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This Is Gonna Hurt: Music, Photography, And Life Through The Distorted Lens Of Nikki Sixx



Synopsis

This Is Gonna Hurt: Music, Photography And Life Through The Distorted Lens Of Nikki Sixx is all Nikki Sixx. It is a collection of compelling photography and stories that capture the rage, love, optimism, darkness, and determination that shape his work. It chronicles Sixx's experiences - from his early years filled with toxic waste, to his success with Motley Crue, to his death from an OD, and his eventual rebirth through music, photography, and love. Love story, bad-ass rock tell-all, social commentary, family memoir, This Is Gonna Hurt offers the compelling insights of an artist and a man struggling to survive, connect, and find a happy ending - a search that fuels Sixx's being.

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Customer Reviews

Seemingly seeking to continue the majesty of his sublime and profound "Heroin Diaries," Motley Crue founder and bassist Nikki Sixx pens this rather oblique narrative, with very dark and oftentimes disturbing photographs, to accompany his bands (Sixx AM) similarly named soundtrack. My belief though after reading this is that for an overall appreciation of this work, the prospective reader simply MUST be a fan of Motley Crue, Sixx AM or of Nikki himself. There is no way, in my opinion, in which this book appeals to a wider, more diverse readership. It is so centralized on his post sobriety that anyone not familiar with the entire story gleans very little other than a really bizarre visceral experience. Nikki starts the narrative with a bridge from The Heroin Diaries into his post-sober realization of photographic passion. But while meandering through these philosophical musings, he manages to present an often surprising life-view that actually transcends the

photography, all the while giving us a true insight to his current psyche. To me, any anarchic youth who would deem to read this could get true meaning from these digressions...here is a guy who's actually lived the worst of any rebellious youth existence and survived to describe it. It is these perhaps unanticipated digressions that really make this book work. Toward the end, and clearly looking for filler material, we get the details of Nikki's rather aesthetic and short-lived romance with LA Ink's Kat Von D. In a breakup almost predictable from the start, Sixx nevertheless delivers eloquent and heartfelt tribulations while attempting to manage a Crue tour. Again, much of this shows a depth of character unseen in Diaries while also being surprisingly moving.

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