



American Moon

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A road trip west for a young musician turns into a journey of self-discovery, healing, and compassion after he finds a child left alone in a roadside motel and eventually encounters the opioid-addicted mother struggling to do the right thing

Austen, broken by a turbulent past, sets out on a cross-country journey to California, seeking the faint promise of a new beginning. But early on, he encounters a troubling scene—a baby left alone in a rundown roadside motel in a small Missouri town.

The child's mother, Taylor, is on her own desperate journey, battling addiction and the crushing weight of poverty in a town gripped by the opioid crisis. In a fragile attempt at redemption, Austen and Taylor forge an unlikely companionship. Together, they navigate the ruins of their lives, seeking hope, healing, and a chance to reclaim what remains of the American Dream.

American Moon is a haunting, tender exploration of survival, connection, and the resilience of the human spirit.

“Berner’s characters are drawn with humanity, and he explores timely themes with heart... A soulful meditation on struggle, hope, and healing.”

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“With the masterfully crafted novella, David W. Berner extends his literary journey toward understanding the complexities of identity and, ultimately, the meaning of life. *American Moon* is a human quest, filled with kind, honest, flawed people searching in common for that which makes life worth living.”

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“David W. Berner has written a new American Western. In prose that’s tight, durable, and fit for the road, Berner adapts a timeless story for a new generation.”

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