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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information  Frescas, Stewart P.,
Title  Stewart Frescas’ Lab Copy of *PiHKAL*
Collection Identifier  MSP #115
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Abstract  This collection consists of the book *PiHKAL* by Alexander Shulgin and Ann Shulgin. This is a signed first edition of the book given to Stewart Frescas and used by him in David Nichols’ lab at Purdue University.
Extent  0.2 cubic feet (1 book)
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Administrative Information

Location Information:  ASC
Access Restrictions:  Collection is open for research.
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Subjects and Genres

Persons
Frescas, Stewart P.

Topics
Psychopharmacology

Form and Genre Types
Books
Autobiographical fiction

Occupations
Chemists
Laboratory technicians
Pharmacologists
History of Stewart Frescas’ Lab Copy of PiHKAL

Originally published in 1991, the first half of PiHKAL: a Chemical Love Story, written by Alexander Shulgin and Ann Shulgin, is an autobiographical story of two fictional characters each with a fascination with psychedelics who ultimately share their fascinations and their lives with each other. The second half of the book chronicles more than a decade of the authors’ experiences creating and ingesting almost two hundred phenethylamines. This second half includes chemical recipes and personal narratives of the effects of those chemicals.

This copy of PiHKAL is one of two signed copies given to Stewart Frescas by Alexander (Sasha) Shulgin. Frescas had helped review the manuscript prior to publication. This lab copy was used by Frescas in David Nichols’ Lab at Purdue University and includes several pages marked with self-stick notes for easy reference. Frescas can be seen holding this copy of PiHKAL in the film Dirty Pictures (2010), a documentary about Dr. Shulgin.

Sources: Materials in the collection and a note provided by Frescas with the donation.

Collection Description

Scope

The Stewart Frescas’s Lab Copy of PiHKAL collection contains just one item, the book PiHKAL: A Chemical Love Story with some pages marked by self-stick notes.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

1 Box

Item