



What can I say after reading *Scumbag Sewer Rats*? I can say wow! what a potent adventure. John Smethers brings to us a world of the unspoken, the underworld of those in prison and those in their own prison of addiction. The stories are real, they are gut-wrenching, they are the truth that society does not acknowledge. Smethers' own personal tales of addiction, imprisonment, probation, and recovery trickle down throughout the book bringing the reader closer to his truth and his determination to guide us to awaken to a new idea of recovery. He presents a new plan of recovery which utilizes both "steps" and "archetypes" which interplay to form a basis in spirituality and transformation for the questing addict. Sobriety may or may not culminate with this new plan of attack, however, in view of the models currently adhered to by society, Smethers' bold look at addiction recovery is certainly worth our time and investigation.

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