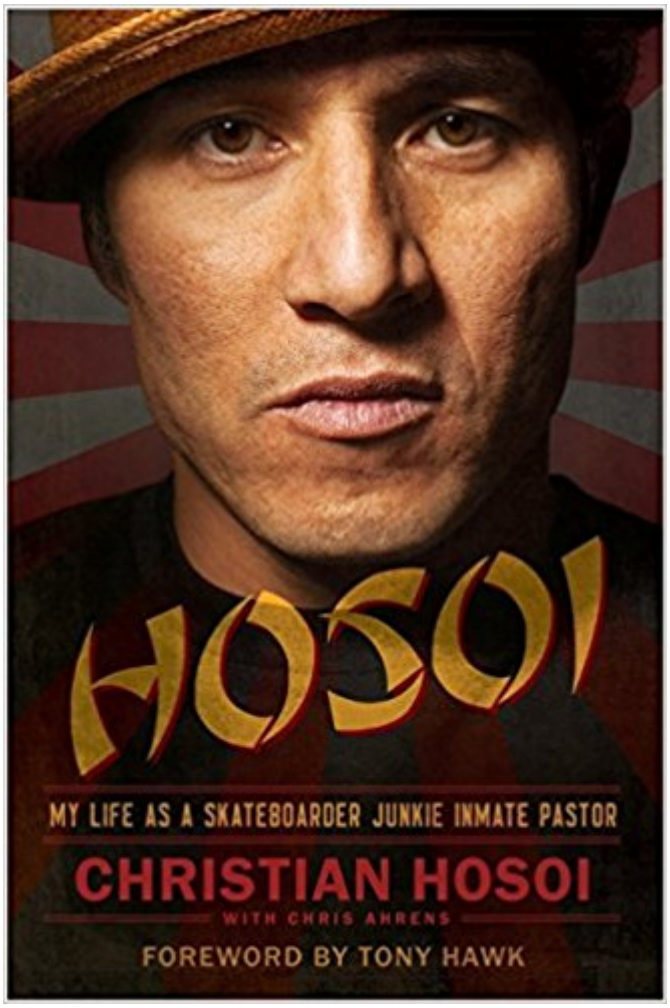
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Synopsis

A mix of Tony Hawk and Brian Welch comes together in skateboarding legend Christian Hosoi, who reveals everything about his rise, fall, and redemption, in this amazing tell-allÃ¢â ¬â •from being named the greatest skater of all time to bottoming out on drugs to finally finding redemption through God.Fans of Slater KellyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Pipe Dreams and Brian WelchÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Save Me From Myself, and followers of Tony Alva, Jay Adams, and Steve Caballero, will be captivated by this extraordinary, star-studded story, a gripping read that ranges from the heart of the 1980s skateboarding scene to the inside of a prison, from Hollywood parties to intense prayer sessions.Hosoi: My Life as a Skateboarder Junkie Inmate Pastor takes readers to the heart of one little-known world after anotherÃ¢â ¬â •and he portrays them in all their gore and glory for all the world to see.

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Ã¢â ¬Å“Christian was my biggest competition, and when he was on fire, he was unbeatable. I have great reverence for him. We had a blast. We were paving a path with no idea where it would lead.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Tony Hawk)Ã¢â ¬Å“Christian is responsible for transcending the underground skateboarding lifestyle into a mainstream sport. He is the sportÃ¢â ¬â„¢s first rock star.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Danny Way)Ã¢â ¬Å“Christian and I gained the whole world, then lost everything that makes life worth living, and found victory on the other side. ChristianÃ¢â ¬â„¢s amazing story will help multitudes find their true identity.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Brian "Head" Welch)Ã¢â ¬Å“Only one thing soars higher

