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From New York Times Bestselling Author of *Ugly* and *Mistrust*.

Meth, crank, ice, glass, fire, tina, chalk, crystal or crystal meth.

Whatever you call it, it's the same thing. Addictive.

Drugs ruin people's lives.

I should know, they destroyed mine.

I'm Hannah and I got hooked on ice. What started as a trickle, ended with a tsunami washing everything away; my family, my life.

I'm not sure you're ready to read my story; it's real and confronting.

Open the book, read the pages and see how easy it is for anyone to get addicted.

Ice affects all types of people. It doesn't discriminate.

It will SCREW. YOU. UP.

*Drug abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse and emotional conditioning. Recommended for 16+ Contains distressing content. It will cause you anger, frustration and you'll want to hurt some characters.

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Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

Wowzers. This is an epic read. If you've read any of this authors books you know she has her own unique way to grab the readers attention. She certainly did with this story. The author knows how to strip a book down so the feelings and emotions absorb into the reader.

This is an intense read. I felt as if the author pulled my heart out and put it through the wringer. I seriously was broken reading this. I'm not going to go into the storyline. I feel that you NEED to read this. Feel the story.

This is definitely going to be one of my favourite reads of the year.

Angie Crabtree-Liezal and Angie's Book Blog says

I read this book in 3.5 hours. I ignored my family. I didn't eat dinner and when I had to pee I held it. I couldn't put this book down. Hannah's story is addicting. I had to know what happened and how it ended. I had to finish reading it before I could do anything else.

Addiction is raw and powerful. It's emotional. Eye opening. The insight that we have inside a drug addicts mind is real. I was scared to continue reading it but at the same time I knew I had to continue.

Hannah could be anyone. Your daughter. Your best friend. Your girlfriend. Your niece. Your granddaughter. Anyone. She's the girl next door. Sweet. Nice. Pretty. Someone who is respectful. Responsible. Makes straight A's and has goals.

Her biggest mistake is falling for a guy who was going to be her destruction. Her ruin. Sucking the life from her like a leech. Stripping her bare until there was no more Hannah but a ghost. A skeleton.

Hannah's story is hard to read. Extremely hard. I think everyone who has teenage daughters need to read this. Their daughters need to read this. They need to be made aware of the real life issues out there. This isn't glossed over. It's a story with real meaning and it needs to be read by everyone. I'm so glad I read it and you will be too.

Sandra Shipman ~ Two Book Pushers says

Wow!! I don't even know where to start with this review. I have started over more than a few times already. Ok, I am going to make this short.

Hannah was a model student. A best friend. A exceptional daughter. Someone who dreamed of a future. One to mold students as a teacher. She didn't party. She was even called a nerd. And all it took was six months for her to hit rock bottom. As an addict. Meth was her salvation. Her enemy. Her everything. There were only two things she thought about about the moment she had her first hit. One, how she was going to get her next. And two, the man who supposedly loved her. That was her new life. The one that she thought was a

better one. That is what ice does to someone. It brings out the delusions. It makes you chase the next high. No matter who or what gets in the way.

That is all I can really say about Hannah's journey. This is not a romance. It does not involve hearts and flowers. It involves pipes and hotels. It's not an easy read. I read the warnings. I had to read it anyway. I have not been an addict myself but I have had family and friends go through some of the same experiences. It's so hard to witness. Even harder to get them to want to help themselves.

Overall...I love that Margaret writes books that need to be written. The stories need to be told. They are real. They are important. I have two daughters and you know what I did today? I talked to them about drugs and alcohol. It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from, drugs do not discriminate. They are everywhere. They can grab and hold on to anyone. Like I said, I have seen it. I had my own experiences with a few drugs in my high school days. It was over twenty years ago when something bad happened to myself and I still will not drink wine because of it. It stays with you. Forever.

P.S I am in love with this cover!

Quotes:

“I can’t leave you alone. You’re mine,” he says.

“What? I’m not yours, I’m not anyone’s. I’m my own person.”

He’s making my body sing, sparking alive as a hazardous fire rips through me, risking my sanity and safety.

“For you, I’d walk to the end of the earth, and still have the strength to kill anyone who’d hurt you. But when you’re hurting yourself, that breaks not only my heart, but my soul.”

Laura- BookBistroBlog says

Addiction

by Margaret McHeyzer

4.5 Stars

When I saw that Margaret McHeyzer was writing this book, I knew immediately that I would read it. There is something about addiction books that I love. They are raw, sad, emotionally disturbing. This book did not disappoint!

17-year-old Hannah has her life all figured out. Study hard, go to school every day, get accepted to college

and become the elementary school teacher she's always wanted to become.

When her BFF Kristen invites her to her parent's anniversary party, Hannah's life changed from that day forward.

