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"THIS BOOK NAILS IT down to the gritty core. Not only are the characters rich and compelling, they are honest, truthful, and written from a place of utter compassion. The author has done something that not many writers before him were able to do. He has presented the topic of addiction & recovery as it truly is; maddening, ambivalent and utterly relentless." **-Alexander Ruzumican**

"Dark, gritty, compelling...a harrowingly emotional experience that rings true to the very last word." **-Doug Kurtz, acclaimed author of Mosquito**

"Honest, direct, and confrontational. This book will lead you on a serious rollercoaster ride of emotions. Mr. Seaward discusses in very explicit details the mental, psychological and physical effects of withdrawal and the various stages of recovery." **-Ashley LaMar, Closed the Cover Book Reviews**

"Emotionally raw and harrowingly real, Some Are Sicker than Others is a moving story of redemption. The thoroughly cultivated iced-over setting provides a perfect backdrop for the story; one can easily concoct in one's mind the snowy, mountainous landscape Seaward paints with his words." **-Amy Jodoin, Portrait of an Artist**

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From the Author

"Name a hospital in Pennsylvania, I've been there. A rehab in Texas, I've stayed there. I've been strapped down to hospital beds, thrown into drunk tanks, and locked in padded rooms no bigger than a broom closet. I've woken up on railroad tracks, passed out on park benches, I even drank a bottle of cologne once because I couldn't make it to the liquor store before closing time. And for what? A moment of numbness, a flicker of tranquility? No. I realize now, that the reason I drank was because I was too afraid to admit who I really was. I'm an artist. A storyteller. A writer. An author. It took me a long time to finally admit this, and now that I have, I won't stop until I'm six feet under. Based on my own personal adventures in addiction and recovery, my debut novel, **SOME ARE SICKER THAN OTHERS**, takes you on a hellish journey inside the diseased mind of the addict. From a codependent alcoholic wracked by an obsession to drink himself to death...to a delusional high school volleyball coach with a dependency on crack...the characters in my novel are not just fiction, they are amalgamations of the people I met on my journey. Tragically flawed yet desperately hopeful, this cast of unlikely heroes will challenge your preconceived notions of what it means to be an addict. Some of you will laugh, some of you will cry, others may see themselves in the characters' lives. Either way, I think you're going to enjoy the story, because, if there's one thing an addict isn't...it's boring." **-From Andrew's Interview at the American Chronicle**

About the Author

Andrew Seaward is the critically acclaimed author of *Some Are Sicker Than Others*. Though his background is in chemical engineering, his true passion is telling great stories through both acting and writing. He is a member and contributor of the Cinematic Arts of Colorado, Benjy Dobrin Studios, and the Denver Lighthouse Writers Workshop. He has written and acted in a number of independent productions, including the poignant short film, *Drowning*, which won the Award of Merit at the 2010 Indie Fest. He lives in Denver, CO with his soon to be wife, Cortney, and his step-daughter, Eva.

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