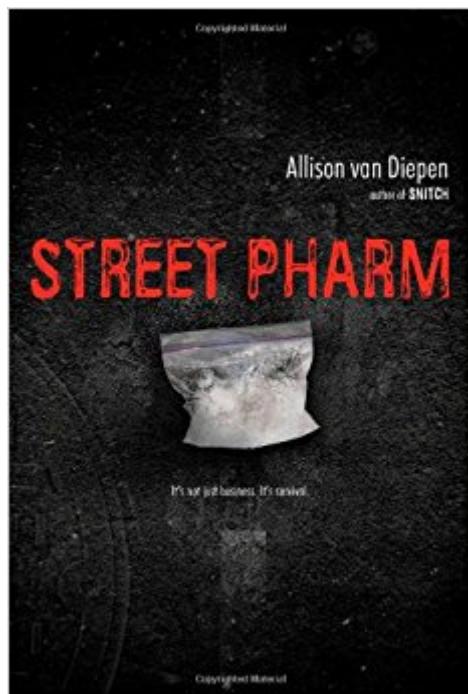


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Street Pharm



Synopsis

A successful teen drug dealer is forced to reexamine it all in this riveting novel, now in trade paperback with a new cover, from the author of *Snitch*. Ty Johnson knows survival. The supply game's in his blood. And now that he's taken over his pop's business, Ty's smarts and skills have earned him some serious street cred. But Alyse knows nothing about Ty's reputation, and he's determined to keep it that way. She's too beautiful, too brainy, too straight-laced to ever get involved with someone who deals. As long as Ty walks the line, life's pretty sweet. Then one slip, "one serious competitor," and things turn ugly fast. Suddenly Ty's got to rethink his whole strategy. And for the #1 dealer on the streets, strategy is not just about staying ahead. It's about staying alive.

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Grade 9 Up. "Set in Brooklyn, this urban drama novel depicts Ty Johnson's life as a 17-year-old African-American drug dealer. Taking over his father's territory seemed to be all that to Ty when he was younger, but now he realizes that there is more to life, "mainly forming a relationship with Alyse, a single mother and his classmate at the local continuation high school. Struggling to hold onto the pieces of his father's business, he faces competition from out of town and things get serious. Neither Alyse nor his mother knows what sort of work Ty does until he ends up in the hospital after a drive-by shooting. Then the teen leaves school completely and moves out of his mother's apartment. He must decide who he is as his life is threatened and he loses the people closest to him. Easy to read and written in street slang including drug references and profanity, this debut novel will appeal to reluctant readers." Corinda J. Humphrey, Los Angeles Public Library

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Gr. 8-11. While his dad is in prison, Ty Johnson is holding the family business together--the family drug business. A bright teenager, he has already incorporated surefire business principles into his daily life: never lose control; know your enemies; practice patience; and don't have a girlfriend until age 21. His self-discipline, brains, and business acumen are amazing for a 17-year-old, even though they are invested in a drug-hustling deadend. An alternative school and a lovely young mother seed doubts about his chosen profession, but it is a tragedy that finally convinces him to start over. Van Diepen has created a surprisingly hopeful book, one that respectfully acknowledges the intelligence and street smarts necessary for success, whether the challenge is drug dealing or college preparation. She also tacitly addresses the importance of second and third chances in teens' lives. While the resolution is regrettably unrealistic (few individuals as integrated into the drug trade as Ty can manage to escape as completely as he does), the book does offer an optimistic look at a drug-free, crime-free future for at least one young man. Frances BradburnCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I'm only going to give Street Pharm a 3 star rating because I didn't hate this book. I actually genuinely liked most of the book. But what I didn't like was the ultimate and obvious meaning behind it. Recently I reviewed a book called Go Ask Alice, which falls into the same theme as this book. Both are about the dangers of drugs. And ultimately that is what holds this back for me. I loved the writing, and I really enjoyed the characters too. However I thought the book was way too predictable and the themes were far too obvious. The book sends a clear message that getting involved with selling drugs is bad, but if you get lucky and learn from your mistakes; you can change! But I felt like this book was an oversimplification of the subject. Everything about it was basically a stereotype of the hood. I don't profess to know what everything is like in the full blown reality of what they tried to portray here, but I can say that it all seemed a little too fantasized and like the impression someone would have of "Ghetto Life" by watching tv.

My high school students love this book! My copy disappears every year (which is the mark of a book they just can't put down).

Good life example of how life could be in other areas. Good read don't really know what to say but

read it. 20 letter damn review

Good stuff

Was a gift for someone on request, they said it was good.

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