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John Updike shoots up.  
Ezra Pound snorted by the pound.  
Joyce Carol Oates eats like a horse.  
Ernest Hemingway’s diet lacked lead.  
William Shakespeare dipped his quill in harlot ink.  
Edgar Allan Poe sober was George Will.  
The Bronte sisters tag team mud wrestled.  
Henry David Thoreau molested beavers.  
T.S. Eliot spelled backwards, without the S, is toilet.  
Stephen King inhales pure Maine oxygen.  
William Carlos Williams snuck painkillers: Everything depends on the little red pills shining on the table near my cracked reading glasses

Mark Twain skinny-dipped in raw sewage.  
F. Scott Fitzgerald sucked down gasoline martinis.  
e.e. cummings fried ‘shrooms.  
Alien Ginsberg’s death was God exchanging for a cleaner needle.  
Gertrude Stein was Gertrude Stein was Gertrude Stein was Gertrude Stein.  
Studs Terkel still sucks socialist thumb. (Say 3 times fast!)  
Sylvia Plath knew one decent oven recipe.  
Notre Dame grads wrote the Four Gospels.

— Richard Oberbruner