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Micah Johnson Goes West (Get Out Book 2)

MICAH JOHNSON
GOES WEST



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Synopsis

Sequel to *The Ongoing Reformation of Micah Johnson*
Get Out: Book Two
Micah Johnson is living two separate lives. On the field he's making a name for himself as a rookie with the AFL football team the Fremantle Dockers at just eighteen. But when he steps off the field, Micah is a mess: confused, away from home for the first time, and feeling isolated from family and friends three thousand kilometres away. The foster family he's staying with is nice, but Micah isn't ready to open up to them about what he's going through. Distracting himself with hookups and partying seems like a good idea until a friend's life is changed by misfortune and Micah's own health is threatened by his behavior. Micah knows he has to make a change, that he can't do it alone, and that maybe there's no shame in reaching out to others.

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Customer Reviews

Both books in this duology were quite good. The books are part of a larger series, and I plan to read those. Characters, plot, were all good.

I received a copy of this title to read and review for Wicked Reads 4 Stars. As this is the 2nd book in a spin-off series, I do not recommend reading as a standalone. Please read *Tigers & Devils* onward first. *Micah Johnson Goes West* picked up where the previous book left off. Moving away from his home to Perth, Micah is a rookie for the AFL team, Fremantle Dockers. On the field, he's focused-tight- but off the field, he's a train wreck. Without spoilers, or giving specific plot points away: Micah is more mature in this installment, after showing growth in the last book, but he has a lot of growing up to do. Homesick, feeling adrift without his mentor and ex, he feels isolated, yet it's his own need to close himself off to others that is fueling this emotion. It's in Micah's nature to lash out to keep others from hurting him first, but it makes dealing with him difficult for anyone who wants to get close to him. To be honest, it was difficult to read Micah's spiral downward. I was muttering at my Kindle, wishing I could shake some sense into Micah, then give him a hug. Micah is always getting in his own way- creating what he fears -and this leads him to make poor choices, devolve. But this is par for the course in a coming-of-age book, needing a catalyst for change. Without Declan, Micah has a new support system he comes to depend on, developing another set of side characters for the readers to connect with. The pacing was a bit slow for me in places, but not enough for me to lose interest. However, I could see where this may become an issue for readers who are used to more 'exciting' reads. There isn't a bunch of bells & whistles with the plot, and low on romance. This is a coming-of-age journey as a young man finds himself, showing character development via interaction with others.

This is the second book in a new spin-off series from the author. You don't have to read the first one to read this one, but a lot of the references could be confusing if you don't. It also helps if you've read the author's more adult series, *Tigers and Devils*, which is where the characters originated. Regardless of where they came from, I like these characters in the new series. This series is geared towards the younger crowd, but is still the same caliber as Mr. Kennedy's previous works. In the current book, Micah Johnson has been picked up by a team that is at the total end of the world (in his opinion), in Perth. He is still reeling from breaking it off with boyfriend, and sinking into despair. He makes some extremely poor choices in this one, and as I was reading along, I was muttering out-loud about some of them. I don't want to say a lot about the story. It is the continuing story of a late teen, thrust into an adult world as a rookie on a sport's team, but a late teen who happens to be the first

player who was at the beginning of his career. Micah isn't able to handle the fame, and acts out. Will his career survive? Will he? I highly recommend the book. I've loved every one of Mr. Kennedy's books, and this one isn't an exception. His characters are always well written, and I enjoy how he has both good characters and villains, and his story lines are believable. That doesn't mean I always liked the characters. Just saying Micah might have really pissed me off a couple of times in this one. Pick it up and see what you think. I'll be here waiting for more of Micah's story. Oh, and Mr. Kennedy now I have Go West stuck in my damn head! Both the original, and the remake mentioned several times in this book! Thanks a lot!

I highly enjoyed the sequel of the Get Out series :) Micah is struggling to be living in a different city away from his friends and family. As a gay man myself I appreciate a story that I can relate to cuz more often than not the MM genre is considered to be "romance" and I often have the feeling that this is taken as an excuse to write fetish stories for the (mostly straight, female) reader. This is a great YA story, not a romance BUT real life of trying to find yourself and how you fit into this weird place that we call earth. I can't wait for the 3rd installment especially because there are two more characters I'd like to read more about (Will and Dane). Great work Mr. Kennedy. You never disappoint

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