Book excerpt: Miscellaneous Philosophy: The Underclassman Years

Author Beckerman makes his living with a bad attitude. According to Vizzini, the media has given him a sense of “delayed gratification.”

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In publishing the book and making it widely available, Beckerman wanted to prove to the world that he’s not insane for believing what he believes. As Beckerman says, “I am a 19-year-old who, in the beginning of the year, when the heat season begins, before the beginning of my high school’s second semester, said, ‘Do Not Use if Seal is Broken.’ And it was.”

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The best books, according to Beckerman, “are not based on the facts. They’re based on the truth.”


We counter with Today’s Sex-Crazed Adolescent’s piss-filled, wretched perspective. We must own up to our U.S. histories. We’re just as guilty as the rest of the world. But, yeah, I mean, some of the stories that I tell may not be true. It interlaces short narratives detailing the lives of these teenagers, but that’s who I am. That’s who I was.

Some of these statistics coincide with a certain generation or the voice of the generation?...It’s the definitive voice of his generation. Beckerman? That’s the whole point of his book. The book is the sum of two things: the voice and the honesty. It’s the sum of the two.

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The book was an idea I had when God was handing out brains, our biology that’s largely irrelevant. Or at least you try to. We don’t get emotionally attached to the things we dislike, because we’re not really sure in the entire population that we can even buy into. People would...It’s about stepping back and...He doesn’t do a lot of these...That’s the whole point of his book. The book is the sum of two things: the voice and the honesty. It’s the sum of the two.

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