



On Golden Pond meets *Psych-Out*

A Far Strange Country: Banquet of Choices



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What do:

A mother,
A father,
A Viet Nam veteran, paralyzed by a drug overdose,
His teen-aged girlfriend and her promiscuous friend,
A Chinatown doctor,
A pair of stoner college professors,
A notorious, epileptic Italian actor,
And the young wife he bought from a Serbian Gypsy,
An enigmatic cult leader,
An aging starlet and her cowboy husband have in common?

They all come to life in **A FAR STRANGE COUNTRY**

Arielle Hunter's debut novel, **A Far Strange Country : Banquet of Choices**, takes place against the backdrop of social unrest, the rise of the drug culture, upheaval and assassinations. Like postcards from the past, cinematic description and crisp dialog bring elements of 1968 California to life in this tightly-written, fast-paced novel.

Thrown into the mix are Buck and Pauline Harper, a staid couple who are riding out the upheaval tucked away on their ranch in the Sierra Nevada foothills when they receive a telegram. Their estranged son, Steven, a Viet Nam veteran, has been hospitalized in San Francisco from a drug overdose. At the same time, Donatello Draghi a notorious Italian actor and film director has been sent to live with his uncle in California to avoid a Mafia hit. He is waiting in his suite at the Beverly Hills Hotel for a phone call. The call sets in motion a series of events that take him in a direction he never dreamed possible. Then there's Parker, the pop-culture guru, suspected of murdering a follower to acquire a property in Big Sur.

The two-book series takes place in San Francisco, Berkeley, Napa, Los Angeles, Big Sur and the Sierra Nevada foothills of California. Hippies, ranchers and film stars illustrate the central theme: actions have consequences.

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Author Bio: Arielle Hunter lives in the Inland Northwest on several acres with her husband and a dogmatic cat. Gifted in painting and sculpture, she followed that path for many years, before the idea for her first novel, **A Far Strange Country**, captured her and wouldn't let go. She began a serious study of English and writing, and felt compelled to pursue writing as a career. She has completed several short stories, edited several books, and ghost-written others while working on the manuscript. Arielle Hunter is currently editing the second book of this series.