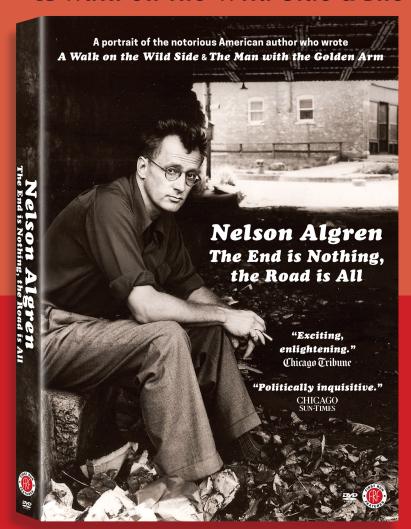


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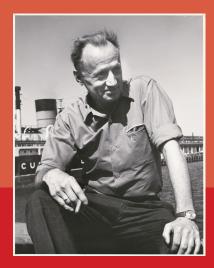
This in-depth portrait of notorious American author Nelson Algren uses interviews, rare archival footage, and the gritty voice of Algren himself to capture the elusive and unique literary figure whose fame was cemented with the success of *The Man with the Golden Arm* and *A Walk on the Wild Side*.

Algren rose to prominence when he won the National Book Award in 1949 for *The Man with the Golden Arm*, which was later adapted into an Oscarnominated film starring Frank Sinatra and Kim Novak. His book *A Walk on The Wild Side* inspired Lou Reed's hit song. Despite his mainstream success and pop-culture bona fides, Algren's career was irreparably damaged by FBI and CIA surveillance during the Red Scare.

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