



## The Human Machine: A Journey Through Drug Addiction and Alcoholism (Paperback)

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By Joel Berman

Outskirts Press, United States, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Michael Curly Sanford is a young man caught in a web of drugs and alcohol. A simple, happy life of adolescent leisure and adventure quickly deteriorates into an uncontrolled morass of incomprehensible demoralization after he leaves home and moves aimlessly from one city to another. He encounters situations with others arising out of their drunken rage, dalliance with street drugs, sexual interactions and even experiences violence and death. Following the pattern of Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*, living his own 21st century version of the beat generation, searching for the prosaic meaning of life, his intellectual and academic pursuits quickly become subverted by alcohol, drugs and sexual exploitation. He meets men and women from several walks of life, each facing their own demons, and sees life through the eyes of others. The book moves rapidly down his path of self-destruction and has two opposing endings from which the reader may choose. He finds final solace when he realizes that, in spite of his disease of addiction, his troubles were basically of his own making and the solution lies in finally deciding...



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