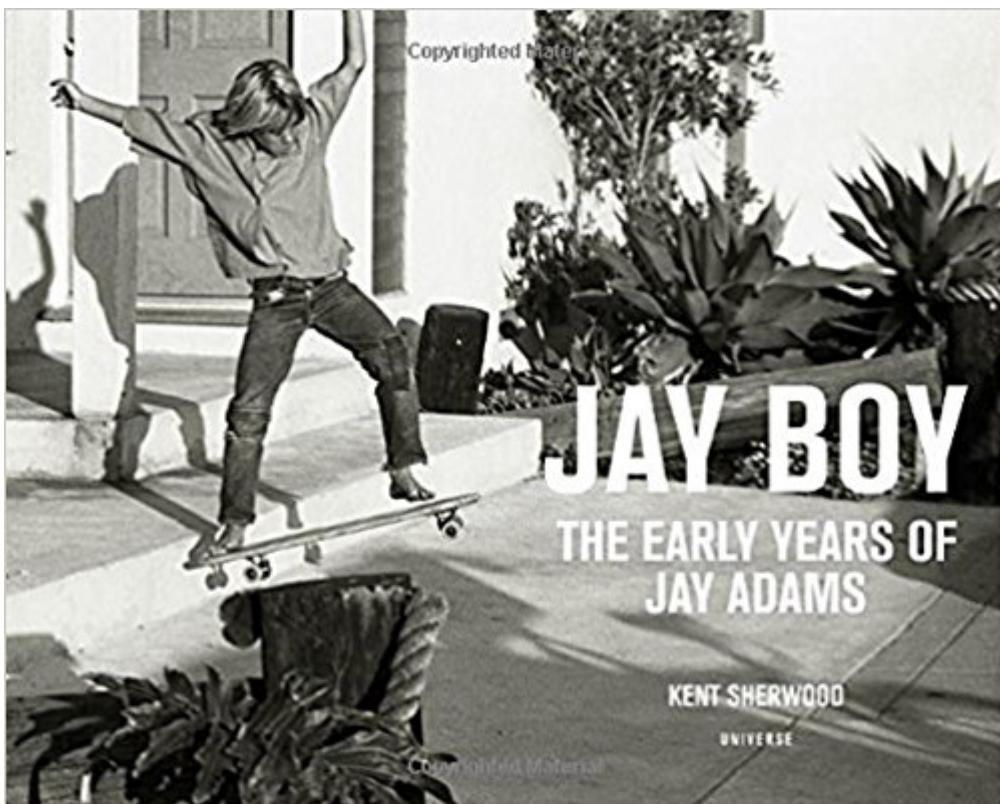


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# Jay Boy: The Early Years Of Jay Adams



## Synopsis

An endearing book of photographs of legendary skateboarding pioneer and Z-Boy Jay Adams during his childhood years, taken by Adams' stepfather Kent Sherwood and now back in print for the first time since Adams' passing. Skateboarding legend Jay Adams' sudden and unexpected death at the age of fifty-three shocked the world. Media outlets including the New York Times, the Washington Post, CNN, the Hollywood Reporter, ESPN, MTV, the Telegraph, and People magazine to name only a few, paid tribute to Jay Adams; the broad coverage he received speaks to the immense influence Adams had on the sport of skateboarding and the subsequent culture he helped grow and shape. Universe is pleased to bring back into print the little-known book of photographs of Jay Adams' earliest days as a surfer and skateboarder, taken by his stepfather Kent Sherwood. Sherwood is directly responsible for unleashing Adams' talent on the world: he introduced Adams at a very young age to surfing and skateboarding. Sherwood, a self-taught photographer, began shooting the young Jay Adams at play, surfing, and skating with his friends, including Tony Alva, Wentzle Ruml, and Shogo Kubo, among others. Jay Boy is an endearing, intimate look at the gifted Adams and his friends, and includes sweet and revealing thoughts about his past, written in his own hand before he passed away. It is certain to appeal to any fan of skateboarding.

## Book Information

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Jay Adams' stepfather Kent Sherwood is an aerospace engineer and photographer and one of the founders of Z-Flex Skateboards. Legendary skateboarder Tony Alva is most prominently known as one of the original Z-Boys. C. R. Stecyk III is a multimedia artist and writer. He was a writer and production designer on the documentary film Dogtown and Z-Boys. Stecyk cofounded the Zephyr atelier. Glen E. Friedman is a celebrated skate, hip-hop, and punk photographer. He is the author of *My Rules*.

Purchased this for my husband long time Dogtown supporter loved it loved it loved it

totally enjoyed this book. I have been a fan of Jay Adams since he first appeared in the 70s. This book is a must for Jay Adams fans and skateboarding fans...especially from the Z Boys era in the 70s.

Great look into the early years of a legend.

I've been waiting for a book like this on Jay Adams for a long time, very cool images and I love the personal touch by Jay as well. I miss Jay every day, i'm glad his legacy will live on through style and books like this.

Great Book!!

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