## BITTER TASTE OF DYING

A Memoir



**JASON SMITH** 

## Jason Smith The Bitter Taste of Dying



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In his initial book, author Jason Smith explores the depravity and desperation required to maintain an opiate addiction so fierce, he finds himself jumping continents in order to avoid jail time and learns the hard way that some demons cannot be outrun. While teaching in European countries, he meets a prostitute who secures drugs for him at the dangerous price of assisting out the Russian mafia; in China, he gets his Percocet and Xanax repair but terrifies a crowd of kids and parents at his work along the way; and in Mexico, Smith idea a Tijuana jail cell would be the perfect place to kick his Fentanyl habit, but quickly realizes that the power of addiction is stronger than his desire to escape it. The Bitter Taste of Dying paints a portrait of the present day day medication addict with clearness and refreshing honesty." - Jonathan Alter, formerr senior editor Newsweek, NBC Information, MSNBC "Jason is a great writer who's clearly done the life-destroying study that I can relate with." - Jerry Stahl, NY Moments bestselling author of Long term Midnight and Content Mutant Baby Supplements "This memoir grabs you by the throat on the initial page and doesn't release until you're carried out, in one sitting--gasping for breath because you understand, finally, what it's prefer to be a drug addict without having been one yourself. This is actually the voice of a new generation of drug addicts. With a gritty combination of self-deprecation and light-hearted confessional, Smith's memoir deftly describes the trip into the harrowing depths of addiction and demonstrates the experience of finally being released from it.



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Beautiful and Powerful Story Wow. This book really grabs onto you and doesn't release. I hope this book is read far and wide for the tale it tells - I came across myself sometimes crying and laughing on the same page. If you're searching for another "million small prices"-type novel, you're most likely not going to think it is here interesting story. Honest well told true story. As someone who has not individually struggled with medication addiction, this was a remarkable read and I sensed like I was right there along for the trip.. Also, there is a general insufficient literary imagination. These last few chapters also contain some useful advice about acquiring responsibility for your own happiness that's relevant to addicts and nonaddicts alike. The ride was scary and heart-breaking but also funny and pleasurable, and I couldn't place it down. If you don't fall into either of those groups but want to comprehend addiction, this is actually the publication to read. The last few chapters manage to describe Mr. I knew Jason when he was that football star and I by no means would have guessed all that he was going right through and continued to undergo. Terms can't express how happy I am that he's still here to show his story (or must i say stories). Important thing, I see even more great things to result from Jason and cannot await his next book!! Recovering I'm not much for reviewing anything because I'm a selfish prick and just care about me, me ,me. However, this book shook me to my extremely core. The raw truth Jason divulged unto these web pages was more than I've heard anyone state about their encounters with addiction and recovery. I never understood why I couldn't progress until I browse his publication straight through and this was all while kicking. I would suggest this reserve to addicts, alcoholics and specifically anyone who has a romantic relationship with either. A family group of addicts. Addiction is in my own blood but somehow We dodged the bullet. I have chronic discomfort from a failed spinal procedure and two bad automobile accidents, however acquiring norco or percocet under no circumstances made me experience euphoric. I too consider Xanax for PTSD and stress and anxiety, same thing all it can is quell my anxiousness a little bit. Obviously there's a genetic predisposition because all of the medicines, meds defined in great fine detail in the book you need to my level 10 pain right down to a 6. The most I've ever taken is 3 pills per day so I think it is fascinating that these drugs totally overcame the author. This is an unflinching tale that truly offers a first row seat to what addiction can be. Congrats to Jason so you can get clean! All You Need to have to learn About Addiction and Recovery Sometimes a book bands so true it amazes you. I love the afterword. It really is a rare author that can combine all those stuff into one reserve. As a gay male I was defer by a few of his descriptions of men who act certain ways. It's well written and a "good read". So overall, an excellent read and worth the amount of money! Like he alludes to in the publication, the first half of an addict's story is much like the first half of every other addict's tale, because addicts all talk about the tour of convinced that enables them to love their drug above all else. Read it; you'll be glad you did. This book fulfilled its promise I'd read Jason's writings on Medium before I heard his publication was arriving out. I cannot recommend this book plenty of. Certainly recommend. Smith's recovery in a manner that feels a lot more detailed, authentic and (frankly) frightening manner than other similar tales I've heard/read. Hope he's still doing well. Awesome book! He tells of his own often baffling, relentlessly insidious trip into and through the hell globe of addiction. And I love that Jason Smith found his way out to create this book. Addicting Read I must say i love reading books on the subject of people's struggles with addiction and this was another great 1. I was very thrilled because of this book as I've followed Jason's writings on the prescription drug epidemic (and other brief stories on Moderate) for some time. I grieve for the thousands lost in pain medication addiction and I celebrate this amazing voice. The Bitter Flavor of Dying can be

