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Acute Cocaine Intoxication Heinz Sorer 1992

Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism Anne Case 2021-03-02 A New York Times Bestseller A Wall Street Journal Bestseller A New York Times Notable Book of 2020 A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice Shortlisted for the Financial Times and McKinsey Business Book of the Year A New Statesman Book to Read From economist Anne Case and Nobel Prize winner Angus Deaton, a groundbreaking account of how the flaws in capitalism are fatal for America's working class Deaths of despair from suicide, drug overdose, and alcoholism are rising dramatically in the United States, claiming hundreds of thousands of American lives. Anne Case and Angus Deaton explain the overwhelming surge in these deaths and shed light on the social and economic forces that are making life harder for the working class. As the college educated become healthier and wealthier, adults without a degree are literally dying from pain and despair. Case and Deaton tie the crisis to the weakening position of labor, the growing power of corporations, and a rapacious health-care sector that redistributes working-class wages into the pockets of the wealthy. This critically important book paints a troubling portrait of the American dream in decline, and provides solutions that can rein in capitalism's excesses and make it work for everyone.

Pain Killer Barry Meier 2023-07-18 From the Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter who first exposed the roots of the opioid epidemic and the secretive world of the Sackler family behind Purdue Pharma, *Pain Killer* is the celebrated landmark story of corporate greed and government negligence that inspired an upcoming Netflix series. "This is the book that started it all. Barry Meier is a heroic reporter and *Pain Killer* is a muckraking classic."—Patrick Radden Keefe, author of *Empire of Pain* Between 1999 and 2017, an estimated 250,000 Americans died from overdoses involving prescription painkillers, a plague ignited by Purdue Pharma's aggressive marketing of OxyContin. Families, working class and wealthy, have been torn apart, businesses destroyed, and public officials pushed to the brink. Meanwhile, the drugmaker's owners, Raymond and Mortimer Sackler, whose names adorn museums worldwide, made enormous fortunes from the commercial success of OxyContin. In *Pain Killer*, Barry Meier tells the story of how Purdue turned OxyContin into a billion-dollar blockbuster. Powerful narcotic painkillers, or opioids, were once used as drugs of last resort for pain sufferers. But Purdue launched an unprecedented marketing campaign claiming that the drug's long-acting formulation made it safer to use than traditional painkillers for many types of pain. That illusion was quickly shattered as drug abusers learned that crushing an Oxy could release its narcotic payload all at once. Even in its prescribed form, Oxy proved fiercely addictive. As OxyContin's use and abuse grew, Purdue concealed what it knew from regulators, doctors, and patients. Here are the people who profited from the crisis and those who paid the price, those who plotted in boardrooms and those who tried to sound alarm bells. A country doctor in rural Virginia, Art Van Zee, took on Purdue and warned officials about OxyContin abuse. An ebullient high school cheerleader, Lindsey Myers, was reduced to stealing from her parents to feed her escalating Oxy habit. A hard-charging DEA official, Laura Nagel, tried to hold Purdue executives to account. In *Pain Killer*, Barry Meier breaks new ground in his decades-long investigation into the opioid epidemic. He takes readers inside Purdue to show how long the company withheld information about the abuse of OxyContin and gives a shocking account of the Justice Department's failure to alter the trajectory of the opioid epidemic and protect thousands of lives.

Equal parts crime thriller, medical detective story, and business exposé, *Pain Killer* is a hard-hitting look at how a supposed wonder drug became the gateway drug to a national tragedy.

The Drug Tragedy Ted G. Stone 2001

Facing Addiction in America: the Surgeon General's Spotlight on Opioids 2018

The Drug Tragedy Ted G. Stone 1987-06-01

Sincerely, Addison's Sister Jessica Sharp Akhrass 2020-03-10 No one is immune to tragedy. A close-knit, wholesome Tennessee family suffers trauma at the hands of the drug addiction epidemic that too many face today. Meet Jessica Akhrass, a fearless champion for her brother. Jessica loves her brother so much that she was inspired to work tirelessly to pass pill mill legislation in the state of Tennessee. Jessica Sharp Akhrass reveals the agony, grief, and gut-wrenching details of loving an addict. While she illuminates her personal experience, she encourages anyone affected by addiction to have hope and fight for reform. Emboldened by her love for her baby brother, Jessica passionately led a remarkable and exhaustive campaign to change Tennessee prescription laws and save lives. Readers will empathize with her struggles and rejoice in her successes. This well-written memoir is a must-read for addicts, family and friends of addicts, teenagers, parents, teachers, clergy, counselors, law enforcement officers, and medical professionals.

