

I was so much OLDER then, by Ed Davis is a novel that people of all ages can relate to in some way or another. It is a story about a young boy named Danny Cahill and his circle of friends who help him become the man he is today while overcoming many struggles and hardships along the difficult road. The novel begins when Danny is at the young age of seven living in a roach-infested apartment with a drunken father and a depressed inadequate mother. After leaving his father Danny and his mother Annie find an apartment where Danny spends most of his young adult years. Religion, something Danny battles with, as well as music are major influences in Danny's life, as well as a key factors in finding friendship. The closest friendship Danny finds is with a boy named Micah, who becomes the most important character in Danny's life. Micah is perhaps the most interesting character in the novel, full of curse words, drinking, and girls. He teaches Danny to be a more open, free spirited, well educated, capable and all around better person. At the end of the novel, the ties between Micah and Danny become severed. However, the imprint that Micah leaves on Danny's soul is one that remains forever.