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This was a pretty good book not my favorite yet not my least favorite either It is about a boy named Kaden who goes to San Fransisco to visit his cousin, who introduces him to a life

unlike any other This book is about all of his adventures while in San Francisco and about what he learns while he is there, although in somewhat strange ways He learns about what it means to really be happy and to do what he wants to do with his life before it's too late I recommend this book to teenagers or young adults who are still trying to find themselves and figure out what is going to make them happy This book has a cliffhanger ending, which is probably what I didn't like about this book. For adults, this book should easily be rated a 2 or 3 However, taking into account that the intended audience is younger, I think the book warrants a 4 What an adult would see as cliché, a teenager might be experiencing for the first time The book uniquely plants itself in present day America It draws on pop culture, music, and fashion of the day in a way that is both brave but dangerous readers of this generation will find a familiar face while those behind us might find it dated As a teacher, I love how Myers speaks to my students They relate to his work, and I appreciate how his references to real authors, music, and movies give them something to explore, something to expand their horizons A good read overall. FREE EPUB ? The Mission ? Wake Up And Do Something Kaden Norris's Life Is Shattered When His Older Brother His Best Friend And Hero Is Killed In Iraq All Kaden Has Left Of Kenny Is A Letter, Urging Him To Break Away From His Sheltered Life And To Go To San Francisco To Visit His Cousin, James Kaden Is Blown Away, As James Introduces Him To A Life Filled With Drugs, Sex, And Apathy He Goes From Extreme High To Extreme Low, Having No Idea What To Expect And When Kaden Uncovers Secrets About His Family That Have Been Kept From Him For Years, His Entire World Comes Crashing Down This May Not Be The Trip His Brother Had Envisioned For Him, But It's One Kaden Will Never Forget Just before he was killed in Iraq, Kaden Norris's older brother Kenny sent him a letter telling him about how the writings of author Chuck Palahniuk had changed his outlook on life In the letter, Kenny says that he has been in contact with their cousin James, an author who lives in San Francisco Kenny wants to take Kaden on a trip to visit James and see a reading by Palahniuk while he is on leave over the summer Unfortunately, Kenny is killed before he gets the chance to follow through with his plan, so Kaden decides to go out to San Francisco on his own Once he arrives, it doesn't take him long to realize that James is leading a life filled with violence, heavy drug use and promiscuity It's a life much different from what Kaden has experienced growing up in Iowa, but it doesn't take him long to adapt The week Kaden spends with James will change his view of the world and his family forever. There are several problems with this novel First, there is excessive and gratuitous use of profanity throughout the book Heavy drug use is prevalent throughout the book, and while it isn't exactly glamorized, it isn't shown in a negative light either There are numerous sex scenes, which are described in relatively graphic language While the book has an interesting premise, the characters are superficial and not likable or easy to relate to Though Myers attempts to tackle an important issue in writing about the fallout occurring in families of soldiers killed in Iraq, ultimately, The Mission is unsuccessful. Kaden is going to San Francisco to meet his cousin James, a

