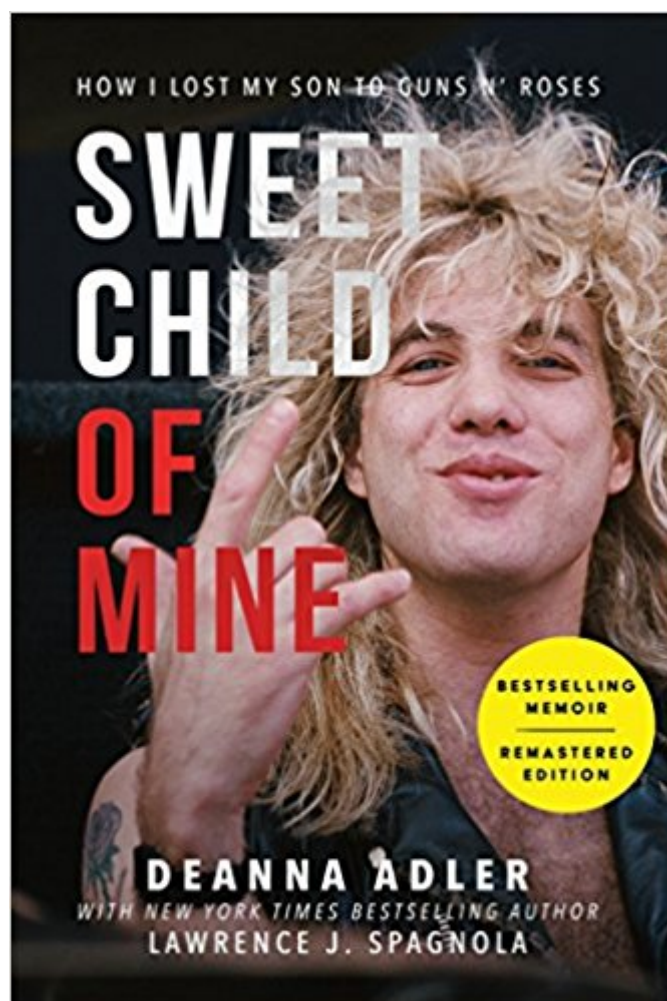


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# Sweet Child Of Mine: How I Lost My Son To Guns N' Roses



## Synopsis

Guns N' Roses was quickly heralded as the greatest rock n roll band on the planet. During the late 80's and 90's the hedonistic rock gods Axl, Slash, Izzy, Steven and Duff scored sold out stadium concerts on the way to multi-platinum success. Appetite for Destruction still stands as the biggest selling debut album in rock history. During it all, original drummer Steven Adler stole hearts and headlines with his insane antics. But Steven was soon crippled by a tragic heroin addiction that led to him to being kicked out of the band he helped found. At the center of this maelstrom stood Steven's mother, Deanna Adler, the GNR-proclaimed "first fan" of the group. Deanna was there at the beginning in 1983, when school chums Steven and Slash were building their street cred on the Sunset Strip. Deanna witnessed it all but has never told her incredible story, until now. In honest, direct prose, Deanna gives an unflinching account of her son Steven's drug fueled ascent to becoming the co-founder of Guns N' Roses, and his subsequent fall to drugs and alcohol. In one of the most brutally raw, revealing books written on substance abuse, Deanna delivers a powerful, inspirational message of hope to anyone dealing with opioid addiction. Excerpt from Sweet Child of Mine My darkest fears exploded when I found Steven in the center of the bathroom floor, naked, his body bent at an impossible angle. He was soaked in a pool of blood and mucus. His face was smashed beyond recognition, his mouth and chin looked completely caved in. I reached for my son and almost slipped on some pebbles strewn across the tile. Then I realized they were Steven's teeth. I dropped to my knees, crying hysterically. I heard a groan, then... "ma."

