



## The AIDS Crisis Is Ridiculous and Other Writings, 1986--2003 (Hardback)

By Gregg Bordowitz

MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2004. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The first collection of writings by a noted artist and activist whose work has focused on the AIDS epidemic. The HIV epidemic animates this collection of essays by a noted artist, writer, and activist. So total was the burden of illness -- mine and others -- that the only viable response, other than to cease making art entirely, was to adjust to the gravity of the predicament by using the crisis as a lens, writes Gregg Bordowitz, a film- and video-maker whose best-known works, *Fast Trip Long Drop* (1993) and *Habit* (2001), address AIDS globally and personally. In *The AIDS Crisis Is Ridiculous* -- the title essay is inspired by Charles Ludlam, founder of the Ridiculous Theater Company -- Bordowitz follows in the tradition of artist-writers Robert Smithson and Yvonne Rainer by making writing an integral part of an artistic practice. Bordowitz has left his earliest writings for the most part unchanged -- to preserve, he says, both the youthful exuberance and the palpable sense of fear created by the early days of the AIDS crisis. After these early essays, the writing becomes more experimental, sometimes mixing...



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