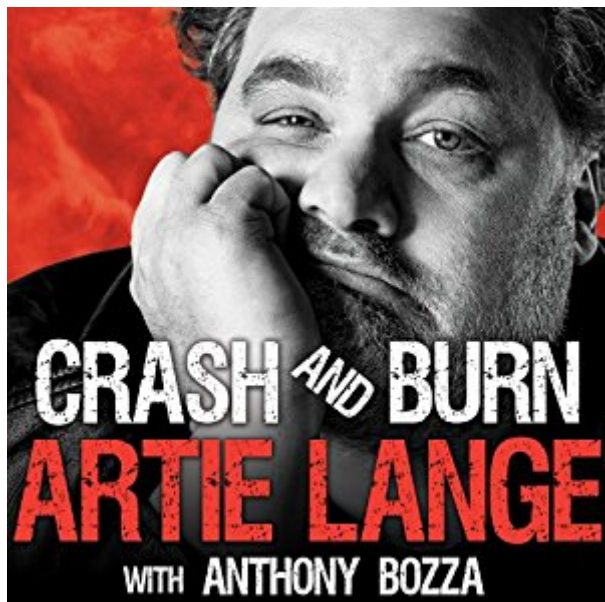


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# Crash And Burn



## Synopsis

At a high point in his career, Artie Lange performed a sold-out show in Carnegie Hall-and he did it with a pocketful of heroin. In the midst of a deep, self-destructive depression, addicted to heroin, cocaine, and prescription drugs, he lashed out at everyone around him - from his cohosts on The Howard Stern Show to celebrity guests and even his longtime friends. Then came his legendary meltdown on-air, with 6 million people listening, after which Lange pulled himself together enough to go to a buddy's bachelor party in Amsterdam. He never made the party, but instead used the trip as an opportunity to hole up in his hotel room with a prostitute and do drugs. By turns dark and harrowing, hilarious and poignant, and always drop-dead honest, *Crash and Burn* is a blow-by-blow account of Lange's years of addiction, a suicide attempt (which he relates in terrifying detail), hitting rock bottom, stints in rehab, and painful relapses. With the help and support of friends and family, Lange manages to recover and get his life and career back on track. And despite his slip-ups, backslides, and permanent losses, Artie Lange forges on. From drugs to sports to falling in love, Lange tells all in *Crash and Burn*, the story of his life that is as shocking as it is funny, ever tempered by his characteristic humor, self-awareness, and inimitable way with words.

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## Customer Reviews

Wow the first book "too fat to fish" was hilarious and I laughed out loud so much .. this one I wasn't laughing but I give it 4 stars for sheer honesty and having had my own struggles with substance abuse, I don't want to say comforting , but there's a strange feeling of connection when he goes into

his deepest darkest spirals and as much as I tend to idolize my days of past , wow, this book made me realize that whatever struggles I have staying clean, man are they worth it! They should hand this book out in rehabs because it truly shows just how ridiculous addiction is... what a waste of talent and people who genuinely care for him. I wish him peace and I've heard he's still using so I pray that he one day truly can get himself away from that garbage. Good book but a little hard to stomach. I hope he writes a third one that can go back to the humor because when he's funny omg he just has me in stitches !!! This book made my heart just ache for his mother ..Add on - I was almost finished the book when I wrote the above review the last three chapters took my heart .... some say he comes off pompous or repetitive but unfortunately that's the way most drug addicts come off in general and repetitive ha! That's the sheer definition of drug addiction ... when he got into Mitch hedberg I lost it I mean I LOST it.. I always liked that guy thought he was funny and to hear how he went down was just heart wrenching ... I'm glad Artie made it through but again I think he's still messing with it so I really do pray for him ... no more self destruction... makes for riveting reading but I keep thinking of his poor mom ..she must be worried sick all the time .. and his sister who seem like really good people .

This review is not a slam against Mr Lange. I'm a fan of his and the Stern show, and had a pretty good idea what was in the book. And of course when Artie starts using humor to downplay the tragedy, there is nobody funnier. The only problem with the book, is that like any addict Artie comes off as very selfish, self absorbed, and not very appreciate of the talent he was blessed with or the prosperity he's enjoyed. Can't take any stars off for that because nobody is quicker to say that than the man himself, even in the pages of this very book. Artie owns it, and in my opinion, gets a pass. What follows may be a spoiler to some!!!: Kudos to Mr Lange for coming clean on the big lie that attempts to sugarcoat the most important chapter in the book. But like any addict, no matter how candid his revelation seems, people need to be aware there is almost always one more lie underneath the last one to be exposed, like little Russian nesting dolls of shame and regret.

I have always been a fan of Artie on the Howard Stern Show. What I can say is that this book showed me the depths to which his addiction had taken him. As someone who has no idea how addiction can be hurtful personally (thank god), just seeing how bad his addiction took him and ruined his life and career was amazing. The one thing I didn't like about this book compared to his previous one was his previous book was about overcoming his demons and had a more hopeful tone (unfortunately, in that case it was mostly a lie). This book took on a more dark tone and seems

to just be him recalling what he did to people as a way to make a mends in his life. It was someone recalling all the dark points in their life, and while he says he doesn't look back on them fondly, I don't think that is true. I got from his tone in the book that while he is truly sorry for what he did to his family and friends, he sort of looks back on his drug addicted time fondly, and that is sort of sad. All in all, a good look into Artie's mind, and while I miss him on the Stern Show, I don't think I will turn into his own radio show. This book seemed to tell us that he loved his fans and entertaining us, but it brought him to his dark place, and I cannot do that.

This second book from Artie is even better then the first one. In this one Artie looks hard at his life of suicidal guilt and remorse and hard drug abuse and isn't afraid to tell the awful truth about his own bizarre behavior and self-destructive activity. My only quibble is it's written to too low a level, like at idiot level, but I guess Artie knows his fans... he's really found his voice on page and it shows. Artie's continued existence is a daily miracle and so's his own self-effacing, and brutally honest sense of humor. Here's to hoping he lives long enough to write a third volume.

I liked the book and it seems to be better written then his first. The only problem I had was that I found myself getting tired of his "she changed my life" and "he made such a difference in my life" comments. After each of these "life changing" events, he went right back to drinking and drugging. How about waiting for 5 or 10 years of sobriety so you can get some perspective before writing books on how your life has changed. After 6 months of being clean, restrict your books to stories of drunken debauchery and skip the claims of redemption.

Amazing storytelling, Artie does paint a colorful, vivid picture that comes to life in your head. The book is a page turner, because you're just wondering what insanity is coming next. It's underlying laugh out loud comedy Is buffered by moments of deep incredible sadness. Anyone who knows Artie Lange's comedy must read this book.

Book had alot of repetition...Artie would say the same things over and over. He had interesting stories, but by the end I was tired of reading about them. All basically horrific drug induced stories. I was feeling sorry for him, especially when reading about his suicide attempt. But when I got to the part about how he treated his girlfriend in Paris, I lost all respect for him. I know he's an addict, but he really is a piece of s\*\*\* for how he treated his "sweet little angel"...which is so patronizing for him to even call her that. I googled alot about him during the reading of the book and now think that he's

back on the drugs. Too bad, because he is a funny guy...but he treats people like crap...regardless of whether he's high or not.

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