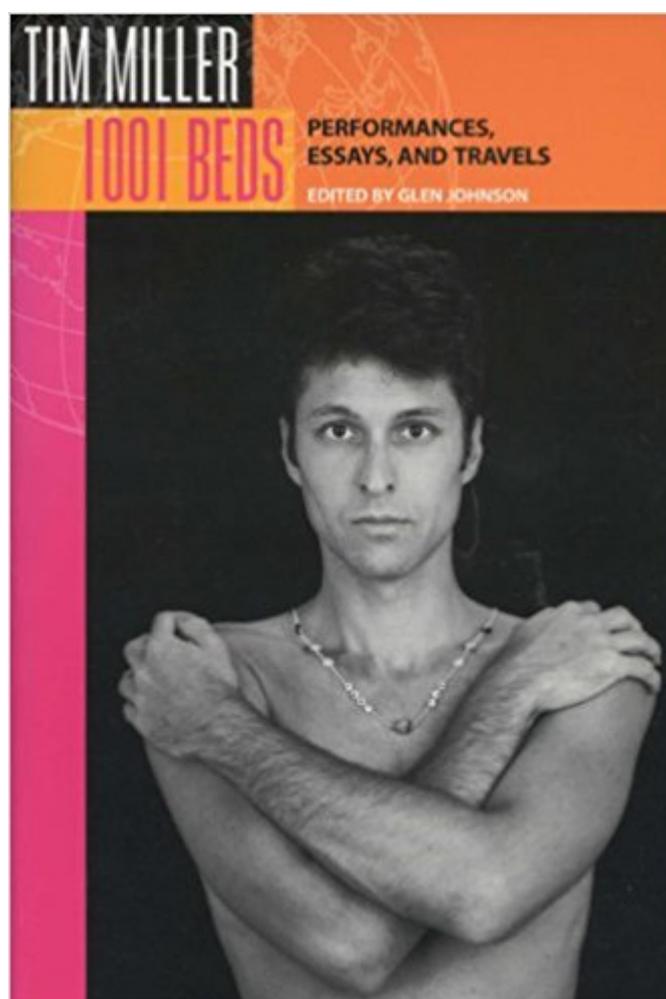


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This text brings together the personal, communal, and national political strands that interweave through the author's work from its beginnings and defines his place as a contemporary artist, activist, and gay man.

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Editor Glen Johnson has done what I would have thought was just about impossible, between covers, and that is to bring the Tim Miller experience in extraordinary and full dimension. I've seen several of Miller's performances and despaired of finding a book that would adequately capture the range of his interests and imagination, let alone something of the fire of his person, his charisma perhaps. But here it is at last, the real, the unexpected and the splendid thing. Cannily Johnson deploys a full spectrum of the different sorts of documents that make up a man, not only the texts of the performances, but occasional prose, some candid interviews, full-on essays, and a barrage of photographs, some of them very beautiful indeed, some just slapstick perhaps. Like Red Skelton, Tim Miller has always been about more than the tears of a clown, he's really all about the body, even the body of comedy. 1,001 BEDS, as its title implies, is rooted in the body and its vain attempts to rest between taking on another, often agonizing day. The effort of living, particularly in the benighted political circumstances of our world today, exhausts the electorate, and Miller is honest and forthright about his attempts to harness energy to fight the combine. Some strategies work, some don't, but Miller's fearless and in the end that's what really matters. He began in the

golden age of performance artists (remember Daryl Hannah in LEGAL EAGLES) with some spectacular and colorful, and very personal work about growing up gay in Southern California, often with a partner, John Bernd, another very talented young fellow. Around him, like popcorn, issues began exploding in the heat.

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