



THE WESLEY H. BACON READER

**PURSUIITS, PASSIONS, & PEREGRINATIONS
OF A 20TH-CENTURY AUTODIDACT**

**Memoirs, short stories, & scripts by
Wesley H. Bacon**

Compiled & edited,
with biographical sketch & career profiles by
Reginald W. Bacon

W. H. Bacon in Athens, Greece, in 1946.



Wesley H. Bacon (1922-2001) was a virtuoso telegrapher, radio wizard, global traveler, avid aviator, elegant sleight-of-hand magician, Houdini-like escape artist, Wild-West six-gun twirler, erstwhile short-story writer, hypnotic baritone vocalist, WWII Navy veteran, mystic philosopher, citizen of the world, ... and Dad.

This volume compiles memoirs of his years at sea, his short stories, performance scripts, and other assorted writings. Also included are a biographical sketch and profiles of his careers in radio, aviation, and performance by the compiler.

Wesley H. Bacon was small in stature, modest by nature, and began with no particular advantage in life. He was abandoned by his father. He bounced from school-to-school in three states. His formal education ended at the 9th-grade. Yet his red-hot intellectual spark led him to live real-life adventures of boyhood dreams.

Was it nature? Or nurture? Tenacious autodidact? Or predestined polymath? Explore these questions ... or pose new ones ... in *The Wesley H. Bacon Reader*.

About the compiler: R. W. Bacon heard all of his father's adventures growing up. Or so he thought. But upon W. H. Bacon's death in 2001, more of his writing was discovered, and the seed for *The Wesley H. Bacon Reader* was planted.

R. W. Bacon embraced his father's multi-passion approach to life without following in the footsteps. He has been a journalist, editor, and publication designer for 50 years, and maintained a separate and sometimes parallel performance career as an acrobatic juggler, comedy dancer, and jazz/ragtime musician. Also a history/museum professional, he is the author of seven books on multifarious topics.

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