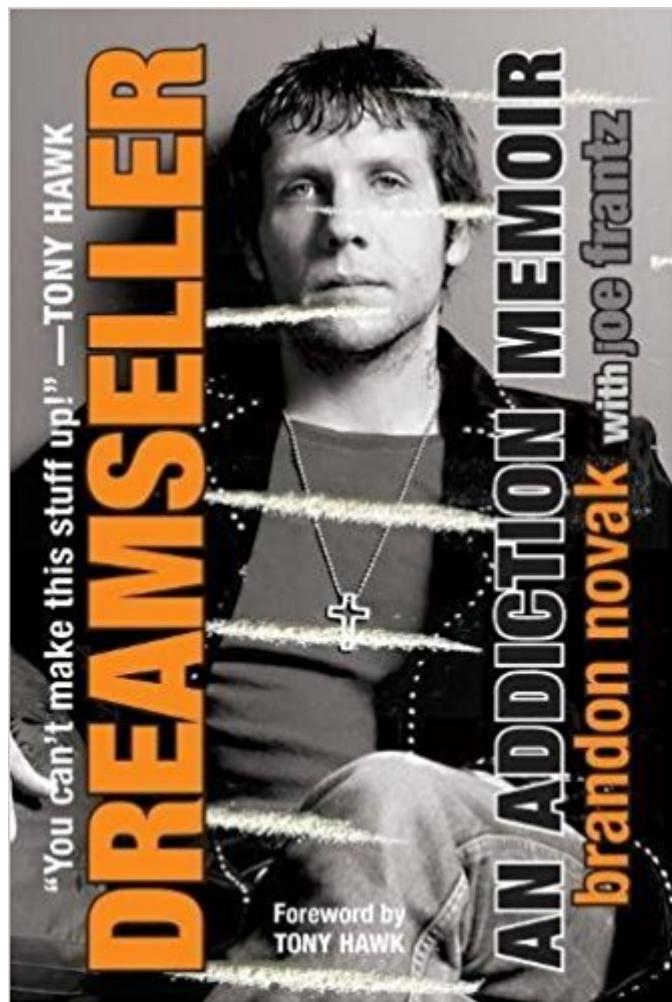


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Synopsis

“Skate, drugs, and rock & roll! Kat Von D, LA InkForward by Tony HawkSkateboarder and Jackass star Brandon Novak comes clean about his crazy rise to fame, tailspin into addiction, and other death-defying stunts on the road to recovery...At seven, Brandon was a skateboard prodigy. By the time he was fourteen, he was living the dream. Discovered by skate legends Bucky Lasek and Tony Hawk. Touring the U.S. with the elite Powell-Peralta team. Signing autographs and appearing in films and magazines. Brandon had it all. Then he got hooked on heroin.Soon the up-and-coming star was living a down-and-out life in a garage, begging for change, and hustling to score his next fix. He stole from his family and friends. He pushed the fantasy that everything was okay, that he was going to rehab, getting help, and getting better. But it was all a lie.This is the story of an addict—a dreamseller who stopped believing the lies he was selling and started believing in himself. With the help of his celebrity buddy Bam Margera of Jackass fame, Brandon joined the cast of MTV’s Viva La Bam and made an honest reach for sobriety. The road was hard, and he had some falls. But like any great skateboarder, Brandon Novak was always determined to get up again . . . “Entertaining, shocking, crazy, unimaginable.” Bam MargeraWith 24 pages of photosUpdated with a New Epilogue

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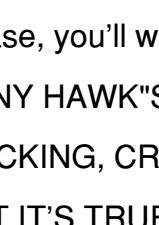
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As a teen, Novak joined the premiere skateboarding team and toured the world. Unfortunately, he

also indulged in "recreational" drug use that led to debilitating heroin addiction and the abandonment of his career. Eventually repudiating the abject life of a junkie, he entered rehab and subsequently recovered with the help of fellow star skateboarder Bam Margera. This would be most powerful for an audience weaned on the X-Games; also a forthcoming film of the same name.  Lynne Maxwell Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We all have addicts in their lives: families, friends, and coworkers, and this book has provided inspiration and insight to thousands of addicts and their loved ones worldwide. If you want to understand what addiction is really about, and if you seek to gain knowledge about this dark disease, you'll want to read *Dreamseller*.  "A CAUTIONARY TAIL WITH HILARIOUS DESPAIR!" - TONY HAWK "SKATE, DRUGS, AND ROCK N' ROLL" - KAT VON D "ENTERTAINING, SHOCKING, CRAZY, UNIMAGINABLE!" - BAM MARGERA "I LOVE IT, BUT IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT IT'S TRUE!" - BUCKY LASEK --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If there is only ONE book you read this year this should BE IT. No I am not pimping out the book because of monetary gain etc al. Brandon Novak is a regular guy, a son, a friend a person... and his book is not sugar coated or full of governmental propaganda etc. It is a TRUE diary, journal, walk in my shoes BOOK!! Joe Frantz and him created a no holds real true and some times difficult to read account of ONE young mans journey into the life or lack their of dealing with Heroin Addiction...

I've read memoirs about addiction for years now, partly because I am in recovery myself. I couldn't put this one down, I read it over the course of a day and a night turned to morning. It took me back to all those places I've seen when I lived that life, and its a reminded to never go back. We all come from different walks of life, but in the end our stories are way too similar. Heroin takes everything you've ever held sacred, nothing or no one can change that fact. Thank you for putting this out there the way you did... this book gets 10 out of 10 stars.

Loved it. This is a book for anyone that is a fan of the CKY Crew as Novak has always been connected to them over the years in their various hijinks or a person who has had the unfortunate luck to be involved with a drug addiction or knows someone who has been. It really sheds light on the tragedies an addict faces and what kind of hurdles they attempt to overcome to beat their sin.

Novak's history is also detailed very much so if you've ever been more curious about the man who is usually Bam's punching bag you will enjoy the insight into his earlier years. I personally know a friend who is a recovering drug addict right now and this was a book they had at his halfway house which was brought up to me one day when I visited him. He didn't even know who Novak was or his history with the CKY Crew but told me he really found the book to be a help as well as a embarrassing mirror that shed reflection on his own former drug life.

This is one of my favorite books. I have a cousin who has struggled with heroine addiction on and off the the better part of 6 years. Reading this has helped me understand the mind of an addict a little better and I'm really grateful for that. And then there's the fact that its Novak.... He's always had the gift of gab, and can tell the best stories. I really can't wait to read his new book soon.

this book has surprises at every corner and it kept me at the edge of my seat. this book it heart warming and I loved it. it shows drug abuse from a junkies eyes. it's a really good book and a real page Turner. it also has bits of moral showing you that being in the grip of a true monster can be a nightmare.

I read this book while in a 30-day treatment center, I had had it for about 6 months before I just never picked it up. I've never done any hard drugs, but there were kids in there that had been doing them for nearly their whole life. I let 2 others borrow the book and they agree, this book is a must buy, especially since there is talk of a sequel.

Much of our society's media glamorizes drug addiction, but this book illustrates addiction for exactly what it is. Even if you know nothing about the author, his message is very powerful. You won't be able to put this book down!

Wow... a very dark insight into the life of Brandon Novak. An enthralling read, especially if you are into the whole Jackass/CKY/Bam scene. The story it self is amazing, the book is terribly written however. Frantz isn't the best writer.

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