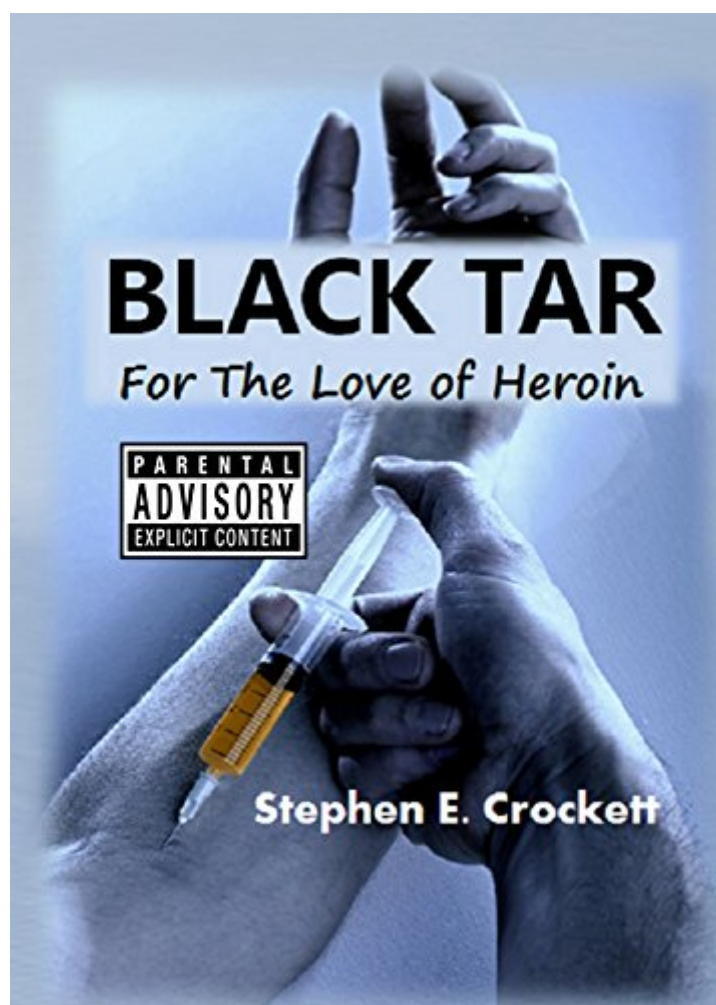


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Black Tar: For The Love Of Heroin



Synopsis

Black Tar is an auto-biographical look at the use of heroin and the toll it takes on the addict and his surroundings. It is written from an addict's perspective and details the day to day existence of one junkie as he lives from fix to fix and watches as his life spirals out of control. From alcohol, pills and cocaine to heroin. His attempts to free himself and live a sober life are always half hearted at best and so his mounting drug use destroys his life, his job and any hope he might have of enjoying a family. As the years pass heroin addiction forces him to live hand to mouth, always one step away from being unemployed and living on the streets as an addicted vagrant. In this smack tinted world the extremes are overdose and withdrawal and our leading man suffers through his share of both. In the end he finds himself dangling between the fix that will kill him and the sober life he so desperately needs.

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Customer Reviews

Books do not always spark my attention. This one did. And as I, too, struggle with addiction I can relate to much of what is explained in this book. Crockett couldn't explain the emotions any better, or the depressing events any clearer. This is much like any story of an addict with a few different

twists. I love the ending, because usually they don't end with living to tell the story. I only ended the book with a want for more, but only to realize, that's it. And there is no more to tell.

Well, I must start off this review by admitting that before reading this book I had no idea about the world I was about to enter as I turned its pages. I suppose for many that may sound a naive comment but it's true, that's not to say I don't understand an addictive personality, I do, anyone can have an addiction to any number of things, but the world of drugs was new to me. This very frank autobiography starts at the very beginning, as they say as we learn how he suffered a terrible fever with which he experienced hallucinations by day, and night terrors at night, aged twelve in 1972. His teenage years were, I suppose typical for many children at that time, and he experimented with drugs and alcohol, and embraced the rock and roll culture of that era. Soon however, his experimentation with increasing more potent drugs became a heroin addiction which was to influence his life for many years. Throughout this book his world is eye-opener. His obsession with the girl with the golden eyes (Heroin) overtakes his existence, and despite managing to stop taking it at various times, his life seems to be one of continual struggle just to survive. As we travel life's journey with him, there are no holds barred, everything is laid out in front of us, the love, death, tragedies and despair, until we find ourselves wondering, how can one man survive so much? But, survive he did, but is he clean? The bravery of this author in opening up like he has, must be admired, I found this book extremely interesting, however, I can see that if you have a family member or friend in the same situation, this could well be invaluable as an aid to understanding them.

This story's protagonist is a man wrapped in the arms of heroin. An autobiographical tale though a novelized autobiography it tells the story of a man who is as deeply bound to an addiction as one could possibly be, as attached to the needle that goes in his arm, and the heroin that goes into the needle as one can be and not be dead .. in fact the protagonist spends a great deal of time walking a fine line between life and death, only to have himself dragged up from the darkness into the light in shape of three women. Steven's story of heartbreak and how he ended up being dragged back into the torrents of darkness only to come full circle is one that I'll let the book tell. But I'm going to tell you that if you liked *Junkie* by William H. Burroughs, you'll like this book. If you like a good autobiography you'll like this book and if you enjoy dark romance then you'll enjoy this book. The only people who wouldn't like this book are people who enjoy predictable story lines and route pat endings.

The author told the truth no holding back no happy ending I'm perfect now....life's great blah blah blah.... purely honest and is living life and doing the best that he can to survive while actually having the courage to tell the story.

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