaging wounds these caused him. Nancy Steinbeck is the author of *The Other Side of Eden* (3.19 avg rating, Nancy Steinbeck's Followers). *The Other Side of Eden: Life With John Steinbeck* by John Steinbeck IV and Nancy Steinbeck. Foreword by Andrew Harvey. As the son of a celebrated literary icon, John Steinbeck IV grew up in a privileged world peopled by the literati and the intellectual elite. Sadly, it was also a world of alcoholism, bitter divorce, estrangement, and abuse, on the part of both his mother and father. In this fascinating memoir, the late son and namesake of John Steinbeck writes with great insight and a gift for lyrical expression about his often painful youth. Left unfinished at his untimely death, this testament to his life is here reconstructed by his wife of twelve years. Interweaving her own reminiscences of her life with John Steinbeck IV, Nancy Steinbeck has created an engrossing account from two perspectives: her husband's memories of his chaotic and adventurous upbringing and her own thoughts on their journey together to make a new life apart from the long shadow of a famous father and a troubled past.

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