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an imaginative story of a real life

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Possibly the most unconventional and literally breathtaking father-son tale you'll ever read, *My Friend Leonard* pulls you immediately and deeply right into a relationship mainly because unusual as it is inspiring.employment. The son is, needless to say, James, damaged maybe beyond repair by years of crack and alcoholic beverages addiction-and by lots of cruel methods of fate.*My Friend Leonard* showcases a brilliant and energetic youthful writer rising to important new challenges— But then Leonard comes home into his lifestyle, and everything changes. Both Leonard's and James's careers flourish... He instructs him in the art of "living boldly," pushes him to go after his interest for writing, and provides a watchful and supportive veil of security under which James will get his life jointly.The daddy figure is Leonard, the high-living, recovering coke addict "West Coast Director of a large Italian-American finance firm" (read: mobster) who helped to keep James Frey clean in *A Million Small Pieces*. He teaches James to take pleasure from life, sober, for the very first time.if unlawful and slightly harmful— Leonard offers his "son" lucrative—but Leonard vanishes. When the reasons behind his mystical absence are exposed, the reserve opens up in unexpected emotional methods.James embarks on his post-rehab presence in Chicago emotionally devastated, broke, and afraid to get close to other people.displaying amazing warmth, humor, and maturity—without losing his strength. This publication proves that one of the most provocative literary voices of his era is also one of the most emphatically human.



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.It starts with Frey in jail for a brief period following his completion of medication and alcohol rehab, after that getting out of jail and receiving some horrific information (this news is in fact revealed in the epilogue of AMLP, but additional details is given in this narrative). The publication touched my soul deeply. Makes you experience as if you understand them well. My Friend Leonard is certainly a 'kind-of' follow-up novel, picking right up shortly after in which a Million Little Pieces left off to get James Frey writing in the initial person about a somewhat-fictionalized version of himself. Frey is normally a truly talented author! If you know anything about James Frey, as a writer, then you'll understand he's a bit more controversial in his books (especially in his initial published book! This battle with the severe echoes of Frey's past addiction are prominent in the first half of the tale, and he even maintains a sealed bottle of cheap wine with him at all times as a reminder never to drink; a defiant expression of great willpower to refuse alcohol, though it is available to him every minute. The narrative is simple, however, not in a boring or pointless way. Read this book - you won't be disappointed. to look out for James and care for him in a father-like relationship. The beginning is approximately Lilly. Leonard has a particular fondness for James, and also the means to provide for him, so their romantic relationship is taken to a fresh level which adjustments James's life in some big ways. Great Read Book came in very very good condition. I really like it. Eventually he's offered a posture by Leonard, a posture that is very loose and undefined, a good bit shady. This description so far probably sounds very simple and rather uninteresting. James earns a great deal of cash by running 'errands' for Leonard, though he spends very little of it and does not count his prosperity as much. Before long, Leonard is introduced: a charming, handsome, mysteriously wealthy fifty-something whom James had met and befriended while they were in rehab collectively. It is, at the heart, the story of a man unfolding and arriving at a place where he's finally taking care of himself, growing up, and obtaining joy in places other than self-destruction. This comes through great discomfort and loss, but the redemptive quality can be thus all the more sweet. That is also the tale of a deep and sacred friendship, one that mirrors the very best father/son scenario one could imagine. James Frey's composing is loose and minimalist in the sense that he intentionally excludes most punctuation, save periods and commas, and also utilizes multiple run-on sentences. While both of these qualities may appear to be simply the bad habits of a lazy writer, they are executed therefore well that it ends up offering the piece a very stark, human-thought-process type of realism. Obviously, this book will surely hit you harder if you have read his first publication, 'A Million Little Pieces', beforehand but I wouldn't say it had been a requirement to take action!. Touched my soul I loved just how this story was told. If you have not read A Million Little Pieces, I would recommend being introduced to Frey's work this way, though it isn't necessary material to enjoy My Friend Leonard as a stand-alone. Like everything I've read from Frey, there is great humor in this tale, as well as loss and sadness which are gripping around your heart to rip it violently out of your upper body. Again, this is how life is, could it be not? The story is usually plain in subject matter, but rich in character, sensitive observation, and authentic interactions. Paints a beautiful picture for your imagination to run away with Therefore descriptive about each character. Wonderful book to read and cherish!! I absolutely LOVED this publication! In the aftermath of a meeting that severely rattles James's recently-free-from-jail presence, he comes dangerously near undoing everything he accomplished in rehab by coping with severe temptation to drink again (which would inevitably lead to harder substances).). However, no matter what you are feeling about him individually, I highly recommend you browse this! Just as lovely as AMLP; When factors get intense or very sad and the type smashes 4 or 5 sentences into one mad dash, the severe nature of the moment is felt because that is the way our thoughts have a tendency to blur everything jointly under stress. It had been far more emotional than I expected!! A classic great read and composing style!! Couldnt put it down ***** SPOILER ALERT***** Love this book even more than a million items! The reason for 4 /5 stas is because he wedded the neighbor gal! He didn't even explain or go into detail about how so when. Other after that