Zac isn't who Hannah thought he would be. To not stand up for her, to let a stranger talk to her like what had just happened... Nope, moving on and dropping Zac. When a guy doesn't take care of the girl he's with, there is no need to go any further.

So why oh why does she keep thinking about the rude talking, drug dealer Edgar.

Edgar is slime. He is a scumbag. He is the lowest of all low on the human chain. Predator waiting to strike out at his next victim. He has set his target and is going in... Full strength ready to stake his claim on this young, girl next door, innocent Hannah.

It's not a pretty story. It's not a cookie cutter book. It's not a love at first sight, get married, have kids story. It's a story of addiction and what a person goes through after that first hit. Following the chase for the next hit.

Seeking that high that feels so good.

Even though you are not an addict... You can quit at any time.

Well done Margaret McHeyzer on telling us Hannah's story. Well written, flowed perfectly, emotional journey. My only thought while reading this story was, where did Zac go? Was he trying to help, did he tell anyone about their meeting, was he in on this too? Other than that, I totally enjoyed reading Addiction!!!

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Camila Matuella says

4 * Drugs are not the answer, they're the cause. " estrelas

Mais um livro que leio sobre esse tema esse ano e mais um livro que eu gosto.

Acho que esse assunto é super complicado e delicado de falar, e a autora abordou de um modo tão real/natural.

Drogas podem acontecer para qualquer um. Drogas não tem idade, não tem sexo, não tem etnia... Elas simplesmente acontecem sem nem nos darmos conta.

Mais um livro pesado sobre esse assunto real que vale a leitura.

Christina Concus (Moonlight Novels) says

This book and it is very raw, emotional and heartbreaking about real life actions/habits.

Hannah is your typical teenage girl, that knows what she wants in life and knows what she has to do to get there. She is also very strong willed and really does know right from wrong but like any "normal" person/kid she caves.

Edgar is good looking, smooth talking and goes after what he wants no matter what. When he enters Hannah's life she knows she should avoid him but he pushes himself into almost every aspect of her life and that is when his true colors start to show.

This book has so many ups and downs that not many people are even willing to talk or read about. However, I would highly recommend everyone reading this book because it is a true eye opener that all need to see/read.

*I had the honor of reading an ARC**

Lg says

This is not your runoff the mill YA/NA story whatsoever. It isn't cute or sassy or sexy or fun. It is raw, real, heartbreak, emotional and a kindle throwing read. You will love and hate these characters. They will tear themselves apart, while you are on your knees praying for their salvation.

Addiction is a fictionalized telling of the life of young woman finishing high school. She has goals and ambitions, she has a loving family and friends. She is from Anytown, USA. She could be your sister, daughter, friend, niece. We find this beautiful, bright girl fall prey to a man with promises. These promises come with his quiet ability to hook her on crystal meth to feed his evil intentions. This book IS someone's truth.

Margaret McHeyzer does not hold back in this book. Through Hannah we see the horrid spiral that a life with crystal meth does. It happens so fast and furiously; her reality is severely altered, lies, upon lies, anger and hate along with the harsh physical changes. Hannah's story is ugly, but she had a few people left on her side that were determined to see her through.

This new to me author has completely blown my mind with her incredible ability to take such a severe subject and one where our society confronts on a daily basis and write this graphic tale of the gravity of this addiction. #everyonemustread

Karen - Kazza's Books Blog and Reviews says

Raw, emotional, heartbreaking and so true to real life. That how I describe Addiction.

Hannah, girl next door, the world is her oyster. A grade student, loved by everyone. She is strong willed and has a "don't mess with me" additude but it is all of these qualities that catch the eye of Edgar.

Edgar, Edgar, Edgar. How do I describe him. He's suave, good looking, smooth talker, statuesque but all of that only goes so far and as he become more cemented into Hannah's life his true colours show.

The biggest shame this is not how you think other people see you, but it's how you see yourself

Addiction takes you on a journey into the life and mind of a true drug addict. It's told purely from Hannah's POV and the dark depths in which she travelled. IT'S NOT PRETTY. It's not Romance. It's true life. At times I just wanted to grab ahold of her and try a talk some sense into her. She was so young and naive and when a monster has his eye on you, you are not safe.

Become a warrior and make a difference

McHeyzer has done a fantastic job in bringing us a story that will hit home to so many. It opens our eyes into just what a drug addict goes through and gives us an insight into their thought process. The epilogue was outstanding and was a perfect ending for an emotional read.

Shirley says

A lot of research has gone into this book, what an eye opener it was I was captivated through the whole story, it's a heartbreakingly real read about a girl who has everything to live for but unfortunately gets in with the wrong crowd and becomes addicted to ice, it takes you through the journey of withdrawal, it's such an amazing read and highly recommended.

Cat Imb || The Reading Cat || says

I received an ARC of this book from the author and I voluntarily reviewed it. Thank you Margaret McHeyzer!

