

“iUniverse turned my *Breakdown* into a breakthrough.”

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Selected by the InSightOut
Book Club as Best Gay
Spiritual Memoir 2005



“I moved to New York to find myself, believing success was defined by money, power, titles, and celebrity connections.

But after achieving these things, I felt empty.

I sought direction in my life, embarking on a globe-spanning pilgrimage. But life’s contradictions only sharpened into focus. While at the height of my career, I lost everything through a drug-addicted breakdown.

Throughout my ordeal, I kept a folder labeled ‘Thoughts.’

When I left the city in search of a new life, it was the perfect time to turn my ‘Thoughts’ into a book – the story of a young man

breaking through by means of breaking down, and coming of age amidst the celebrity and nightclub culture of after hours Manhattan.

I sent it to several agents. They loved the book, but said they didn’t think they could market it.

That’s when I found iUniverse.

A friend of mine had self-published with iUniverse, and she went on to win some literary awards and ultimately landed an agent.

So I took the plunge. The process went smoothly, and the iUniverse staff treated me with respect and care.

Since then, my book, *Breakdown*, has gone on to win several national awards, including

‘Best Gay Spiritual Memoir 2005’ from InSightOut, a national book club where *Breakdown* is a featured selection – a deal negotiated by iUniverse.

iUniverse helped me break through the maze of publishing industry rejection and break into a whole new phase of my life.”

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