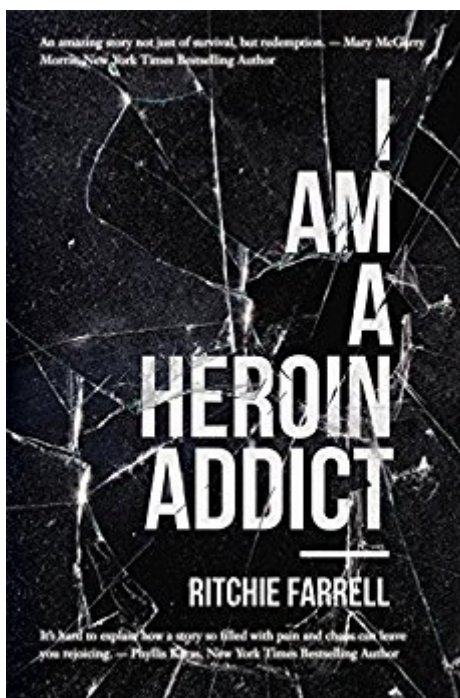


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I Am A Heroin Addict



Synopsis

"A work of compelling honesty. The writing is so powerful, so brutally sure of voice and experience that the reader is immediately jolted straight into the hellish existence of addiction." - Mary McGarry Morris, New York Times Bestselling Author "I am a Heroin Addict" was previously published as "Whatâ€™s Left of Us" by Kensington in 2009. However, there was no heroin epidemic at the time. Today, the opioid epidemic has become Americaâ€™s worst health crisis ever. Accidental drug overdoses killed more people in 2015 than HIV/AIDS at its 1995 peak. Heroin is a Beast, and that Beast has infiltrated every town and city in America. The Beast has come for your sons and daughters. The Beast is hunting for your fathers and mothers. And that Beast has only one mission, to bury as many Americans as possible. Farrell's ultimate goal is that his life story brings hope to all those suffering through the insidious trap of opioid addiction. "I am a Heroin Addict" is the story of how Ritchie Farrell survived a 10-bag-a-day heroin habit to become a bestselling author, WGA screenwriter, and recipient of the prestigious du-Pont-Columbia Award for excellence in journalism. "In the stripped-down, busted-and-back voice of a man with absolutely nothing left to hide, Farrell gives us this deeply moving tale of addiction and redemption. I am a Heroin Addict is a rush of blood to the head and heart, the kind that only true art can deliver." Andre Dubus III, New York Times Bestselling Author "How Ritchie Farrell survived his life, I'll never know." - Scott Silver, Academy Award Nominated Screenwriter of 8 Mile and The Fighter "A wild ride from start to finish. Riveting." - Chris Cooper, Academy Award Winning Actor "Ritchie Farrell's raw and visceral writing grabs you, slams you into the soul of an addict, and doesn't let go until you experience the courage it takes to wage a life-or-death war against your inner demons." Harry Ufland, Producer of The Last Temptation of Christ "It is a testament to Farrell's stunning writing power that he carries you on this rollercoaster ride of ugliness and beauty. Don't miss it." - Phyllis Karas, New York Times Bestselling Author

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Customer Reviews

Every parent should read this.

I liked the honesty. Can't wait for his next book to come out!

I was absolutely floored by this autobiographical account of addiction. I probably read a memoir a week, about all different kinds of personal struggles, and it is by far my favorite genre...so when this showed up in my recommended list, I thought I'd give it a shot, and I am so glad I did. Before reading it, I need to say that I hadn't read the little blurbs about how the author has gone on to become quite successful, so I really went into his story "blind" as to the outcome. It took about half of the book for me to even like Ritchie...although his writing is excellent and drew me in, I kept thinking, "my God this guy is a raging narcissist and a liar, to boot," but his story was still compelling reading. As he goes back in time and sorts through his memories of abuse, I found myself not only liking him, but wanting to reach through the pages and somehow comfort him. The physical, sexual and emotional abuses he endured as a child were so brutal that I came to completely understand why he did the things he did, and I felt ashamed of my initial judgment...and isn't that wonderful? Ritchie's story perfectly unfolds, and serves as a reminder to us all that where drug and alcohol addiction is concerned, compassion is necessary. Speaking your personal truth, even when you think it will kill you, is what I took from Ritchie's story. I found this book to be far more about the horror of child abuse and the resulting fallout than it was about drug addiction, and it was difficult to read some parts...but wow. Just, wow. Not many personal stories bring me to tears, but this one did.

Highly recommended, especially by those whose lives have been touched by addiction and/or abuse. Thank you, Ritchie...not only for your honesty, but for the hope you gave me that I can slay my own demons. I look forward to your next memoir...

Parents of heroin addict children should read this to understand more of the struggles to get clean and really change an addicts life. Not easy. Scary heart wrenching story. I found some peace by reading this book.

Thank you Richie for sharing your story. It gives me hope for my child's recovery and a better understanding of her addiction. God Bless. I, too, grew up in a Irish Catholic home and culture.

Book gave an honest view of addiction. It was vivid and truthful. Ending was great, proving we can overcome anything once we let go and speak the truth. No one should live with secrets they have to take to the grave.

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