Pain Management and the Opioid Epidemic National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2017-10-28 Drug overdose, driven largely by overdose related to the use of opioids, is now the leading cause of unintentional injury death in the United States. The ongoing opioid crisis lies at the intersection of two public health challenges: reducing the burden of suffering from pain and containing the rising toll of the harms that can arise from the use of opioid medications. Chronic pain and opioid use disorder both represent complex human conditions affecting millions of Americans and causing untold disability and loss of function. In the context of the growing opioid problem, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) launched an Opioids Action Plan in early 2016. As part of this plan, the FDA asked the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to convene a committee to update the state of the science on pain research, care, and education and to identify actions the FDA and others can take to respond to the opioid epidemic, with a particular focus on informing FDA's development of a formal method for incorporating individual and societal considerations into its risk-benefit framework for opioid approval and monitoring.

America's Longest War Steven B. Duke 2014-06-24 America's war on drugs. It makes headlines, tops political agendas and provokes powerful emotions. But is it really worth it? That's the question posed by Steven Duke and Albert Gross in this groundbreaking book. They argue that America's biggest victories in the war on drugs are the erosion of our constitutional rights, the waste of billions of dollars and an overwhelmed court system. After careful research and thought, they make a strong case for the legalization of drugs. It's a radical idea, but has its time come?

Dreamland (YA edition) Sam Quinones 2019-07-16 As an adult book, Sam Quinones's *Dreamland* took the world by storm, winning the NBCC Award for General Nonfiction and hitting at least a dozen Best Book of the Year lists. Now, adapted for the first time for a young adult audience, this compelling reporting explains the roots of the current opiate crisis. In 1929, in the blue-collar city of Portsmouth, Ohio, a company built a swimming pool the size of a football field; named *Dreamland*, it became the vital center of the community.

Now, addiction has devastated Portsmouth, as it has hundreds of small rural towns and suburbs across America. How that happened is the riveting story of Dreamland. Quinones explains how the rise of the prescription drug OxyContin, a miraculous and extremely addictive painkiller pushed by pharmaceutical companies, paralleled the massive influx of black tar heroin--cheap, potent, and originating from one small county on Mexico's west coast, independent of any drug cartel. Introducing a memorable cast of characters--pharmaceutical pioneers, young Mexican entrepreneurs, narcotics investigators, survivors, teens, and parents--Dreamland is a revelatory account of the massive threat facing America and its heartland.

Death by HMO Dorothy Rose Cancilla 2000-02 Do Health Maintenance Organisations deliberately neglect, or even kill off, their unprofitable patients? You may well think so when you read this book. There is a new world of medicine in the United States. It pulsates to the impersonal and incessantly driving rhythms of profit. Patients are not important in this world. They are little more than data entries in elaborate schemes to cut costs and bolster profits as much as possible. Jennifer Gigliello's case was all too typical. Instead of a caring and competent health care system, what the Gigliello family found in the largest American HMO was, among other discrepancies: A staff totally untrained to deliver the type of care that was required; A system unwilling to consult a specialist to determine the true cause of her excruciating pain; A system which was tactless, cruel, heartless and mean in the extreme; A system whose maximum financial liability in case of the death of a patient -- 250,000 -- was far less than the cost of caring for the patient, thus making it cheaper to let Jenny die than to continue to treat her. This book explores Jennifer Gigliello's medical tragedy and the family's impassioned search to find meaning in the totally needless death of their daughter at the hands of America's largest HMO.

