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Creative Writing

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Ode to The New Yorker

Well known artist and performer, Anthony Kiedis from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, has lived a life full of adventures and near death experiences. “Scar Tissue” an autobiography, shares his deepest downfalls and highest highs, literally. Growing up with divorced parents, Anthony traveled to and from Michigan to visit his mom and California to visit his dad often. Two completely different places, he fell in love with the restless city of Los Angeles and ended up spending years there. His father lived a rockstar lifestyle truly inappropriate and reckless for a child, not even 12 years old. Drugs, alcohol, prostitutes, late night clubbing and everything in between was a part of his father’s everyday life and exposed a young, fascinated Anthony Kiedis to the unabiding path through hell that drugs and fame welcome.

Breaking the stereotype, Anthony was a fairly good student but absolutely despised school. It was his English teacher in middle school that told him, if he didn’t become a writer, or use his talent in any way, it would be a serious waste. He references her multiple times, since this opened the door to creating music and eventually, a band that brought a new kind of sound to the music industry. His teenage years were filled with trying new drugs, meeting new people and new experiences with each turn of a page.

As he grew older and the rockstar lifestyle began to consume him, he became addicted. Starting with pot when he was nine, he quickly went through the ranks of drugs. Trying

absolutely everything. Heroin being his biggest weakness, takes a toll on his whole life. His overdosing and relapsing stories make the reader wonder how he is even alive today. Going through rehab and withdraw to now, finally clean. Following his life from his childhood to adulthood, through the fame and his personal life makes for a novel that you won't want to put down.