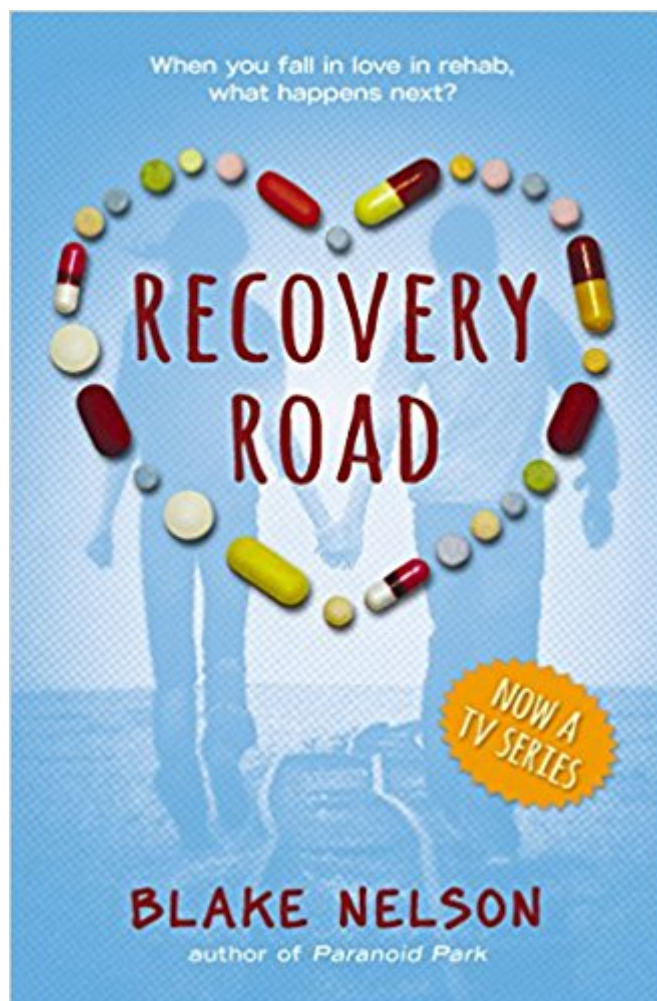


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Recovery Road



Synopsis

"An intriguing look at the aftermath of addiction." -- Los Angeles Times
Madeline has a drinking problem and anger issues, so she's sent away to Spring Meadows, a rehab center in a row of rehab centers known as Recovery Road. On a weekly movie night in town she meets Stewart, who's dealing with demons of his own. It's an intense time, and the two of them come together intensely.
When Madeline gets out of rehab, she tries to get back on her feet, and waits for Stewart to join her. When he does, though, it's not the ideal reunion that Madeline has dreamed of. Both of them still have serious problems. And love seems more like a question than an answer.
True and insightful, Recovery Road is a story about finding the right person at the worst possible time. And loving that person anyway. No matter what.

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Customer Reviews

Madeline is starting junior year in rehab. She hates the losers surrounding her, all except Trish. Soon the two are escaping the halfway house every Tuesday to go to the movies with other recovering addicts. It is here that Madeline meets Stewart, another recovering addict, and the two teens are immediately drawn together. What follows is a story about being in love while trying to survive sobriety. Eventually, the two are released from rehab and must return to their previous lives; for Madeline that means returning to school and her old friends and routines. Her struggle to stay

sober and find a new path is realistic and the strength of the story. Her relationship with Stewart, on the other hand, has the expected narrative ups and downs. When a tragedy strikes, Madeline is left to figure out what she really wants from life and how Stewart fits into her plans. Spanning over three years, the book finds its biggest fireworks in the first half, with the rest proceeding like an extended epilogue. Grades 9-12. --Shauna Yusko --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Praise for Recovery Road : *“This is an important story that pulls no punches.”* -- Publishers Weekly, starred review *“With depth of understanding and no small amount of humor, Nelson sketches a complex universe of recovery.”* --Newsday *“Readers will be captivated.”* --Kirkus Reviews

I wouldn't say this is necessarily the type of book I would recommend, if only because I don't see myself reading this over again, or even looking at the handful of quotes I dug up. Mostly because the diary format of the book just didn't work for me. I am the type of person who likes details and is inquisitive, and a lot of what I wanted to know about Maddie, from how she feels, or thinks, wasn't presented for Nelson tried his best to make this a first person account. Then, in comparison to the would-be king of YA novels, John Green, I must admit the characters didn't enchant and mesmerize me. Heck, even with Maddie's shift from rehab to school and then to college, there were times when I wasn't necessarily excited for new locales or even Maddie's next venture in life, but I was just looking for something to invest or say besides saying I finished the book. As compared to say, *Fault in Our Stars*, where I found the dialog to make me think a bit, the characters were all distinct, and when there was death (SPOILERS!) it felt like it mattered for you got to know the person which actually made their death tragic. As opposed to the two deaths in this book which were presented, in my mind, as a "things happens" type of scenario. But, even with more criticism than praise, I'm glad I finished the book.

Grade: D-One Word: Cliché©Maddie is stuck in rehab biding her time. Then, at the step down halfway house she meets Stewart, another addict wrestling with recovery. What follows is the ups and downs of her recovery.Recipe:1 cup bad attitude1/2 cup anger1 cup resistance to recovery2 clueless parents1 friend going down the wrong pathAt least one death1 potential relapseAdd stereotypes to flavorMix together, bake for 320 pages and you have your predictable recovery

book. Maddie was an unlikable and unsympathetic character for most of the book, unkind to everyone who tried to befriend her. She only thought about herself and not the impact of her words and actions on others, often typical addict behavior. She did become more thoughtful, though her actions were often misplaced and unhealthy. Her parents were ridiculous. For instance, when she wants to drive 3 hours to rescue her friend on the eve of her finals her father advises her not to go, but admits he can't stop her. Seventeen-year-old Maddie proceeds to drive her father's BMW to a bad neighborhood to rescue her relapsed friend. Then her parents never question why she comes back battered and bruised. Hello, Blake Nelson???? Nelson makes no mention that addicts are strongly recommended not to have new romantic relationships in their first year of sobriety. I get that people ignore the caveat, but there was ample opportunity when Maddie was caught with Stewart and reprimanded for her counselor to at least mention this. Poorly researched. Nelson did give Maddie a readable voice and although the writing was mostly telling with little show RECOVERY ROAD held my interest. I would not recommend this book, but I also don't think it's harmful.

It was an amazing book, even better than the show produce after an epic live shoot about two teenagers that met in rehab. Going through tough times as good times.

I only give it one star because 0 stars isn't an option. I started reading this because I enjoyed the FreeForm TV show which is based on this book. However, the title is pretty much the only similarity between the two. I didn't finish the book.

My book came right away and in great condition. All the letters in the book were in the perfect size. The book was great I enjoyed reading it very much but by the end I was disappointed. I would buy this book again.

This book is pretty amazing and beautiful, I finished this book in two days. I finished it so quick because you will read one page but you will soon fall in love with the characters and their story and want to keep reading. I love this book and recommend it to everybody.

It kept me intrigued the entire time. This book will forever be etched into my heart. I cried, laughed, and rejoiced with the people of this story and I know I will come back to this book many more times.

Loved this book. once I started reading I couldn't put it down. Didn't really care for the ending but a

cute story. I can relate to all her emotions.

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