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"Spagnola's writing is compelling and touching. There is no glamour to substance abuse, only self-destruction. Deanna Adler's book is a worthwhile read for anyone, as it resonates on so many levels." -NYT BESTSELLING AUTHOR, Fran Drescher "An inside story few Guns N' Roses fans have heard before." -ROLLING STONE MAGAZINE, MEN'S JOURNAL CONTRIBUTOR, Kitt Doucette "A gripping display of the dangers of drug addiction overcome by the persistence of a mother's love." -#1 NYT BESTSELLING AUTHOR of 'What Do You Want to Do Before You Die'?, Jonathan Penn "The only thing more relentless than the ravaging effects of drug addiction is Adler's commitment to her son's well-being. Sweet Child of Mine provides a beacon of hope to anyone who has a family member struggling with addiction." -ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT, Darla Murray "Behind every strong drummer there is an even stronger mother." -RECORDING ARTIST AND PRODUCER, DJ Quik

Deanna Adler was born in 1941 to Norman and Lillie Scheiner. She lost most of her family to the holocaust in Poland. After an abusive marriage, Deanna moved from Cleveland to LA where she raised three sons with her second husband Mel. For the last thirty years, Deanna has campaigned against drug abuse appearing on Dr. Drew's celebrity rehab, and writing "Ask Deanna" columns in Kerrang! and One Life magazines where she gave honest, hard-earned advice to teenagers on three continents. Sweet Child of Mine is her first book, a gripping memoir of her personal battle to save her son Steven, original drummer and co-founder of Guns N' Roses, from crack and heroin addiction.

I have just finished reading Deanna Adler's incredibly insightful book, Sweet Child Of Mine and I cannot thank her enough for sharing her powerful journey. I have been a fan of Guns N' Roses since the 80's when the release of Appetite For Destruction came out. I am so deeply grateful to Deanna for writing this book. She has answered so many questions for me. I was in a relationship with a musician who happened to be a drummer also and someone I loved very dearly and still do. He had some minor success in his music career but he is an active drug addict, addicted to heroin, Oxycodone, crack and cocaine. I could relate so much to the heart break she shared so openly and honestly in her book. I think this book should be required reading for Hazelden. It would help so many loved ones of addicts understand they are not alone in dealing with their addicted loved one. Hats off to you, Deanna. You are one admirable, strong, devoted and warm hearted human being. Congrats to Steven for also finding sobriety and for performing with GNR again. He will forever be

GNR's best drummer. I am happy Deanna is surrounded by a very loving family. Wishing her continual success with Sweet Child Of Mine. She deserves it.

God bless this woman is all I can say! The book was good, there were some issues I had with some things that were kind of repetitive and hard to follow, but overall it was a well-written book. And how can you not give good reviews to a person who bares their soul? I do so hope Mrs. Adler is able to live the rest of her life with peace, because Lord knows, she deserves it!

I loved it!!! I really am a fan of Steven Adler so to read about him from his mothers point of raising him and suffering thru some really hard times was very interesting sad absorbing and ultimately rewarding as the book clearly tells! 5stars to Deanna Adler and thanks for giving us a great drummer in your son Steven! I love him even after reading your book!!!! He was so bad!

It was a sad tale of drugs and tearing a family to pieces. It really makes you stop and think how you shouldn't take life for granted because things could change in the wink of an eye. I definitely enjoyed the liked the stories about the band and rock and roll. The only thing I didn't like was sometimes it felt like the author was wrapped up in self pity and was rambling on so that some events in book seemed out of place.

It's such a unique perspective of GNR and Adler's downward spiral. You get a glimpse into a world all GNR fanatics are dying to know

What a strong woman and inspiration. She shared her heartfelt story without shame and much pride. A lot to learn from her.

Purchased this book for a parent suffering with a child with addiction problems. It was very much appreciated and very helpful and informative. Well written.

Great read from a mom's perspective from from to back wow what a ride she had poor lady who would have known

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