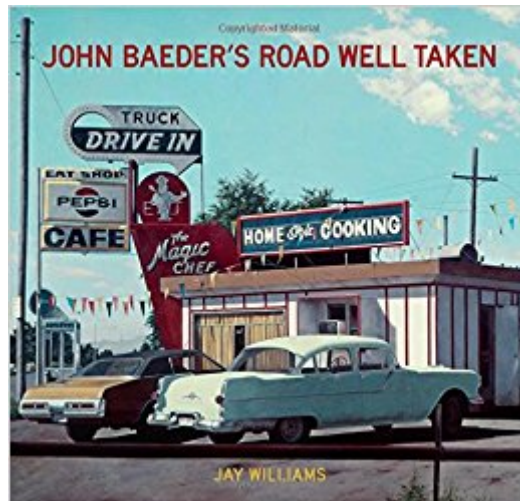




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# John Baeder's Road Well Taken



## Synopsis

A fascinating trip through the evocative remnants of a vanishing America, this book is also a portrait of an artist who has captured the nostalgic essence of what's been lost. In 1972, John Baeder (b. 1938) left a career on Madison Avenue to become a full-time painter, gambling his livelihood on art dealer Ivan Karp's evaluation of his first four canvases: a diner, a motel, a gas station, a tourist camp. Based on color postcards in his growing collection of roadside memorabilia, they launched a career that put him at the forefront of the growing photorealist movement. Baeder's paintings, particularly of classic diners, were an immediate success, and he scoured the country for prime examples to document before they disappeared. Here, Jay Williams recounts the inside story of Baeder's multifaceted career. With more than 300 illustrations of his highly collectible paintings, watercolors, vintage photographs, printed ephemera, and three-dimensional memorabilia, this is an artist's journey, traveled along the back highways of the United States. Â

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Jay Williams has developed more than 40 major exhibitions during his 30-year career as a university and art museum curator, most recently for the Vero Beach Museum of Art, in Florida. He has contributed to numerous exhibition catalogs, including *Pleasant Journeys* and *Good Eats Along the Way: The Paintings of John Baeder* (2007-2009).

an absorbing and long awaited biography of a wonderful painter of the vanished roadside culture of the US. John has such vision and wit in his work, and his documentation of this vanishing world is so important to its history. loved seeing the lavish illustrations of one great diner after another, plus all the other food trucks, roadside stores. made me want to hop in his Caddy and take a road trip with him. the book is a great armchair journey.

A book full of nostalgic paintings from a time not long ago.

The art in this superior and beautifully displayed. It's a review of Americana through the eyes of an extremely talented artist, during a time when diners were genuine and America was evolving. I'd recommend this book to anyone--it's also just a plain old-fashioned good read.

Absolutely love this book! I've been a fan of John Baeder's for 31 years. I have all his books and am lucky enough to own two original watercolors of his along with some drawings and signed prints.

great artist takes one back to a simpler time

Saw this book while visiting a art show in Vero Beach Fl and it didn't disappoint.

Very well written and so interesting. Beautiful paintings depicting American culture.

It is a very interesting book to me since we attended elementary school together and was impressed at what he has done with his life since I saw him over 50+ years ago.

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