

SYNOPSIS

Bait is a YA novel written by an American-Mexican author, Alex Sanchez. This novel was inspired by the cases of CSA victims who experienced PTSD. *Bait* tells a story about Diego MacMann a Mexican-American teenager who becomes a victim of CSA and experienced PTSD. He was abused by her step father Mac and tried to tell his mother about what Mac did to himself, but Diego's mother disbelieving him and rejecting the things that Mac did toward Diego. Since that his life was so hard. Diego is self-harming himself to relieve his feelings and anger, become an isolated boy and difficult to trust anyone, and cannot control his anger.

When a guy in his class looks at him funny, Diego punches him out and lands himself on probation and meets Mr. Vidas as his probation officer. Belligerent and angry, at first time he mistrusts Vidas. But soon Diego realizes that Vidas is the only person in his life who ever really wanted to listen to him, and he reluctantly opens up. Slowly, through Vidas's help, Diego begins to to take steps to control his anger. However, in order to really turn his life around, Diego will have to face the truth about his past – and the deeply buried secret that has scarred every part of his life.