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Ben Walters of Time Out New York succinctly defines the coming of age genre as follows: “An adolescent (or group thereof) goes through a challenging series of bittersweet experiences. He’s forced to put away childish things, emerging a little bruised, sadder but wiser, and more prepared for the travails of adulthood.”

Broken Birdie Chirpin is the quintessential rock n’ roll coming of age novel. It tells the story of a watershed year in the life of a gifted, but mostly maladjusted, teenage rock n’ roller. He embarks on a whirlwind journey from mysterious loner through the upper echelons of the vibrant London music scene in search of his rock n’ roll fantasy.

The story opens just as our rock n’ roller seemingly falls for Becky, a rough-around-the-edges schoolmate who sees past his shortcomings. His life is quickly complicated by an encounter with Skeffington, a popular jock with musical aspirations of his own. The not-so-chance encounter sets in motion a series of events that will forever change each of their lives. As the summer months unfold so do the dreams and tragedies of our protagonist. Bloody hell. Even the smallest decisions define life for decades to come.

Broken Birdie Chirpin Details

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Keri says

I received this book for free through Goodreads Giveaways.

Broken Birdie Chirpin is such a fun story to read and very well written! It follows a year in the life of a young rock and roller in London as he goes from performing in the schoolyard to crowded gigs with his band. At the same time, he has to deal with his bully of an older brother as well as his on-again-off-again girlfriend Becky. As one other reviewer said, the story is just as intriguing and reminiscent of John Lennon's rise to fame in the London rock and roll scene. I kept turning the pages and couldn't wait to find out what would happen next. And there were many surprises!

The writing is also very well done. I especially love the character's voice. He's funny and real. And while arrogant and selfish at times, he comes to realize his attitude could use a change which makes him even more relatable. And the author incorporates a lot of British lingo and phrasing to draw the reader in even more to the narrator's world.

Broken Birdie Chirpin is a great book not just for music fans or rock and roll fans, but for anyone. It's fun to read and hard to put down!

Jailyn says

I absolutely loved this book. I felt like the characters were real and very relatable. I was always entertained and i found it very enjoyable. I really felt for the main character because of his relationship with his father. I havent read any other books with these types of plots so this book was very refreshing and different. Another thing I loved about this book was how the author used words like "bloody" and "blimey", I enjoyed that! Overall I really loved this book and I really recommend it :)

Carla says

I really liked this book, the characters were well-written, interesting, funny and believable. The plot was well-thought and captivating, and the language the author used was very original. The only thing I didn't like was that there were some grammatical mistakes/typos such as the use of "should of" instead of "should have" and "you're" instead of "your". Besides that, it was a nice, fun and interesting read.

Anne-Rae Vasquez says

Broken Birdie Chirpin reignited my love for British music, humour and culture.

Author Adam G. Tarsitano delivers the raw and emotional story of a teen boy who just wants to make music but everything keeps getting in his way, such as his annoying older brother (who is perfect in his parents'

eyes), his father who he just never got along with, his first girlfriend Becky who he cares a lot for but life ain't that simple, his band mate and fellow lyricist Skeffington (a jock who wants to be a rock and roller) and all the birds or fan girls who just want to snog him.

What's a guy to do? Mr. Tarsitano's writing is powerful and his use of local colloquialism makes it an authentic read. When I was younger, I spent a lot of time reading about John Lennon as a child and teenager before he became a famous Beatle. Lennon's melancholy story of his boyhood struck a chord with me which I related to all my life...and Broken Birdie Chirpin did the same thing.

I particularly enjoyed how the main character, no matter how he tried to forget his first love Becky, always seemed to be drawn back to her throughout the story. Even when his life twisted and turned, Becky somehow reappeared either in his heart or by chance. The pain that twisted his soul felt very real which makes me think that the author may have laced the story with his own personal experience(s). It just felt too real to be pure fiction... but I could be wrong.

I truly enjoyed Broken Birdie Chirpin and give it 5/5 stars. Well written, powerful and entertaining.

Jessyca Garcia says

I won this book

This was a fun book to read about a year out of the life of a young rock star in the making. The author, Adam G. Tarsitano, does a wonderful job of insuring that the reader knows what the main character is feeling and thinking. It brought back many memories of my own high school years. After reading the story, I wondered if the rock and roller that I dated in high school thought about things the same way that the main character did. The story is filled with British humor and slang. I admit sometimes the story was hard for me to follow because I am not familiar with all the slang but it was easy to get back into it.

Brock Cooper says

Anyone that reads "Broken Birdie Chirpin" will be able to identify with the main character because I think we've all gone through the same emotional roller coaster growing up. At its heart, the book is the story of growing up and following your dreams. The book has an amazing setting in the London music scene and you can't help, but get hooked on seeing how this ride ends. It's an amazing story with characters that you can not only identify with, but become emotionally invested in. If you love rock and roll and movies like "Almost Famous," then you'll love "Broken Birdie Chirpin."

I can't help, but completely idolize the characters in this book. Along with the main protagonist, Skeffington and the bandmates of Rip Churchill are so fun to read. The author really goes for realism not only in the plot, but also the dialog. He used common vernacular from England and while it may be little difficult to understand at first, you're soon reading it like it was native to you.

The relationships with Becky and others through the book seem truly genuine. I can't help but think that

there is more than a little bit of the author in this story. No one can create such compelling characters and emotions without experiencing it themselves.

Gretchen M. Johnson says

Nice read

it was a quick, easy read. Some of the slang was a bit difficult at times. Overall it was a good read.

Susie says

I won this book as a Goodreads First Reads Giveaway

I definitely enjoyed reading this book. It is very well written. A coming of age story of an english/british lad. A story of rock n roll. I would recommend this book to everyone. It is a great life story.
