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100 Years, A Journey to End a Vicious Cycle is a true story of how one man realizes that his family wasted more than one hundred years in prison. This is more than another street and drugs tale. This story is made up of courage, determination and even love. Mark is now taking responsibility for the mistakes that he made in his life. During his teenage years, he started using and selling drugs. Due to this behavior he ended up serving a decade and a half in prison. Once he was released from prison in 2004, he has been on a mission to make the best of the rest of his life. He now works with troubled teenagers in order to deter them from experiencing some of the mistakes that he made. Mark shares his journey of how he attempts to end the cycle of drugs, crime, and prison that exist within his family as well as society. Mark's shares his journey as well as the many challenges that he faced along the way.

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From Reader Review 100 Years: A Journey to End a Vicious Cycle for online ebook

Tanya (Tee) says

I received a copy of the book in exchange of an honest review.

When I subscribe to this giveaway, I didn't notice it was a memoir.

So when I received the book I was not sure about it.

Then I've started it. At first I wasn't really interested. But then, the more I read the more I liked it. It turn out to be really interesting.

Sometime life isn't easy, but we made it more difficult by our own choices.

Mark tried to make us understand that in life we must be responsible for our actions and that we must suffer the consequences. This is very true. He successfully demonstrated that what we do affects not only our lives but the lives of people around us.

I think the most important part is to believe in yourself, in our capacity and our intelligence. Nothing happens for no reasons in life. We must work hard to get what we deserve.

I'm glad I read this book.

The reason I didn't put 5 stars its because sometimes there were sentences with missing words, and misspelled words. Early in the book its a bit difficult to feel compassion for Mark, but I managed to identify with him in some point.

Thanks for sharing this with the world.

R.W. Lang says

Memoir of an inner city youth who grew up in the projects and on the street. As a preteen drug user, Mark's ambition was to be a hustler, and he made it happen. After he was busted and sent to prison the first time, he returned to the streets as a hustler, but not a user. During his second stint in prison, Mark realized the men in his family spent a combined 100 years in prison, had a baby daughter, and decided to move in a different direction. He started reading, got his high school diploma, and found a higher power to help. After thirteen years in prison, he went to work in his father's rim and tire shop, and eventually opened his own business. Married with another daughter, Mark went to college and now reaches out to troubled youth in hopes his story will help them to a productive path.

Anne Martin says

Difficult not to feel sorry for Mark, but difficult to feel much empathy for him either. He decided to do what he liked as a young man, and if prison was a consequence, why not? He describes his awakening in his book, how he decided o get out of he vicious circle and get his GED, go to college, get a job. The writing felt very flat for me though I expected to feel sympathy for his courage. I did not, I remained outside, wondering how

such a kid could end up hustling and not caring for years.

Gabrielle says

I received a copy of this book free from the good-reads first-reads program. I really enjoyed the story and I thought that Marks honesty was incredible. Anyone looking for a book that is a non-fiction and is looking for an honest, inspiring story should read this book.

Talea says

The writing could have been better, but it kept my interest and helped give a little insight into the lives of some loved ones that have similar struggles.
