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#### Description:

Review Michael Musto, award-winning "Village Voice" celebrity gossip columnist and TV's "E! Channel" regular, calls Brooklyn NY: A Grim Retrospective: *"A gritty tale of dark struggle!"*--The Village Voice, NYC

NY Post columnist and "Good Morning America" regular Cindy Adams exclaims: *"He writes of being bludgeoned with a hammer...this will 'not' be turned into a musical!"* --The New York Post

*"I'm tellin' you right now--this guy Jerry Castaldo is gonna be the biggest thing in show*

***business!"***

**--Jerry Seinfeld**

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**--NY Post (Musical Performance Review)**

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**--NY Times (Musical Performance Review)**

**From the Author Why would anyone want to read my story? Who am I? What's the big deal about *my* story?**

**Was I afraid to open up and share all of this? *Yes.***

**I am not claiming to be some sort of amazing new literary genius because of the many positive reviews that I've gotten for this book. My goal was just to be clear and descriptive. People often write me saying that they enjoyed it mostly because of its emotional impact and the inspirational message that it conveys.**

**I've been told time and again over the years that my stories are not just interesting, but are also quite shocking--especially if you know me now. Because of this, many people in my personal life--as well as several in my professional life--have advised me against revealing what I'm about to tell you here.**

**Am I fearful of being judged and looked upon as a *bad* person? Yes, especially when I've spent the last 19 years rebuilding, retooling, and "re-becoming" the actual person I was as a young boy, before the violence and mayhem. Back when I was an altar boy, a Cub Scout, a Little Leaguer, an uninfluenced child--*innocent.***

**What's this book about? It documents my involvement with horrendous crime, rampant drug abuse, gang fighting, jail, in-patient rehabs, psych wards....**

**Wait! I know exactly what you must be thinking now: *Oh no, not another sappy "I did drugs and was really nuts and then..." story.***

**That's only one small element of it. I'd much rather describe it this way.... I so desperately want people to see how a good person is always basically good, regardless of where he or she may falter and go astray; and sometimes--but not always--that person can get back to the beginning. Back to who they were originally, before the "cold cruel world" got a hold on them. Before they were influenced negatively by what they saw and what they experienced around them.**

**More importantly--in this age of phony, inflated stories that are billed as factual--it's all true. No embellishments. Hard hitting, pushing the limits of human decency--and what is**

**allowed by law to be published without me being prosecuted.**

**I'm not preaching. And I'm not bragging. I really don't feel special; and I really don't feel all that different from anybody-- that I'm privileged or disadvantaged, that I'm lucky or unlucky.**

**What I do feel is compelled to speak about this, the following...**

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