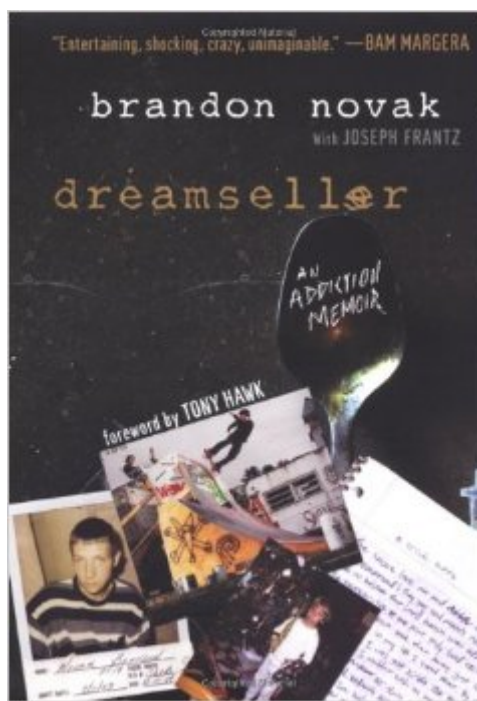


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Synopsis

My Dream Life
Deep down inside I knew that by virtue of the life I had been leading, jail was inevitable and a debt long overdue. But the most disheartening part of this ordeal occurred as the police led me into Central Booking. I had a clear view of the nearby skate park called the Brooklyn Banks, a famous skate spot that I had been shredding since I was eight years old. I could almost see a young version of myself, laughing with my friends, learning new tricks, skating under the warm evening sun. "As a skateboarder, I was fixated on testing my boundaries, but this was my way of fooling myself into feeling in control. Soon it grew to consume me." At only twenty-two, Brandon Novak had accomplished more than most people dream of in a lifetime. By the age of fourteen, he had been discovered by legendary skateboarders Tony Hawk and Bucky Lasek, and signed on to skate professionally. By eighteen, he had traveled the world, signed autographs for thousands of fans, won big-time sponsorships, and had his photo plastered all over the skate magazines. "I was a dreamseller. I sold those who loved me their dream that I was a recovering addict. I gained their trust, and betrayed them in order to get my precious next fix." Yet as swiftly as his career peaked, it crashed, brought down by heroine, a force far more powerful than his greatest ambitions. One day he had it all, the next he was living in an abandoned garage, begging for spare change on the street and bathing in gas station restrooms. Brandon now lived for one thing only his next fix. "Where once I had the world in my hand, I now had nothing but a distorted, twisted version of what I had once been." Brandon probably would have died a junkie's death if not for his closest friend, MTV and Jackass star, and music video director Bam Margera, who refused to give up on the dreamseller. Bam invited Brandon into his home and gave him cameos in the CKY videos, his independent films Haggard and Minghags, his hit MTV shows Viva La Bam and Bam's Unholy Union, and the hit films Jackass Number Two and Jackass 2.5. Eventually, Bam convinced Brandon to write the powerful and shocking story of how his addiction destroyed his skateboarding career a story soon to be a major motion picture starring Bam Margera as Brandon Novak, the Dreamseller. Vivid, harrowing and heartfelt, Brandon's story is a riveting and unforgettable journey from a dream life to a nightmare existence, and ultimately to waking up before it's too late.

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Customer Reviews

Let me start this review out by saying that I am a long time fan of the entire CKY crew, which includes Novak. He is absolutely hilarious, and always has a genuinely interesting story to tell. When I found out that he had written a book a few years back, I had to have it. This book had my eyes glued to the pages, it was such a smooth and easy read, I absolutely loved it. The writing is so descriptive, which really helps paint a picture in your head as to what Novak really went through. Anyone who immediately labels him as a "scumbag" couldn't be more wrong, Brandon is a great dude, and this story is even greater. PICK IT UP!

I freaking loved this book. Not cuz I'm Novak and Bam Margera fan, but this book opened my mind about junkies. I'll recommend it to anybody who, or have someone in the family that has the drug addiction in the family. What the fudge can I say. Novak brings up why he has the addiction, how it has come to that where he was and how he's going to live his life for now on. I read this book recently but I'm going to read it again soon, because it's rad that we have these people here who have survived and who keeps on fighting against this addiction!

This is an all around great book. It gives an honest no holding back view of addiction. I would recommend this book to any one no matter if drugs effect their lives or not. This book can appeal to all walks of life. You don't have to be fan of skateboarding or jackass to enjoy and more importantly learn this this story. This book is not preaching any type of message but let's the reader make their own conclusion. Recommend to ages and people.

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 being 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.

I loved reading this book, I have been a huge fan of Novak's for a while now. I have so much respect for him and what he went through and still is going through. Drugs are not the answer and I as well as most of you know this. Novak took his bad decisions and put them out for the world to see, that takes courage. And, with this courage he has been able to help people who have been in this situation or has known someone in this situation either get over it or at least grow to understand it a little better. This book is very emotional, I found myself crying at times no matter how many times I have read it. I am truly proud of him and of anyone who has overcome anything like this, this is proof that you can always overcome your darkest days. I truly recommend this book to anyone, it is a must read and you will not be sorry you did.

Dreamseller tells the story of Brandon Novak, former could-have-been professional skateboarder, and long time friend of Bam Margera. It entails his life basically from beginning to his current situation, and his struggle with drug addiction. Definitely not the standard "Hey I used to be a heroin junkie now I'm clean and life is hard but I'm getting through it" addiction memoir. The stories are very detailed, and they really keep you interested and wanting to know what happens next. Interesting enough to keep my attention and read through half of the book in just one sitting! Recommended for any fan of the unfortunately defunct CKY crew.

Whether you feel the dialogue is true to the life of Brandon, or whether you like or dislike the way the story is written I know the content is true. Knowing both of the author and the subject and some exposure to a bit of the sad drama of events this book is raw and true, Hopefully, some lessons can be learned, some lives changed and saved and a recognition that fame is not the be all and end all. The author(s) did an excellent job of creating the real Life of Brandon. Joe Frantz PLEASE write a follow-up so that we can all learn even more about this fascinating subject. And, thanks for the read.

Awesome book! Hopefully there is going to be a second book. Frantz is the most underrated talent ever! Novak is so lucky to have the close friends that he does. Sadly I have seen too many people die before realizing that. If I was a religious man I'd pray for Novak. But I'm not so all I can do is set back and watch from a public distance. It's strange following Cky as a band and the crew all these years. Watching, reading and occasionally meeting them as fans sometimes feel like we are friends already. It's a weird connection and creepy at the same time. Like when I meet one of them I

know a lot about them and they have no clue who I am obviously. It's got to be strange on their end. We are fortunate that deep down under all the shenanigans there is some extremely great talent and they are able to use that talent and create entertaining things for us to watch listen to and read. I'm a charm wearing old school member of the alliance. Everyday I wear my Cky and ÆfÂ... charm. It's sad though. The "good ole days" are gone. There will never be a young Dunn pissing in Dico's face in Iceland again. The greatest of that era has passed and I'm just so happy to have been a part of it. Traveling 14 hours to see Cky play a Halloween show with 7 guys in a pickup. Then when we get there like 15 people go back to his house to sleep and hangout for 2 days, awesome groups of guys. Hopefully we get a second book soon.

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