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.com Originally published in 1990, The Unicorn's Secret tells the strange tale of Ira Einhorn, a counterculture bigwig who hobnobbed with the likes of Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin before police discovered the badly decomposed body of his girlfriend Holly Maddux in a trunk in his Philadelphia apartment in 1979. Although Einhorn, known to friends and enemies alike as "The Unicorn," claimed innocence in Maddux's murder, he fled the country after receiving an unusually low bail (and before being found guilty of the crime in absentia in 1983) and didn't surface again until 1997, when he was apprehended by police in France, still proclaiming his innocence. Levy spent 30 months

researching the case and the Unicorn's life to write this book, which includes finely painted detail of Einhorn's rise, from his days as a would-be campus leader during the first shock waves of the '60s to his heyday as a respected ecologist, sociologist, and man-about-town in the 1970s. As Levy tracks the collision course between Einhorn and Maddux, a small-town Texas girl from a conservative home, hints of Einhorn's darker side emerge, illustrated by entries from the Unicorn's own diaries, filled with vast wellsprings of inner rage. The danger to Maddux rises palpably as the book nears its grisly conclusion, with Levy finding his own conclusions safely sealed away inside the paper remnants of Einhorn's darkly brilliant mind. --Tjames Madison From Publishers Weekly

In the 1960s Ira Einhorn ("one-horn" = Unicorn) made a reputation as "the" spokesman for the counterculture in Philadelphia. Brilliantly articulate, this teacher at the experimental Free University found a wide audience for his advocacy of nonviolence, drug-taking and sexual freedom. As the '60s waned, he converted his public persona into that of a guru of environmentalism and paranormal experiences, developing a network of influential contacts, shows Levy (Hackers) in this spellbinding sociological/true-crime study. One of those who fell under his spell was Holly Maddux, a beauty from Texas. After a stormy relationship of several years, she disappeared; almost two years later, in 1979, her mummified body was found in Einhorn's closet. The guru was arrested, skipped bail, presumably fled the country and is still at large. Photos. First serial to Esquire; author tour. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal

Ira Einhorn, Philadelphia's best-known counterculture guru, made a successful transition from hippie gadfly to New Age spokesman and corporate networker in the 1970s. In 1978, he was named a Harvard fellow. But in 1979, the body of his live-in girlfriend, Holly Maddux, a Bryn Mawr graduate from Tyler, Texas, was found in a trunk in Einhorn's apartment; she had been missing since 1977. Pleading innocence, he later jumped bail, fled to Ireland, and remains a fugitive today. Based on interviews with the couple's friends, this is a first-rate, engrossing story of an abnormal personality hiding behind a mask of Sixties-style peace, love, and higher consciousness. Recommended. Gregor A. Preston, Univ. of California Lib., Davis Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.