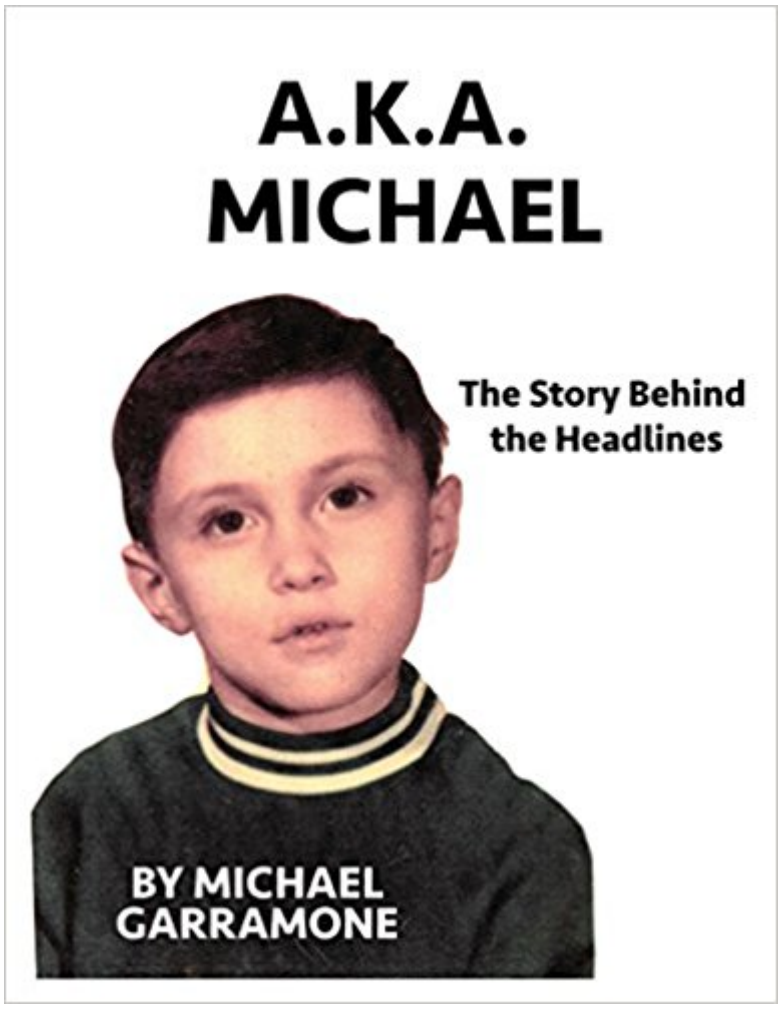
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Synopsis

This is the story of a young boy born to two hard working Italian parents, as an only child, in an affluent area of Queens New York, with a very bright future. That all came to a crashing end the morning his mother shot and killed his father while he sat out in front of one of their stores when he was 12. The story then goes on a multitude of different types of stories, as he adapts, to the ever changing places he finds himself in. It is a kaleidoscope of different feelings, thoughts, emotions, environments and locations. It could almost be viewed as a modern day Oliver Twist, with a twist. Oddly, it is free of self-pity, even through the self destructive portion. It winds through deaths, street life, jail, drug addition, street fights, financial ruin, and personal near death experiences. It is also a story of self determination to better himself through will, strength, and a need to succeed, even though life shows him that it is not ready to release him from the fate it has bestowed upon him.

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The Mental Illness Behind the Story.I expected this to be written by Alma Garramone’s son, who at the time was a boy, looking for a healthy platform in which he could recollect his feelings, share his side of the story (the headline,) and give the public some dimension on what was ACTUALLY

behind the headlines. Perhaps share the wake of his mother's actions. Bummer.And, what about listing this book as a sort of parafiction? This book is highly exaggerated. Or, have you actually forgotten that? Have you been exaggerating these stories for so many years, you just simply don't know what's true anymore? The only thing that is true, is these names. You don't even know how to sensor? Geez, I think it's just common sense at this point: defamation, invasion of privacy, and misappropriation of the right of publicity? Any of that occur to you, dude?By the way... A.K.A means "ALSO KNOWN AS"Michael, your name is, in fact, Michael.Or did you mean your other last name? Federici?

Not the story as I remember it . That's neither here nor there . He made me look like a bumbling crazy idiot . At that time I was taught gun safety and had general gun knowledge . Spoke with Garramone and he said 38 caliber revolver . Revolvers do not have safety's . Revolvers do not have a safety switch that you can turn off and on . In book he said after I checkedÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â the safety on it . Later in book he explains why I acted the way I did younger in life . So he knows me better than me ? I tend to disagree . I lived it. If he can't be right about revolvers what else is wrong in book . ..... Taking legal action .

I lived a lot of what is in this book and not in it with Michael. I really enjoyed reading it. I felt like I was sitting on a porch with a couple of beers trading stories of how we grew up. Good read and I can tell you from being there or growing up in Flushing when these things happened it's true.SO many people we grew up with never lived long enough to grow out of the turbulent times of our youth and LIVE LIFE!! I'm glad I did and I'm happy for Michael and the other few who did too. Good read if you grew up in Flushing around then or like to read an action adventure novel about kid surviving in the streets of NEW YORK.

I purchased this book because Michael was my sister's friend. I could not put the book down. The events and people in this book were from my childhood and it brought me back in time. I think Michael did a nice job writing this book and I give him credit for having the courage to do so. His reasoning hit home with me. "Just when you think you have it bad, someone else could have it worse" Great job Mike - I am happy to know you are doing well after all you have been through.

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