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SYNOPSIS

What if you discovered a new dimension where reality was different from anything you ever imagined? What if you found a plant that could grant you eternal life, but also doom you to a painful addiction? What if you became the most wanted criminal in two worlds for unleashing this plant on Earth?

Meet Michael, a man who did all of the above and now faces the consequences of his actions. He is accused of being a terrible inter-dimensional drug dealer, of destroying the fabric of society and tearing apart the veil of life that governs existence. He is hunted by Global Security and Safety, an organization that wants to send him back to Horizon, the dimension where the plant Bloodleaf comes from, for a trial and a life sentence.

But Michael has a different perspective on his deeds. He sees himself as a liberator, a rebel, a visionary. He believes that humanity is imprisoned by its own illusions, that life is a meaningless poison, and that Bloodleaf is the key to breaking free from the shackles of existence. He has no regrets, no defense, no fear. He only has one question: What is the truth of existence?

Michael's Ivy is a thrilling sci-fi novel that explores the themes of reality, freedom, addiction, and morality. It is a story that will challenge your assumptions, shock your senses, and make you question everything you thought you knew. If you are looking for a mind-bending adventure that will take you to the edge of your imagination, then you don't want to miss this book.

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DEMOGRAPHICS: Adult readers who enjoy speculative fiction and dark stories

COMP BOOKS: The Dark Tower series by Stephen King | The Chronicles of Amber by

Roger Zelazny | The Long Earth series by Terry Pratchett and Stephen Baxter

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INGREDIENTS

2 oz of vodka

- 1 oz of cranberry juice
- 0.5 oz of lime juice
- 0.5 oz of simple syrup
- 2-3 dashes of Tabasco sauce
- A sprig of fresh rosemary

Instructions:

Fill a cocktail shaker with ice and add the vodka, cranberry juice, lime juice, simple syrup, and Tabasco sauce. Shake well until chilled.

Strain the mixture into a martini glass and garnish with the rosemary sprig.

Enjoy your Bloodleaf cocktail, but be careful not to get addicted!

SIGNATURE DRINK

MUSIC LIST

- Blade Runner Blues by Vangelis
- Planet Caravan by Black Sabbath
- Welcome to the Machine by Pink Floyd
- The Sound of Silence by Simon & Garfunkel
- Radioactive by Imagine Dragons
- Hurt by Nine Inch Nails
- Paranoid Android by Radiohead
- Space Oddity by David Bowie
- The Final Countdown by Europe
- Black Hole Sun by Soundgarden
- No Surprises by Radiohead
- Zombie by The Cranberries
- Mad World by Tears for Fears
- the Man Who Sold the World by Nirvana
- Karma Police by Radiohead



SPOTIFY MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

THIS GUIDE CONTAINS POSSIBLE
SPOILERS FOR THIS BOOK IN THE
DISCUSSION SECTION.

WARNING

QUESTIONS

- What are the main themes and messages of the book? How do they relate to the current world and society?
- How do you feel about Michael as a character? Do you sympathize with him, despise him, or have mixed feelings? Why?
- How does the book portray the new dimension, Horizon? What are some of the similarities and differences between Horizon and Earth? How does Horizon affect the characters and the plot?
- What are some of the ethical and moral dilemmas that the book raises? How would you deal with them if you were in the characters' situations?
- What are some of the scientific and philosophical concepts that the book explores? How do they challenge or expand your understanding of reality and existence?
- How does the book end? What do you think will happen next? Are you satisfied or disappointed with the conclusion?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the name of the protagonist of Michael's Ivy?
- 2) What is the name of the plant that Michael is accused of dealing?
- 3) What is the effect of Bloodleaf on the human body?
- 4) What is the name of the new dimension that Michael brought Bloodleaf from?
- 5) Which country made the first official public declaration of the existence of Horizon?
- 6) What is the name of the organization that is responsible for Michael's trial and imprisonment?



BIO

Keith Bingham has been traveling the dimensions of space and time for a little bit now, putting virtual pen to paper in fantastical ways. In a clear attempt somewhere between rationality and reasoning, or perhaps an unbidden desire to be a world-class writer, Keith has lent his imagination to the idea of living forever and what it might mean to the people involved in his first novel, *Michael's Ivy*.

ANSWERS

- 1) The protagonist is Michael.
- 2) The plant is called Bloodleaf.
- 3) Bloodleaf is instantly and terminally addictive, and it makes the body heal and then decay if not taken regularly.
- 4) The new dimension is called Horizon.
- 5) The country was Switzerland.
- 6) The organization is Global Security and Safety.