than Christian skating vert and thatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s his love and commitment to God. If you dare drop in on HosoiÃ¢â ¬â„¢s life, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢re in for a gnarly ride!Ã¢â ¬Â• (Stephen Baldwin)Ã¢â ¬Å“Check out Christian HosoiÃ¢â ¬â„¢s new book, as in go get it now!Ã¢â ¬Â• (SkateBible Blog)Ã¢â ¬Å“IÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve always said that Christian had the best style of skateboarding-ever. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s amazing how similar our lives have been. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s good to see him overcome everything that he has.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Jay Adams)Ã¢â ¬Å“Christian is one of the very few greats and one of the most important skateboarders in skate history.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Stacy Peralta)Ã¢â ¬Å“Skateboarding is a monster nobody can control, but Christian was one of the few skaters that forever changed the way people skate. As skateboardingÃ¢â ¬â„¢s rock star in the Ã¢â ¬Ëœ80Ã¢â ¬â„¢s, Christian was everywhere. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s like we turned around and he was gone.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Grant Brittain)Ã¢â ¬Å“Somehow in all the autobiographical mix of self-deprecation and aggrandizement, his true desire shines through: Ã¢â ¬Å“My hope and prayer is that you also meet the One and OnlyÃ¢â ¬Â•.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Publishers Weekly)Ã¢â ¬Å“...a tell-all biography documenting his rise to dominance, his subsequent incarceration, and recent return to the sport that made him a legend - all told by Hosoi himself.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Hypebeast)Ã¢â ¬Å“The man who invented the Christ-Air is telling his story in his new book. Even if youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve seen the documentary, Rising Son, the book is a must read. It offers lessons from specific stories and info from his riveting life.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Mass Appeal)Ã¢â ¬Å“Christian Hosoi wasÃ¢â ¬Â¦carving full sentences into the cement with his perfect runs. He was the one with the swagger to pull off womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s jeans, hair extensions, and the blasphemous nickname Ã¢â ¬ËœChrist.Ã¢â ¬â„¢ Tricks are for kids. Hosoi was trying to see the sun.Ã¢â ¬Â• (ESPN's Grantland)

Raised at the legendary Marina Del Rey SkateparkÃ¢â ¬â •where his father was the manager and the Dogtown and Z-Boys crew were his mentorsÃ¢â ¬â •Christian Hosoi never questioned that he would become a full-time skateboarder. But no one could have predicted his meteoric rise to the apex of a burgeoning sportÃ¢â ¬â •or the spectacular way he would crash and then create himself anew.A professional skater by thirteen, known for his rock-star flair and dramatic aerials, Hosoi was at the top of the world before he was twenty, engaged in the rivalry that would shape years of skating: Christian Hosoi vs. Tony Hawk. At the height of his celebrity in the late 1980s and early '90s, Hosoi was the highest-paid skateboarder in the world and made the most of his celebrity status, counting Hollywood's elite as his friends. But the kid who first got stoned at age eight later found himself smoking meth full-time. And as Hawk walked away with every accolade, Hosoi went underground. In January 2000, he was convicted for trafficking $65,000's worth of

methamphetamine across state lines. In this gripping memoir, Hosoi recounts the crushing reality of his prison sentence and the day he made the phone call that would save himÃ¢â ¬â •to his now-wife, Jennifer. She guided Hosoi toward Christianity, to the faith that sustained him in prison, welcoming him into a new life when he was released nearly five years later.In the summer of 2009, Hosoi won the gold medal in the X Games Legends Competition. He won gold again in 2010. And now Hosoi's classic skateboard designs are flying off the shelves once again.Packed with interviews from skateboarding stars past and present, Hosoi is not only a tell-all about fame, fortune, and failureÃ¢â ¬â •it's also a strong testimony to the power of faith and the gift of change.

I wanted to love this book. Christian Hosoi was such a massive star to me when I was 8. The book surprised me in curious and bizarre ways. Despite his high profile, I was astounded at the voice of the book: 'i'm this, i'm that, i'm the best at this, i'm the ...'. It seemed like a treatise to his ego.Part one of this book: Hosoi smokes a lot of weed. He smokes more than everyone else. Christian Hosoi get the best chicks. He gets any chick he wants, any time he wants. He's (almost) the best skater in the world. Even Hosoi indirectly admits Hawk is winning more. Hosoi gets into meth. He is amazed that he doesn't die because he does so much meth he rarely sleeps. He rents a huge house in the hills. Did I mention he smokes a lot of weed and gets the best chicks? He also skates a lot.During part one there is a hugely inspiring passage where one of the guests staying in his house sees him, early in the morning, walking around his backyard in a towel (post shower). He grabs a board and has a massive session when he thinks no one is watching. The passage describes one of the best sessions this guy has ever seen - while Hosoi thinks no one is watching.Part two: he goes to jail. He finds God. He gets out early. He becomes a preacher.Part three: he performs exorcisms...Skateboarding was everything to me as a kid. I'm unsure I can say I'm glad I read this book but it was surprising.