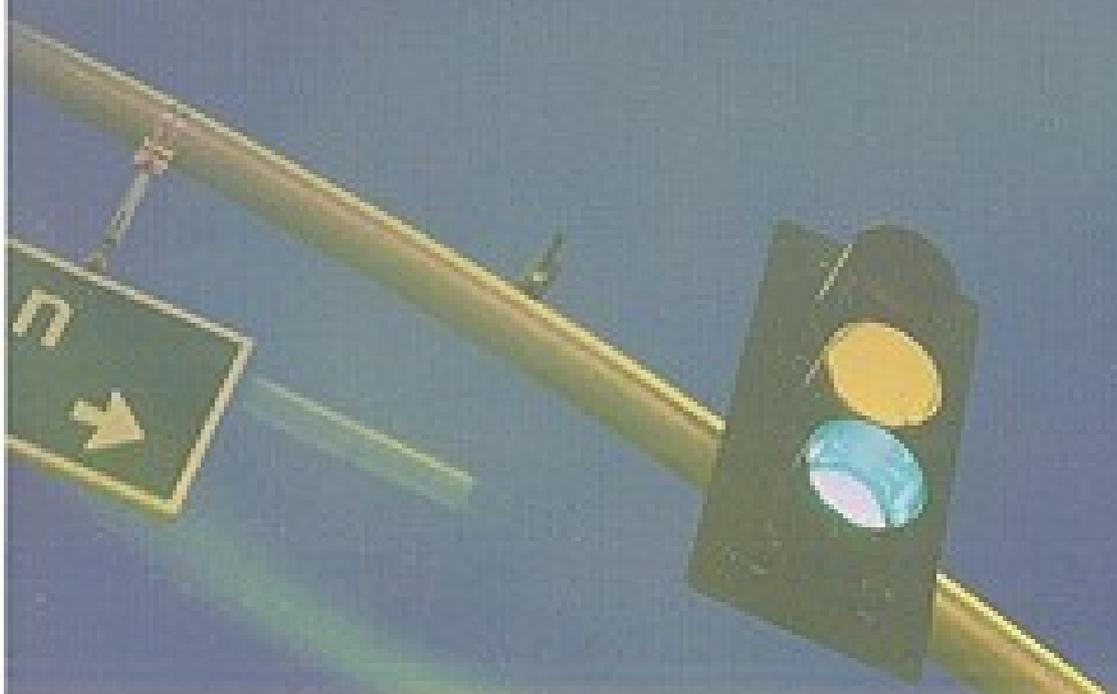
bestselling author for the first time. It's a trip he is taking to fulfill his dead brother, Kenny's last wishes. He was only hoping to go to the Chuck Palahniuk book reading, spend time with James and see the sights like anyone else. What he experienced is one messed up crazy ride. The 15 year old boy we see at the start has grown up by the end. This book contains fights, lots of drug use, partying, cheating, lies and secrets, all around fuckery. Coming from a teenager, I didn't exactly enjoy this novel. However, I did enjoy *Exit Here* which is somewhat of the same premise of this novel. I don't like heavy profanity in my novels, and what I enjoyed when I was younger *Exit Here* seems to completely bore me now. In this book *Sex, Drugs and Assholes* really are not my favorite thing to read about. The way he wrote it was easily getting to be annoying because the same three concepts showed up. Nothing was new, and the whole novel was simply stated on the back cover: An innocent farm boy will screw around in the big city. Sigh. This book was the best book I have ever read. It makes you feel like you're not getting out and exploring the world enough. It's like a bible to me, Kaden Norris inspires me to go out and do stuff and be somebody and try to new things. The terminology in this book, the slang is A. It's unique. If you see this life style as something that's not able to happen, then you've really got to start living. I've owned this book for roughly two years. I started to read it about year ago and thought it was terrible. I was only a few pages in and decided to call it quits. A month or so ago, I picked this book back up and told myself I had to read it. I love this author and have read all of his other books. I figured it wouldn't be too hard to read this one. That's exactly what I did. This story is about a boy named Kaden who is only 15 years old. Kaden's big brother and best friend has recently passed away while fighting in Iraq. The story begins with Kaden sitting in the airport waiting to board and head off to San Francisco to meet his cousin James. Upon arrival, James forgets to pick Kaden up. This sets the stage for their relationship. Kaden attempts to shrug it off, though he's still angered, but he is thankful James' girlfriend, Caralie, was there to save the day and bring him home. Through the course of the story, Kaden is transformed into a completely different child. He gets into drugs and alcohol. He has his first, of a few, fist fights. He even cheats on his girlfriend back home with multiple girls. In my opinion, this is not Myers' best novel. I loved his other works but forced myself to read this one. It was good, but nothing too special. I would not recommend this book to anyone I know, as it has rather vulgar content. DNF at page 270 out of 361. This book reminds me of *The Catcher in the Rye*, but somehow even less profound. After 270 pages, not much had happened besides Kaden wandering around San Francisco being stupid and reckless and thinking it made him rad. I have honestly never heard the word rad used so often and so unironically before reading *The Mission*. My biggest problem with this book was that I didn't like any of the characters at all. More than that, I just didn't care about them. James Morgan, who could have been a very complex character, only waltzed into the story occasionally to add a bit of drama before becoming irrelevant again. Caralie, the only character I liked even a little, was oversimplified and sexualized. Kaden's characterization was lazy and conflicting rather than

complex He s described a being both a timid kid with self esteem issues and as a confident tough guy unafraid to dress like a rapper in rural Iowa All of Meyers descriptions of Kaden are scattered and contradictory He s described as poor enough to wear a coat he found in a parking lot on one page, and fifty pages later as well off He s afraid to kiss his girlfriend but has no issue hooking up with unknown girls. And every single woman in the book is described in terms of her body Even Kaden s mother It was honestly gross, and combined with a disturbing amount of slut shaming, is a huge reason I m not finishing this book. Maybe the end of this book is great and does something to negate the crappiness of the first 300 pages, but I really don t feel like slogging through another 100 pages of drunk, high assholes arguing with each other and acting like that s the best way to live to find out. One of the worst books I have ever read.

JASON MYERS
author of *EXIT HERE*

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