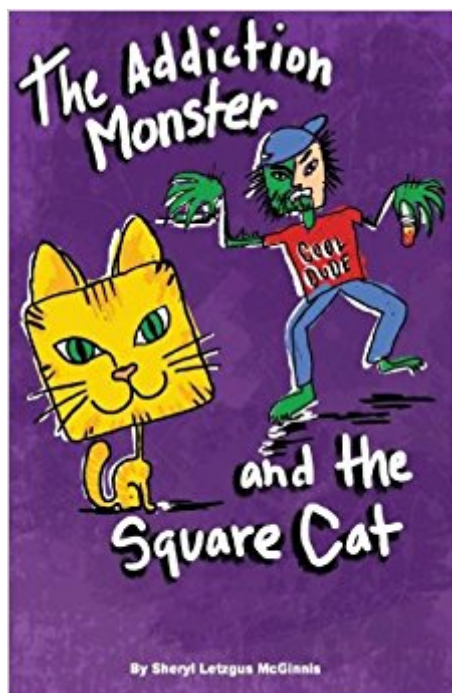


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# The Addiction Monster And The Square Cat



## Synopsis

Follow along with Pumpkin, the square cat, as he tells the story of his beloved Scotty Boy whom he watched go from a young, carefree, talented, drug-free popular kid to his descent into the hellish world of drugs. The book also tells of other young children whose dreams and ambitions were shattered by the Addiction Monster. GOOD KIDS DO DRUGS TOO. Kids from the right side of the tracks are being derailed by the Addiction Monster. Any parent who thinks that addiction could not happen in their family needs to read this book. Addiction is a family and societal disease. No one is immune. Like an octopus, addiction spreads its tentacles around all of us, encompassing us in its all too often deadly grasp. This is a book that can be read and shared with your younger child, opening up opportunities to discuss drugs. Kids are hearing all about drugs in school. It's important they hear about them at home – how addiction can destroy lives.

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## Customer Reviews

I love it

I like the book. SOME of the youth I work with like it. More for adolescents to adults, not kids.

Sheryl McGinnis' storybook may very well be the only one of its kind in the world geared to children about the dangers of drugs. It breaks the barriers and crushes the stigma in a bold way, as the family cat recounts a painful and tragic time in the life of a loving family with a mother, father, brother

and accomplished son who succumbs to drugs. Ah, the dilemma? Do we tell children about drugs or wait until they get into high school? Children are no longer innocent today because of our society and the media. So this author has found a gentle way to do the work we must: Warn young children beforehand. She does it gently through a storybook. A warning to all ages and particularly to youngsters who sometimes get caught up in the flow of drugs among their peers before they know what is happening--and the ages are getting frighteningly younger. Drugs are an insidious part of our culture, much to our regret, and any way we can find to stop the scourge and save lives is a welcome and lauded strategy. Creative and imaginative, interesting and entertaining, McGinnis gets the story told and the point indelibly across. A valuable gift for parents and grandparents for children, affordable, yet may pay back in dividends.

The Addiction Monster and the Square Cat is the first children's book by Letzgas McGinnis. It's geared toward children in the 5th grade and up and is told by the "sassy but lovable family cat." It is a fictionalized version of the long struggle and ultimate death of the author's son from a multiple drug overdose. The story is heartwarming and explains about addiction to the younger set in terms that they can understand. The author even explains what "bingeing" and "alcoholism" is and she takes great pains to deliver a very sobering message to children without scaring them. She writes of other children too who had lofty goals and aspirations but never lived to realize them because drugs stole their future from them. This book should be required reading in all elementary schools because we have to teach them about drugs and addiction before they begin experimenting with same. I highly recommend this book, not only for the younger kids, but also for older kids and adults as well. It's the perfect book to read with your younger child also.

If you have had the privilege of reading Ms. McGinnis' other books, than you will clearly know that this one.....though written more for adolescents, it is nothing short of telling it "like it is" on a level that both parents and children will learn from..... together!! The topic of drug addiction in this world, is as real as the chair you are sitting on, whether you want to face it or not, or whether you think that it will never happen to you, someone you love, and most of all..... you children, who are exposed at a much younger age than you could possibly imagine!! This book is a wake-up call, told from the perspective of a cute, but sassy cat! The reader will understand the urgency of the problem, long before the final page, but you won't be able to put it down until the very end!! A MUST-READ is purely an understatement, and should be a part of every child's and parents' library, as well as every school library..... world wide!! It took me all of a 30 minutes to read the book, because I could

hardly wait to see what was said on the following pages - just as you will!! This book will hit you squarely between the eyes, as you begin to understand the seriousness of the message!! Without giving it away, just know that there are moments of humor, as well as sadness, though being addicted to drugs and alcohol, is in no way a laughing matter!! Our children are dropping like flies on a daily basis, and without educating yourselves and your children, before they start experimenting, (which all children do - even though they may have heard of the dangers), you may well miss the signs - which you will also learn in this magnificent, yet hard hitting jewel of book!! Whatever you do.....don't miss it, or any other of Ms. McGinnis' work, as she speaks from first hand experience!! I truly appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts here, as I would NEVER be as educated as I am now, (affording me the knowledge to help others)..... which I wish I had known, prior to my own child's death from the scourge of addiction!!! If you think that you have experienced pain in your life before, there is NOTHING which comes close to losing your child, when it could possibly have been prevented - had you or your child known!! Oh yes, TRUST ME.....it most certainly can happen to you and yours!!! Now that you know that this book has been written and is available here, there is NO EXCUSE for not reading this with or to your children!! Undoubtedly, you will thank Ms. McGinnis for having the courage to write her books on this subject, which still carries such a stigma. It is up to us to remove that stigma, and to educate ourselves and our children..... before it's much TOO LATE!!!

Bravo! Ms. Letzgis McGinnis has done what I had hoped she would after I read her first book by speaking directly to the children. This book presents young people with the invaluable lesson that the disease of addiction doesn't just hurt the person that is addicted; it hurts everyone around them. As a first grade teacher, mother of two young boys, and an animal lover, this story speaks to me from every angle of my life. PLEASE READ THIS WITH YOUR CHILDREN!!! Save their lives and help them save the lives of their friends whose parents don't take the time to educate them on the dangers of the disease of addiction.

Addiction changes people. You don't need to be human to see that. "The Addiction Monster and the Square Cat" is a children's novel of addiction told from the perspective of the family cat. Six years ago, Sheryl McGinnis lost her son to drug addiction, and now crafts a story aimed at young readers to warn them against the dangers in a way that will appeal to them as both entertainment and lesson. "The Addiction Monster and the Square Cat" is a fine read for late elementary school readers.

I bought this book for the education of the dangers of drug abuse for my nephew who is 10 yrs old. children must be educated EARLY to prevent the demon of drug addiction. Sheryl Letzgus McGinnis is amazing, this book should belong in EVERY school library and in every home of children.

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