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A man becomes addicted to drugs and alcohol and then abandons his wife and child. He becomes homeless, and ten years later he has a chance encounter with his son (who is now fifteen years old). The encounter is the beginning of his quest to sobriety and reclaiming his family.

Deadbeat Details

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Keke Chanel says

Brian W. Smith is the truth!!! This tale between father and son is heartfelt, relatable, and pure genius. It proves that second chances do insist, even if but a short time. This book is a must read! The twist at the end still has my mouth wide-open...

Shawn Hawkins says

Good read

I enjoyed reading this book. I was happy that QJ had finally started building a relationship with his dad. Loved the storyline. I was sad with the ending but overall it was a good book

Nikki Bell says

When I started reading this book I didn't know what to expect. The longer I read the more I felt compelled by QJ's behavior. Rebellious & acting out at home because he dislikes his mom's lover. Then to find out years later that his mother lied that his father wasn't dead was a hard pill to swallow. I loved that his father got his life back on track with the right help and that QJ was able to bond with him after all that time. This is my first time reading a book by this author and it was great. He really touched on all areas.

Deloris says

Deadbeat is a book that when you pick it make sure you day is clear because you will not be able to put it down. This book is about relationships, relationships between, mother, child, friend, lover and most importantly father and son. This book is so clever that when you reach the last page you will be surprised the direction the story took. You'll be so engaged with the characters, thinking that this is the typical book that you never see how things play out in this story and will be shocked like I was. There will moments in this book you laugh so hard your stomach hurts, or you cry because you have been touched by the things that happen. Brian W. Smith is a gifted author and I look forward to reading more of his work.

Locksie says

Branded.

Carmen Washington was not honest with her son QJ when she told him her husband, his father was dead. So imagine 15-yr old QJ's shock when in the midst of he and his friends giving a homeless man what they thought he deserved, the man calls out QJ's name claiming to be his father!!

Upon confirming with his mother that his dad Quincy is in fact very much alive and living on the streets, QJ wants answers to why he was lied to and why his father abandon them in the first place.

To make matters worse Carmen has a new lover that QJ loathes and the tension in the house becomes thick when Carmen gives her lover Terry keys to come and go freely.

Angry at his mom for lying and at his dad for leaving, QJ is hit with a barrage of emotions he is too immature to deal with on his own. So he does what he does best, being disrespectful to his mom and her lover and displaying his cocky attitude to his guilty "deadbeat" dad.

But lessons are learned and emotions run high as the truth is revealed in this page-turner that highlights the fact that we don't really know the stories behind the homeless; we see them and we assume, never really understanding.

BRAVO to author Brian W. Smith for using the characters Scoop and Quincy within these pages to give us an insight prior to their current predicament. We found educated men whom life threw a curve ball, but due to weaknesses these men weren't able to get back on the straight path.

I loved the conversations between the father and son, it was apparent that Quincy is an intelligent man and QJ was lacking in a certain type of education he would have received if Quincy was around.

Great twists and a shocking conclusion
to this highly recommended read!

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Star Rating 5.0*****

Audrey Lee says

LOVED IT

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I really liked this book I kno the feeling of having a dead who wasn't there for me. I was so happy when his father came back in life. The ending had me sad.

Andrea Williams says

Awesome book!

I truly enjoyed this book. It hits on things happening in single parent households. It will bring out so many emotions. I choose 5 stars because it was well written, no grammatical errors and it held my attention till the

end. Great book!!

S says

Thought Provoking!

This novel captivated me. It really shows how a one prominent life can take such a drastic turn. CJ tried to battle back from it all, for the son he left behind. Full of deep situations, tough love and bitter sweet outcomes. A novel that will leave you in thought love after it's read!

Anita Dawson says

Every time I read a BWS project, I always, always, always, always have to re-read a portion or two of the book to try to find a clue that I missed that would help me see the twist at the end. This novel was no exception.

I do loved the insights into the "man codes" (handshakes, the term deadbeat comparing chess to life to name a few).

In this novel the author displays the love between father and son and how the presence of a father can possibly change the behavior of the son dramatically.

I only wish that the author had addressed the relationship between Terrence the social worker and Terry the lover.

Kerin says

Brian Smith has done it again in Deadbeat. OMG is all I could say at the end of this book. QJ an out of controlled fatherless teenage just looking for clarity and a father figure. Little did QJ know his father was always there watching him when he didn't know. A very good read.

Jounay says

I think this was Brian Smith's best book. I highly recommend this book.

F.A. says

Deadbeat should be self explanatory,because when you first hear or read the name the first thing that comes to mind is a fartherless child/children.Author Brian W.Smith wrote a excellent book. The book has a gripping storyline that draws you in from the first ten pages.Which cause you to wonder how the characters,and the story is going to end.This book is so compelling that some people might have empathy for

or can relate to the characters Qj,Carmen,and Quincy which makes you feel that you might know someone like them or been around someone that has or went through the same situation.Overall I'm glad I pick this book.....It's definitely a five star,and must read.
What a great read!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

OOSA says

Everyone Has a Choice

Homeless is often defined as physically or spiritually deprived of security. But have you ever saw a homeless person and wondered what happened in their live to get them to that point? Quincy Washington abandoned his family ten years ago and has been living on the streets due to one life changing event.

Q.J. is a rowdy teenager being raised by his single mom, Carmen, since his dad died in a car accident ten years ago.

With a twist of fate, Quincy is reunited with his son Q.J., and that's when the real drama starts. Why did Quincy abandon his family? Why did Carmen tell her son his father died in a car accident? Is it too late for Quincy and his son to bond?

This book has so many twists and turns it will keep your attention from start to finish. There is never a dull moment in this suspenseful, captivating, and heart wrenching book. Just when you think you have the ending figured out, the author adds more suspense that will have you hanging on to the edge of your seat.

Reviewed by: Orsayor

Latarra says

After reading 4 books by Mr. Smith since meeting him in September, I've become a fan. Deadbeat has to be the best I've read so far. For a father & son to have a great relationship after so many years, was very touching. Being a single mother, the story line drew me in from the beginning. I laughed, but cried more than anything while being touched by this father & son's story. I was super excited when I was toward the end, hoping the family could start over. But then I was like, WTF! Really? Brian had me completely in awe & that twist left my mouth wide opened.