Margaret McHeyzer is brave. She is courageous and she is a warrior. She tackles the subjects authors are scared about attacking. She tackles the subjects readers aren't sure they want to read about, but SHOULD read about. What people NEED to read about.

This book was about drug addiction. More specifically, meth addiction. The modern day crisis. This book was both so relevant, yet felt surreal as you read it. It will give you chills and make your jaw drop. McHeyzer is extremely talented, and was able to capture the loss of self of an addict. How a regular, smart girl, got pulled into the black hole.

This book is heavy. I thought I was good with heavy books, but this one really did make me uncomfortable. I had to take a break half way through. I had the luxury of stepping out of the world, and it really put in perspective that people in Hannah's shoes don't have that luxury. My heart was racing for the entire book. At some points I was physically shaking, not wanting to know the rest, because I didn't want it to get worse,

but, I owed it to Hannah to hear her out. To hear her full story. To show her that I had faith in her.

McHeyzer also put forth the prejudices towards drug addicts in this book. The people who only see a dumb person seeking the next high. She also shows us the compassionate side of people. The people who want to help. The people who persistently push to get these people out of their dark hole. The people who believe these people CAN get better.

I love where Margaret McHeyzer took it at the end. I found that it was elegant, and the right ending for this story. I think McHeyzer's books should be read by everyone around the world. Why? They are universal. They talk about important hush-hush subjects. The things you want to sweep under the rug; abuse, rape, self-harm, and now drug addiction. I just want to applaud McHeyzer in her efforts to make a difference. Even just by opening people's eyes to the truth. To the reality of the world we live in. These can things affect anyone - no exception.

My final words are : You are not alone out there.

Charlie ☆ WLTB Blog ☆ says

Right, I am not even sure where to start with this book but I going say it is one of my top reads for 2018.

It is raw, It is heartbreaking. but a story that must be told.

Margaret always writes about hard subjects and this one no different.

I not sure how I am feeling after this book I loved it don't get me wrong but I feel like I been through the ringer with Hannah's story. I really connected with her I understood her I have never touched drugs and never will be it was like I could relate to her like I was right there with her I just wanted to hug her and try and help her.. I cried for her.

I would say Hannah was very naive, she was not stupid, She was brought up in a well stable family had great friends never wanted for anything. She just fell for the wrong person even though she knew he was wrong for her. She knew it. However, Edgar just kept on at her till she went on a date with him and that was all it took for him to sink his claws in I HATED HIM he was manipulative he made her Believe things that are not true... I need to stop do not want spoilers.

Again, this author delivers another great read that you feel everything the character is going through and you just want to hug her. This book has all the feels I did not cry as much as I normally do with Margaret's books but I was emotional in parts and so annoyed at other parts I had tears running down my face.

Shabby -BookBistroBlog says

The tagline should be considered a warning !

I'm NOT addicted

I DON'T have a problem

I can STOP at any time

And thus is the story of destruction of an innocent teenager at the hands of Ice, Meth, Tina, Glass, Crystal! I knew the book would tear me and hurt me, but some harsh truths need to be faced in order to shield your loved ones from the dark lies prevalent in the society. Ignorance is definitely not bliss. We need to be alert and vigilant for our loved ones, because this epidemic is growing, spreading & devouring people left, right and center.

I instantly fell in love with Hannah, who is a high achiever, good student and a protected daughter. She's sunshine and laughter ; Health and happiness. Her family and friends love and support her, Her teachers encourage her, her ambitions high & future bright. She's loving life, enjoying her school, hanging out with friends. A typical teen .

Unfortunately A devil sets his sights on this precious petal and decides to crush it with a drop of his venom slipped innocuously into her drink. Such powerful is it's hold, despite unconditional love and support from her parents, friends, teachers, seemingly aware and intelligent Hannah is pulled viciously into its grasp and down the quicksand she goes, lost.....untraceable!!

I want that feeling. That endorphin high, so high I could fly past the clouds to the edge of infinity. Yes! That's what it was. A combination of euphoric sex, mixed with sensual overdose. God, this is insane, but I can't wait for it to happen again.

The clutches of sexy Edgar just trap the poor girl, he imprisons her with his charm and fake security, alienates her from her family and friends and from this point on, her body is his for the taking!!

I can't understand why this is happening, I've never been the type who likes being the center of attention , but something is building. It's screaming at me to let all my self-control go and be free. This feeling is euphoric and sexy.

The beast inside is hungry, it needs to be fed.

Hell! What am I doing? My sanity is slipping. My mind is being invaded by something dangerous, yet addictive. I shouldn't be doing this, but I can't help but feel intoxicated by my own sensuality.

