

Author Statement

TITLE: Portrait of a Rainbow as a Young Man, a novella

AUTHOR: Todd Crawshaw

GENRE: Inspirational Tragicomedy

LOGLINE:

During a snow flurry the week before Christmas, a young girl gives a blanket to a homeless man living on the streets, a simple gift that ends up saving both of their lives.

SUMMARY:

A shy teenage boy is struck by lightning while witnessing a rainbow on Christmas. The gift of an iPod that morning saves his life by diverting the powerful jolt of electricity. His body is scarred with a fractal pattern across his chest while his mind, he believes, undergoes a reconstitution which he equates as being an epiphany. He starts perceiving signs and believes they are messages from God, encouraging him to do good deeds. Although they occasionally backfire, his efforts connect him with a girl who becomes a motivating source for inspiration. After a series of tragic events, the young man's optimism is transformed into despondency. He loses everything, including his sanity. A week before Christmas he is homeless, living on the streets, having lost his will to live. There is a snow flurry. A young girl surprises him by offering a blanket. He reacts badly, rebuffs her generosity, yet grudgingly, he takes the gift.

THEME & RELEVANCE:

Portrait of a Rainbow as a Young Man: aka Doberman's Angel explores the belief that simple gifts of kindness save lives.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

A graduate of the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Founder of Crawshaw Design, a graphic design firm based in San Francisco that provides integrated brand marketing for print and the web. Other published novels: *God, Sex & Psychosis*, *Heretofore*, *Exploits of the Satyr*, and *Light-Years in the Dark: StoryPoems*

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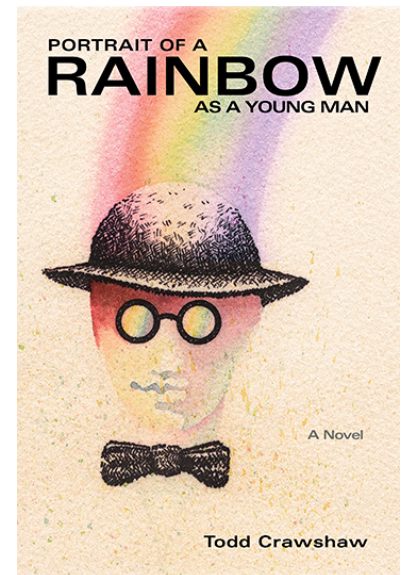
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RELATED & COMPETITIVE TITLES:

A Christmas Carol (Dickens), Candide (Voltaire), The Ant and the Grasshopper (Fable), It's A Wonderful Life (Movie), Big Magic (Gilbert)

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Readers who appreciate good literature, psychology, mysteries, puzzles & uplifting stories



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