a classic among medication memoirs. really FELT this publication was real (which it is) and enjoyed it tremendously I really, really FELT this reserve was real (which it is) and appreciated it tremendously. I got real insight into how and why someone can and will be addicted to drugs. I like it whenever a reserve is normally believable, and it kept me turning the webpages till the finish. His writing is great.. The specifics of the author's story are fascinating and exclusive, but at root are variations on a common theme which will be readily recognizable to anyone whose family offers been touched by addiction. If you want this genre, you'll like this book! Mind boggling tale!Let's put it this way: if this were fiction, I might have regarded as the sequence of occasions in this publication to end up being unreasonably absurd. Almost as absurd is the fact that the self-destructive main character of the story managed to recover and create such an interesting, easy to read and engaging memoir. I have read other autobiographical functions regarding addiction which were interesting to read but none sensed as heartfelt and genuine as this. His tale is powerful, compelling, extremely wellwritten, and strongly suggested which was honestly terrifying at times. I recommend this book. Among the best memoirs on addiction! Mid-range It was an easy read that gave great insight into the life of an addict. I couldn't wait to learn more! I couldn't put it down sometimes and for me personally whose attention period is very low that says a whole lot! Regardless of what he did, I came across myself rooting for him. I recommend this book for anyone who is trying to comprehend addiction, has a loved one with addiction issues, or simply likes memoirs. Powerful and Exploitive Wonderful first person view of addiction and recovery. Great suggestions is given here for families of addicts (if they choose to listen). With all he put his body through, I find it amazing that's he's not only allve, but thriving. One man's tale speaks to the suffering of millions of Americans who became drug addicts via the seemingly benign pathway of a doctor's care for chronic pain. Jason is an extremely talented writer who knows how to consider you on a journey. Very well written I really enjoyed what sort of he writes his story. It's very captivating. I couldn't wait around to see what he'd do next. Definitely recommend. Entertaining yet disturbing This was definitely one of the more entertaining heroin related books I've read recently. Probably that's not really what he was going for, so I don't mind. 4 stars. There isn't much about other people except Jason himself, but I understand that is HIS tale and he is not attempting to drag others into his composing.. But this is no mundane tale. Not an award winning author but 4 superstars for his honesty and interesting tale and adventures. A classic I love this book for most reasons. From the initial page, this reserve captured my attention rather than let go! If you're in recovery or like someone who is that is that sort of book. I would have liked even more descriptions about the subjective connection with his withdrawals becauese that's an important part of addiction. There were other details I felt like he overlooked too. Be aware: he's quite bro-ish. If someone in your life is a chemical abuser and you can't understand the how or why of their addiction, this is the book to read for the answers you seek.. I mean this story is such a vacation. As anyone who has travelled a lot, I thought it would be a little more relatable. Still, I commend the author for the courage and power he has had in order to get over his addiction! First and foremost, Jason is an all natural storyteller and I am quite sure that he could create a mundane tale about going to the grocery shop that would be interesting, thought-provoking, and cause you to laugh out loud. Jason Smith's writing is normally emotionally vivid and searingly honest. This author really took me inside the mind of an addict and helped me to understand my addicted son like no other explanation ever could, thank you Jason for shining your bright light in to the dark and dangerous mind of an addict thereby increasing my

understanding exponentially.



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