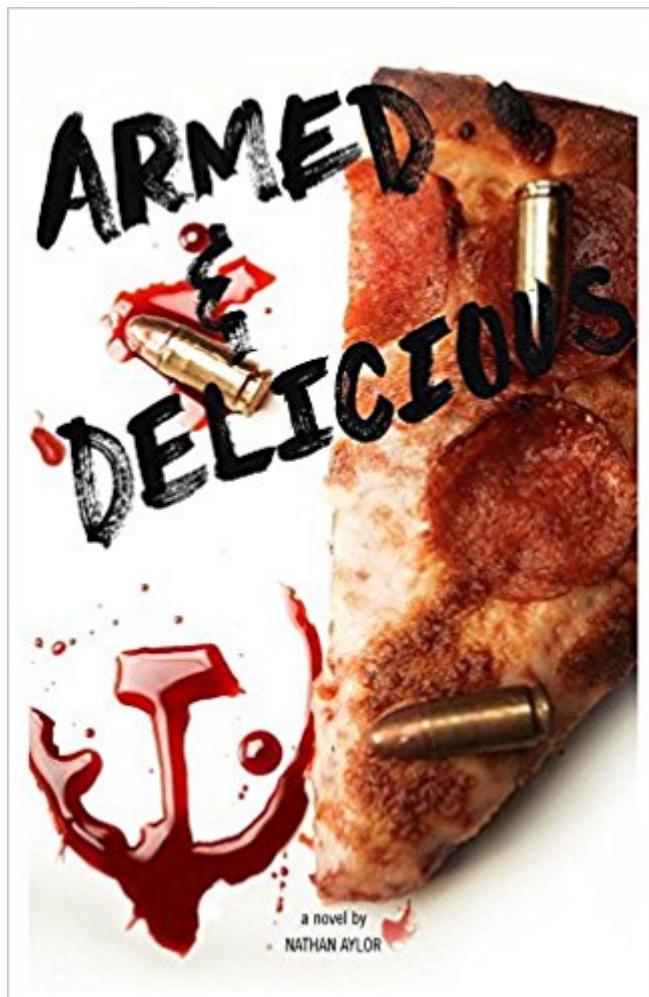


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## Synopsis

Love, crime... and pizza. *Sparky* • Lagala had become accustomed to a mediocre high-school existence spent dreaming of things he could never have "the girl, the car, and the respect." That is until the day he's hired as the roadside mascot for Tino's Pizza in Portland, Oregon, and discovers that his mysterious employer is in fact a major player in a foodie-based crime syndicate. It isn't long before Sparky finds himself taken in by a constellation of unique and ruthless characters, who will make his teenage dreams a reality "a reality that comes with a price.

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## Customer Reviews

The Godfather for teens. This story has it all - gangsters, turf wars, crime in all forms, as well as vice, sin, and degradation. But it also has a boy from a broken home searching for love and acceptance and getting himself in a lot of trouble trying to find it. Sparky is an endearing character because until the last page he's as apt to do the wrong thing for the right reason as ever. He loves completely, which won me over at the start. I love that this is told in first person from a male POV, something rarely done. The writing is quirky and humorous, the characters all unique and interesting. The adults act like adults (believe it or not, in YA I've read, this is rare), and the kids are kids worth remembering. For content I offer a warning. It does have strong language, violence, sexual references, and use of controversial social issues, but all are presented to make them reasonably palatable. The story kept the pages turning. I had to know what came next, and frankly, I loved it. It was like eating the perfect slice of pizza, I wanted to slow down and savor it, but in the

end, had to rush to eat the last bite. For parents who trust their teen to interpret real-life situations wisely, I recommend this for 16 and up. It is not for sensitive readers, however, or those who take offense easily.

I had to finish it in one sitting. I came across the book via the author on his instagram account, I am so happy I did. This book had my heart racing, had moments that hit home and left me in awe. Great stuff right here.

I couldn't put it down. The characters are all interesting. The situations come to life and pull you right in. This is definitely worth a read. You won't be disappointed.

Loved it found it hard to put down!

Two thumbs up!!

While the title of the book may seem to some an allusion towards this novel's witty nature, it by no means does justice to how wonderful a journey is written within. Nathan's prose as a writer is strong in his character of Jimmy "Sparks" Lagala, decisively visualized in a 1st person narrative that works to the novel's strengths in the end. Decidedly written with a youthful nature it focuses less on the tropes of high school life and more on the intersection of teenage angst and unrequited love and ambition as it seeks to identify what makes a man, when you have no discernible guides to guide you. Though the journey gets a bit messy along the way at no point does it ever seem as though there is no hope, which in the end seems to be the main through line in Jimmy's journey from inassociable nerd to prideful anti hero and in the end to altruistic hero. It inspires, it laughs and in the end is altogether a worthy read.

What a read!! I thoroughly enjoyed this book, from cover to cover. Everything from the subject of adolescence and all that it brings. To the inclusion of organized crime. The vivid story telling done by Nathan Aylor had me feeling like I was the one experiencing "Sparky's" incredible journey. Word flow and great word choice made me not put this book down. For a first novel this author blew it out of the park. I can't wait to see what else he will bring to the table. So I highly recommend you give this book a read. You will not regret it.

An incredible read, and such a page turner! I could not wait to find the time to pick up the book and see what was going to happen next in the life of Sparky in his pizza suit. As the story develops, I became closer to the characters and was able to vividly picture scenes! Sparky encounters tough, humorous, and unexpected events as he takes a journey for what he thinks will end all problems! This book is a must read, and I am hoping there is a sequel in the works.

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