Just an incredibly compelling read. I'm a 64-yr-old white woman who was skateboarding for fun in Studio City, Calif in 1965 2 years before this kid was born. Now I'm semi-retired and living in Houma, La where we have been trying to get a skatepark for the kids here for 9 years. We finally succeeded. Construction has just begun. Christian's story is so relevant today not only for the continued interest in skateboarding but because of the drugs which have damaged more lives than Hurricane Katrina ever did. I've seen his drug abuse story repeatedly in my community and the heartbreak it has caused so many families. I was amazed at the details of his descent into harder and harder drugs. His memories are so vivid and his "reasoning" so intriguing it made me

understand addiction like I never could before. It should be required reading in every high school.I'm glad I read the book with all it's great detail before I saw the award-winning documentary, RISING SON. Having all that background was an advantage while watching the DVD.

Hosoi's life and career have a lot of elements we've seen in art / sports / and literature.His battles with Tony Hawk are the great the kind of manifestation of head vs heart, preparation vs improvisation, and brains vs balls, kind of like the great battles between Nicki Lauda and James Hunt in "Rush".Then we have the kind of "Behind the Music" story where Boy has Talent, Boy has No control or oversight, and Boy crashes and burns. As the book reminds us, 70's and 80's skaters were statistically overrepresented in this bucket, with too many of them winding up dead before their times, in prison, or living under a bridge. Thankfully for Christian, when he was at his lowest point he took up an offer he couldn't refuse and wound up with more than he ever lost.The book is a good narrative. I agree with a couple of the other readers about some of the transitions being a little choppy, especially when they bring in commentary from other skaters and peers. The dates seem to jump around a bit, but I just figure that's what you get when your narrator's been a stoner for more of his life than when he was sober. All in all, these two nits don't detract from an awesome story.The only bad part is that most of the guys that would benefit the most from it won't be open minded to read it.

Purchased for my husband who used to love skateboarding (almost went pro) but got caught up on Meth and started committing crimes. He had to put it down a couple of times because the feelings Christian wrote about the drug abuse connected my hubby to realize he was doing the same in his own use of drugs and he has now looked towards faith himself to become a better healthier man and to overcome his addiction.

I GREW UP A HOSOI FOLLOWER!! I WANTED TO BE HIM! EVERY TRICK I DID I TRIED TO REPLICATE HIM! I HAD TO HOLD EVERY TRICK A LITTLE LONGER LIKE HOSOI AND SOMETIMES I WOULD PAY!! I MET HOSOI AT A JIMMYZ DEMO AT THE LUBBOCK MALL AND THERE WAS NO HYPE ABOUT HIS SKATING! IT WAS LIFE CHANGING AND SURREAL!! THE MOMENT I STARTED THIS BOOK I COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN! IT DOESNT MATTER IF YOU KNEW HOSOI OR NOT YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED!! WHAT A JOURNEY HE HAS TAKEN AND WE NEED HAPPY ENDINGS IN THIS DAY AND AGE LIKE NEVER BEFORE!! IF YOU KNOW ANYONE THAT HAS EVER STRUGGLED WITH DRUGS AND TRULY WANT TO

QUIT GET THEM THIS BOOK!! IT IS INSPIRING!!

So I’m blown away watching this guy fly in and out of the key hole at the Del Mar Skate Ranch around 86 or so? and asking my buddy "who is this guy" he says’, that’s Hosoi! crazy unh! I’m kind of glad I knew what the outcome of this book would be before I started to read it just for the simple fact I don’t like the all to famillar "tragic ending" when drug addiction is mentioned and not really wanting to relive my own 15 year meth addiction. But Hosoi shares his story of "rock star type excess" and being on top of his game for a few years and then to a high speed downward dive of meth addiction and prison life to being reborn again to a place in life he truly belongs. Great read, great story and helping to change lives for the better along the way thru Jesus Christ! Awesome!! 4.5 stars!!

I thought this was a good book, not great, as Hosoi seemed to be coming off as a bit of a bragger, but what ruined it for me was the way it changed at the end. I don’t want to give away the details and ruin it for someone looking to read it, but I was more interested in the skateing and lifestyle aspect of Hosoi, not his changes during/after prison. It came across a bit preachy to me.

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