Being a mom, this book hit me hard and made me cry many a times. I so wanted to slap some sense into Hannah, cause I could see the Devil, she COULDN'T !. I could sense his nefarious intentions and she COULDN'T ! I could see her spiralling and she COULDN'T ! What would it take for her to open her eyes and see how far down had she fallen in the rabbit hole. Where was the Rock Bottom!!.

Omg the frustration, the angst, the helplessness I felt while reading it, I wouldn't wish it upon any parent and this is happening every day to so many kids, brothers, sisters, parents, friends, families. The situation seems hopeless and futile. But like Mendes's did, hold on to their hand a little more longer and pull them out. (and I'm crying now !!!!)

"I'm a drug addict for life, regardless how many years of sobriety I have. But i wanna tell you how easy it is to fall prey to and become a victim of something you were never looking for."

The story by itself is very honest and stark. Its not glorified or embellished. Margaret has adopted a very brutal and cruel tone, which just packs more power to the punch in the gut. These kinds of books are needed, they're essential and mandatory. Should be in school curriculums and every young person made to read such books to open their eyes to the evils and heinous intentions of these bottom dwelling dredges of society like Zac(since reformed) and Edgar Zaro. It's like sweeping the tide back in the sea kind of a mammoth task, but every bit helps, every child saved is a life redeemed.

The first task is to accept, then support, then talk about it with experts.

“My name is Hannah Rose Mendes, and I’m a drug addict.”

4.5 "Warrior Hannah" stars

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Samantha Payne says

WOOOWZER!!! What can I say about this book that can honestly do it justice. If you haven’t read any of Margaret Mcheyzer’s books before you are in for one very emotional read, if you have read her books before nothing she has written can prepare you for Hannah’s story.

I was completely addicted to this book. Once I started I just couldn’t put it down as I was so invested in it. Hannah’s story felt so real and believable. You know sometimes when you read a book or watch a movie it feels like it’s just too over the top and not believable, well I never felt like that with this book.

This book will have you going through a mix of emotions from hating and feeling sorry for Hannah, than wanting to punch her in the face for what she is doing to herself and the ones she loves, to wanting to hug her and protect her.

Addiction is about a 17 year old girl named Hannah, who gets mixed up with the wrong person which causes her life to spiral out of control and getting addicted to Meth.

Hannah thought she had her life all sorted out, go to college and get a job at an elementary school. Never did she think going to her best friend Kristen’s parents 30th anniversary would set off a chain reaction that would turn her life upside down.

Hannah believes she is in love with the local drug dealer Edgar, who gets her addicted to Meth and doing horrible things for it. Edgar is a very manipulative puppeteer that will say and do anything to get what he wants, and what he wants is Hannah.

With the love and support from her family Hannah is able to get clean after a long and treacherous journey, and be able to help aware the younger generations with her story.

Margaret you are one hell of a FANTASTIC writer, please do not ever stop as your words will be sadly missed. You are always pushing your readers with this heavy emotional reads and that is why we love you. The subjects you write about are believable as they are happening everyday to someone in the world.

Kim BookJunkie says

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Talon says

"For you, I'd walk to the end of the earth, and still have the strength to kill anyone who'd hurt you. But when you're hurting yourself, that breaks not only heart, by my soul."

"I'm trying," I say in a small voice. More to myself than to Mom.

I am no stranger to these types of books. *Memoirs Aren't Fairytales* by *Marni Mann* blew me away with how raw it was. *Saving Beck* by *Courtney Cole* blew me away entirely with it's authenticity, so books like *Addiction* really pique my interest and typically grab my attention at the get go.

I'm always so intrigued on how these events happen. The befores, the durings, and the afters. The whys and the hows and whats. They rock me every single time. Seeing it all play out for you and witnessing the crashes, I just really love the uneasiness and un-comfortableness that I feel from reading those type of books. *Addicted* did not disappoint in any of those fields.

"Edgar is my light. Before him I was trapped in darkness, but he flicked a match, and suddenly, the world became good, not bad anymore."

The author shows how it happens and how quick it can happen. I really liked that. There was no timeline jumping that was excessive or overly done and the author did a really great job at delving into the mind of Hannah. Reading this book through her POV really brings a whole new light to the drugs. You get to witness her brain process, the lies, the stealing, the manipulating, all through Hannah's POV and to me that was done in an exceptional manner and most definitely beneficial to this story.

I had an issue with the book and that issue was Zac. Mainly where he went. He just...vanished. He plays a huge role in the first 25% of the book but where does he go to after that? Did he really have zero concern or care when it came to Hannah?

I really enjoyed the ending and the way Hannah's story tied up. Usually I am not satisfied because it's like their journey just...stops. But knowing how Hannah went on, even after everything that happened, and what she learned from it was really respected in my opinion.

This book is not easy. And I don't say that lightly because I have read quite a few books that cover this topic and each one is grittier than the next. This is the real world, in your face, no faltering in Hannah's story. It's all in this book for you. Right in your face.
