



Five Things Worth Living For

SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS EARTHLY DELIGHTS FROM CALIFORNICATION'S EVAN HANDLER

You don't survive acute leukemia and a bone-marrow transplant without learning to appreciate life's risks and rewards. Twenty years after his ordeal, Evan Handler is a lot more interested in what's right in the world than all that could go wrong. Here are five of his favorite high-risk indulgences.

Father's Office burger "This highbrow chef's fascist bar food is a Santa Monica standby. Prime beef, sautéed onion, bacon, Gruyère and blue cheese, with fries: It's not the cholesterol that'll kill you; it's trying to find the ketchup or asking them to hold the cheese. They don't have any, and they won't."

I.a.Eyeworks sunglasses "I bought some at full price, then wore them on *Californication*. Now I get e-mails asking where they're from. Lethal? No. Expensive? Quite."

Bistecca Fiorentina à la Los Angeles "Season a prime rib-eye steak and grill to desired doneness. Coat both sides in a mixture of good olive oil, chopped fresh herbs (sage, rosemary, basil) and garlic. It may kill you, but you'll be in heaven 30 minutes before you die."

Treana Red wine "This is a superior California blend, as delicious as anything at any price. Drink with the above. Your taste buds will thank you. Your liver will get you later."

January in Vegas "For the gadget freak there's the Consumer Electronics Show, which happens to overlap with the Adult Entertainment Expo. Did I meet six models I'd, uhhh, 'seen' somewhere before? Did they invite me back to their room? To chat? I'm not saying. I've got a wife, and *she* may kill me."

*Evan Handler has just published his memoir, **It's Only Temporary: The Good News and the Bad News of Being Alive**.*