

Prodigal Son Responses

Below, I have included below responses from the book below that are included from Amazon's Review section.

Other accounts of people's reactions to the book have been numerous through phone calls. As noted above, the ones below are from Amazon and limited ... but if you wish me to add your review, please feel free to do so by adding them in the comment section below or via email to me [at mcmnrm@gmail.com](mailto:mcmnrm@gmail.com)

Michael's Dad

Chris Cannell

The message of a young man with wonderful parents and family and a great future in front of him can still be vulnerable to addiction and lose so much is **a wakeup call to young adults and parents. But the other part of the story is glorious, in that Michael by God's grace in humility received the forgiveness he needed from God, and was given a new heart and was used to bless others.** It is a painful journey with a beautiful ending. There is a message for everyone in this book.

Sir Cruz

A tragic and heartbreaking story, and written so lovingly as only a parent can. **There is more meaning in this story than just a warning to parents and children.** For many of us who have been fortunate, **Michael's story reminds us to hug our kids every day, tell them how much you love them, and thank God for the blessings in this life and the next.** Thank you for sharing your heart and soul.

Shea R Tully

This story reminds us that **Just a few poor choices can build upon themselves over time to completely ruin all the promise of a beautiful life.** Mike was a very good friend of mine, and reading his story, written by his loving father, was heartbreaking. **Mike was a great person in so many ways.** He was a talented athlete & musician, was exceptionally smart, and most importantly to me, **was one of the most generous people I've ever known.** Please take the time to read this book, especially if you or a loved one is struggling with addiction. **It may just be the very thing you need to crack the code and get the right help to beat addiction before it's too late.**

Chris Clark

A gripping read of a father's desperate hope for his only son. **A good challenge for teens and young adults started down the journey of addiction. Was blessed to have known Michael and to have journeyed with this family.**

Sid Heal

We do not get to decide what other people do, not even our own children. This can be excruciating when we see them on self-destructive paths. I can't imagine what it took to write this book but I do believe it will be a comfort for parents and friends of people who are addicted to behaviors and drugs that inevitably lead to ruin. I started to read this book a little at a time but finished it in two sessions. **Even knowing it was too late, I couldn't help but pray for a different outcome. I think every grieving parent will feel the same.**

Aaron Foresman

The book is an honest and courageously told story of a young life cut tragically short, told through the eyes of a father grappling with unthinkable loss. **It is a powerful cautionary tale giving a first hand account of how drug and alcohol addiction has the power to consume both the addict and their loved ones. I found it personally helpful and plan to share Michael's story with my children when they reach their teenage years.**

CTB

I am not much of a reader. I rarely read books. However, a friend suggested I read this book since I have a six month old son. The book is a painful but enlightening story written by a father about his son's battle with addiction. **The book is intended to help prevent the same tragic ending for others. I found the book to be gripping and easy to read. I plan to use it as a tool to teach_my son about the horrors of addition.**

Ali DiSti

A gut-wrenching book following a very personal story of a dear friend of mine who sadly succumbed to the disease of addiction. It's **a must-read for those families, or persons, who are wrestling with similar issues.** The book is a raw emotional journey detailing the destruction from personal choices, and serves as a stark warning to those living along similar lines.

JCTMS

Heartfelt book following the addiction of a son and the affect on his father. The story begins with the son in high school. Alcohol and drugs are used with increasing frequency as the

son, Michael, matures. The son spins out of control, the reader is drawn in to the increasing fears of the father. **This cautionary tale should be read by middle school students with parent supervision.** Parents should read to understand the pit falls of addiction. The book documents a family's struggle that provides hope to others in similar situations.

Theresa

Addiction is no joke. It is a life-altering disease and we too have stared into it's face and grip. We learned, thankfully, at a Naracon meeting that we didn't cause it and we couldn't cure it. Do not ever blame yourself for the addictions of another human being.

Lainers

Heartfelt true story of a nightmare no parent wants to suffer. **You could feel both the parent's anguish and love for his son, and finally acceptance of that which is beyond one's control.**

Pat McCammon

A story straight from the heart of a parent that has lost a child to drug and alcohol addiction. **Every teenager should read this in the hopes they might realize the effects their choices have on their loved ones.**

Anonymous

Well written book of a story of a modern day Prodigal Son with **a delayed ending to his return to the Father.**

Liz HG

This father's life has been totally changed by the loss of his son. **He seeks closure and to help others through his writings and nothing more.** A totally good man whose life is not the same with the loss of his son and he wrote a book which cannot have been easy to write. I read this book in 18 hours. It is an easy read in the sense of the language and enjoyable but that isn't quite the right word. **There is much to learn through this man's sense of loss of his son.**

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Bekah

This book evokes many emotions, and I read it cover to cover in a couple of hours. Even though I was told in the beginning what happened to the prodigal son, I could not put it down. Overall it **helped me empathize and sympathize with the horrific nature addiction and everyone it touches.** I also loved all the Bible verses and lessons that were included along the way. The Old and New Testament comparisons were enriching and uplifting. Thank you for your teachings.