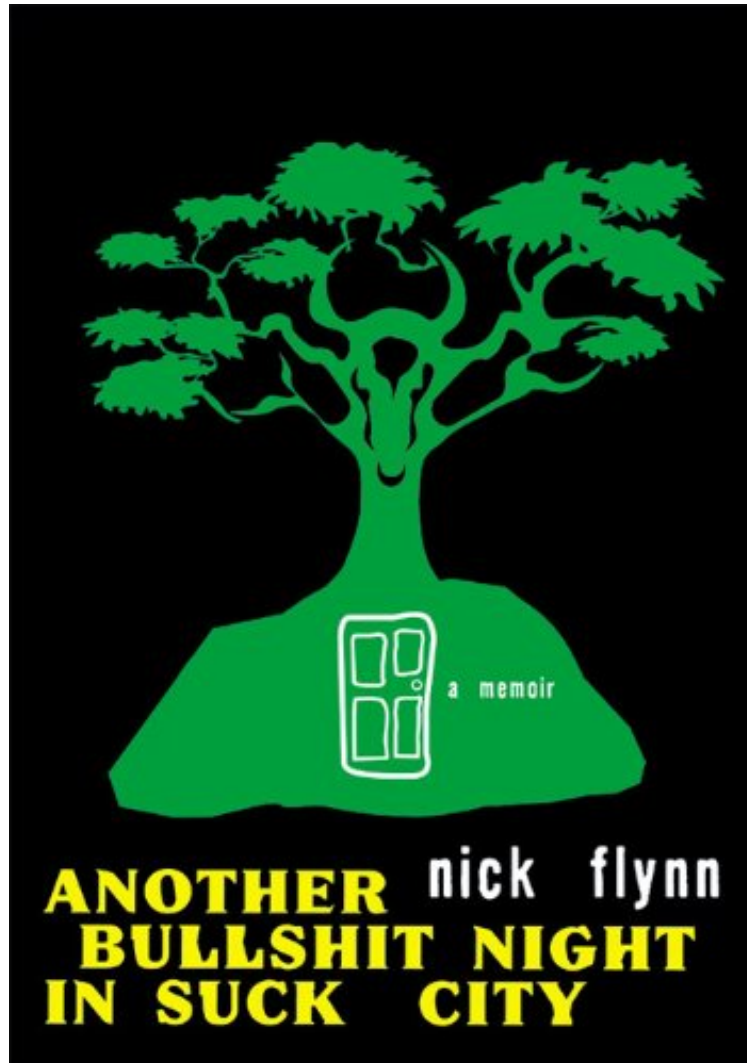


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Kurzbeschreibung"A stunningly beautiful new memoir . . . a near-perfect work of literature." Stephen Elliot, San Francisco ChronicleNick Flynn met his father when he was working as a caseworker in a homeless shelter in Boston.

As a teenager he'd received letters from this stranger father, a self-proclaimed poet and con man doing time in federal prison for bank robbery. Another Bullshit Night in Suck City tells the story of the trajectory that led Nick and his father onto the streets, into that shelter, and finally to each other. From Booklist A homeless man's assessment of life on the streets provides the unforgettable title for this mordant memoir from the author of two critically acclaimed poetry collections, *Some Ether* (2000) and *Blind Huber* (2002). Boston-born Flynn was a mere infant when his mother took him and his brother away from their father, Jonathan, a hard-drinking con man who dreams of writing the Great American Novel. Nearly 30 years later, Jonathan, who is homeless after serving time in federal prison for bank robbery, comes into the Pine Street Inn shelter, where son Nick is a caseworker. A promising poet with drug and alcohol problems of his own, Nick is haunted by the vision of his shivering, drunken father adrift on Boston's streets. "I could have given him a key, offered a piece of my floor. But if I let him inside, the line between us would blur, my own slow-motion car wreck would speed up." Readers of memoirists Frank Conroy and Tobias Wolff will relish Flynn's pungent account of two rudderless souls who navigate their way back into each other's lives. Allison Block Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Pressestimmen "Readers of memoirists Frank Conroy and Tobias Wolff will relish Flynn's pungent account of two rudderless souls who navigate their way back into each other's lives." Flynn has written a potent, distinctive autobiography.... Flynn's talents are considerable he has a compelling voice and wry sense of humor, especially about himself. --Vendela Vida The prose swirls in graceful arcs that frequently rise to the level of poetry, leavened by mordant humor.... It's a powerful tale, stylishly told. --Michael Mewshaw In a perverse act of divine intervention, a life worth writing about was bestowed on a man actually able to write in startling, beautiful, unsentimental prose.... It is crammed with beauty and wisdom, and everyone will love it. --Devin Friedman A remarkable feat: a clear-eyed, inventive, and astonishingly honest guided tour of hell. --Elissa Schappell Flynn's authentic voice... holds us rapt, keeping both the tragic and the redemptive possibilities open. --Darren Reidy Told with energy, critical reflection and sensitivity, "Another Bullshit Night in Suck City" is less a memoir than a study of one of America's darker conundrums: homelessness. --Thomas Curwen [Flynn's] story is eerie testimony to the potent influence of an absent parent. But Nick, a poet, is too subtle a writer to say so outright, and instead lets us draw our own conclusions with a delicate, poetic logic. --Kate Bolick Unlike the pity parties that too many memoirs have become, "Night" has no maudlin gestures, no 'inspirational' tones, no hysterics; it stares down emptiness with clear, dry eyes. --Troy Patterson "Another Bullshit Night in Suck City" is one of the best books I've read in years a heartbreaking, searing story the perfect memoir. Nick Flynn hurls himself toward the blunt trauma of history, toward his fear of what he himself might become. It is a story of self-discovery in the best sense, and also a story of the dissembling of history, the fight to keep oneself whole, and the inherent obligations of biology. --A.M. Homes, author of *Music for Torching* Told with energy, critical reflection and sensitivity, "Another Bullshit Night in Suck City" is less a memoir than a study of one of America's darker conundrums: homelessness. --Thomas Curwen "Unlike the pity parties that too many memoirs have become, "Night" has no maudlin gestures, no 'inspirational' tones, no hysterics; it stares down emptiness with clear, dry eyes. --Troy Patterson "The prose swirls in graceful arcs that frequently rise to the level of poetry, leavened by mordant humor.... It's a powerful tale, stylishly told. --Michael Mewshaw A remarkable feat: a clear-eyed, inventive, and astonishingly honest guided tour of hell. --Elissa Schappell Flynn's authentic voice... holds us rapt, keeping both the tragic and the redemptive possibilities open. --Darren Reidy [Flynn's] story is eerie testimony to the potent influence of an absent parent. But Nick, a poet, is too subtle a writer to say so outright, and instead lets us draw our own conclusions with a delicate, poetic logic. --Kate Bolick Flynn has written a potent, distinctive autobiography.... Flynn's talents are considerable--he has a compelling voice and wry sense of humor, especially about himself. --Vendela Vida In a perverse act of divine intervention, a life worth writing about was bestowed on a man actually able to write--in startling, beautiful, unsentimental prose.... It is crammed with beauty and wisdom, and everyone will love it. --Devin Friedman