that it had been perfect. I do feel bad for his wife though because if she reads this she will read some quite awful stuff about recent gfs Great read! Personally I love James Frey's design of writing although the editor in me sort of gets annoyed with the run on sentences and missing commas and intervals, but he is utilizing the same style of storytelling as in 'A Million Little Items.) I must say i enjoyed this publication and couldn't put it down. Frey can depict a fictional human in an genuine light (except EVERYONE in the tale smokes cigarettes, and it's the 90s.. At additional points his dialogue is described by beautiful, subtle honesty, and it is through the conversations in the reserve (including the ones heading on in James's head) that really bring out the real attributes of each character.! Just purchased my second Frey publication!

Amazing This is quite an incredible sequel to his first book. Be sure that you read the first publication "A Million Little Parts" first so that it all makes feeling for you! An excellent and quick read. a good follow-up to 'A Million Little Pieces' 'My Good Friend Leonard' is sort of the "next chapter(s)" in the story of James Frey after his stint in rehab. The story starts off right after he gets out of rehab. Mind you, Frey is definitely jobless and completely broke upon departing jail, meanwhile fighting grief and teetering on the advantage of falling back to addiction. The rest of the book is approximately him just obtaining his life back together and finding mundane jobs, trying to stay sober and how his friend Leonard impacts his life and supports him just as a father should. A few of the tale gets a tad slow in the centre, but toward the finish it can move better. Page turner with a satisfying storyline, well-written (despite lacking ANY grammar/punctuation/normal dialogue! I believe that his design had more effect in his first novel instead of in that one, but it is rather "him" and I love it. I was extremely interested to learn about James' existence and how he did turn stuff around for himself and I came across myself continuing to be interested throughout 'My Friend Leonard.' I felt all of the emotions he wished me to feel in the end and I enjoy the actual fact that James understands how to tell his story in his own phrases. It was such an excellent read. I recommend reading this especially if you liked 'A Million Little Pieces' because it simply completes his first novel and provides us some closure. Exquisite work This book is all sorts of beautiful. Terrific character development and excellently ended. Just made me cry at the end. The composing design is great too, with run-on sentences and super-long paragraphs - even more of a stream of awareness put down in some recoverable format than actual writing. This book tells the tale of James, an addict, who meets Leonard in rehab. Leonard is normally a mobster who will take James under his wing and "adopts" him as his boy. When they're back in the real world, you find out through James the trials and heartbreak of life after rehab. Leonard is often there for James and treats him just as if he were his actual child. It's a wonderfully amusing if not sometimes heartbreaking tale. Two-thirds of the way through, I began to think about the way the book could end in a means that wasn't trite or cheesy (Like most mobster-inspired stories). Mr. Frey threw me for a loop and the book ended in an exceedingly poignant and endearing way that I must say i didn't expect. Wonderful! I really like that style which didn't disappoint. Leonard seeks Frey out and expresses a desire to `adopt' him in ways; classic classic Great book I had been searching for this book for ever. James makes his method through several ultra low-end jobs, including 1 as a bouncer at a dive bar. Leonard also takes to calling James `My son' for the remainder of the book, even though Frey finds this somewhat silly and strange, he's thankful to have such a generous friend in a dark time. I love that he touched my heart in his portrayal of Leonard and it almost feels like I understood Leonard myself. Couldn't put the publication down. Great cost for the product! Beautiful writer I love his writing style. Either way, I would highly recommend any and all of his books to any reader with an appreciation for actual people going right through real circumstances interlaced with lovely prose and keen observation. I care not really what he composed or exaggerated in the controversial best-seller A Million Little Items, because that's still a damn good book, and his talent for minimalist prose is definitely hard to ignore. FANTASTIC READ!!) I must say i felt what the protagonist felt--the highs and lows. Picking up where "A Million Small Pieces" left off also among the best books We've ever endured the pleasure of reading. My

Friend Leonard was a straightforward read and a poetic delight. Couldn't wait to keep reading it. Having now read three of James Frey's four published functions (not counting that weird pseudonym-series about the X-Men children or whatever they are), I have arrive to consider myself a solidified fan. Many life lessons had been embedded in the book



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