American Overdose - Free Preview (First 2 Chapters) Chris McGreal 2018-08-06 A comprehensive portrait of a uniquely American epidemic--devastating in its findings and damning in its conclusions The opioid epidemic has been described as "one of the greatest mistakes of modern medicine." But calling it a mistake is a generous rewriting of the history of greed, corruption, and indifference that pushed the US into consuming more than 80 percent of the world's opioid painkillers. Journeying through lives and communities wrecked by the epidemic, Chris McGreal reveals not only how Big Pharma hooked Americans on powerfully addictive drugs, but the corrupting of medicine and public institutions that let the opioid makers get away with it. The starting point for McGreal's deeply reported investigation is the miners promised that opioid painkillers would restore their wrecked bodies, but who became targets of "drug dealers in white coats." A few heroic physicians warned of impending disaster. But American Overdose exposes the powerful forces they were up against, including the pharmaceutical industry's coopting of the Food and Drug Administration and Congress in the drive to push painkillers--resulting in the resurgence of heroin cartels in the American heartland. McGreal tells the story, in terms both broad and intimate, of people hit by a catastrophe they never saw coming. Years in the making, its ruinous consequences will stretch years into the future.

Countering the Problem of Falsified and Substandard Drugs Institute of Medicine 2013-06-20 The adulteration and fraudulent manufacture of medicines is an old problem, vastly aggravated by modern manufacturing and trade. In the last decade, impotent antimicrobial drugs have compromised the treatment of many deadly diseases in poor countries. More recently, negligent production at a Massachusetts compounding pharmacy sickened hundreds of Americans. While the national drugs regulatory authority (hereafter, the regulatory authority) is responsible for the safety of a country's drug supply, no single country can entirely guarantee this today. The once common use of the term counterfeit to describe any drug that is not what it claims to be is at the heart of the argument. In a narrow, legal sense a counterfeit drug is one that infringes on a registered trademark. The lay meaning is much broader, including any drug made with intentional deceit. Some generic drug companies and civil society groups object to calling bad medicines counterfeit, seeing it as the deliberate conflation of public health and intellectual property concerns. Countering the Problem of Falsified and Substandard Drugs accepts the narrow meaning of counterfeit, and, because the nuances of trademark infringement must be dealt with by courts, case by case, the report does not discuss the problem of counterfeit medicines.

The Devil's Potion Dottie Jean 2022-05-25 In 2022 over 100,000 deaths were caused by drug overdose, and this number is climbing each year. The Devil's Potion is a book compiled of stories based on TRUE LIFE

EXPERIENCES of people caught up in the chains and the brutal results of the Devil's Potion (alcohol and drugs). There are numerous theories of what should be done in treating drug or alcohol addictions. But...it goes much deeper than exploring the possibility of help for the addict, as families and friends are suffering alongside the addict to the highest degree of emotional and financial agony. Yet, there is very little support for them. Most family members or friends do not know where to turn or what to do when they are pulled into the web of someone who suffers from this disease. The Devil's Potion author, Dottie Jean, is no stranger to this pain, and she spares no words in sharing stories of people known to her who suffer from this disease. The Devil's Potion book breaks the subject of drugs and alcohol down into three main parts: Confusion, Cause, and Cure. Each section gives the author's view of how we, as a country, are addressing this major problem, and she explores ideas and solutions. Stories in this book are not stories of rainbows and ponies but are stories of ugly, brutal, damaging, and dangerous results of using and suffering from the disease of addiction. Your heart will bleed as you read about these true stories, and you may gain some compassion for those suffering from this disease. In fact, after reading this book to the end, your view of someone cursed with this disease may start to look different as you have a deeper understanding of how devastating a disease addiction can be. The author has written poetry most of her life and has been frequently published. She has authored several poems referring to self-help and encouragement, some of which are included in this book. Many people have been inspired by her poetry and messages and collect them for their use in promoting betterment in overcoming life's struggles they may be dealing with.

The Opioid Crisis Sabine Cherenfant 2019-07-15 Opioids are pain relievers that include legal drugs like morphine, fentanyl, and oxycodone and illegal drugs like heroin. In 2017, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared the opioid epidemic a public health crisis after 42,249 people in the United States died of opioid overdoses in 2016. Opioid prescription has been on the rise since the 1990s, when pharmaceutical companies asserted that the pain relievers were not addictive, though the tragic consequences have proven otherwise. This volume explores the history of the opioid crisis and solutions that have been proposed to fight this increasingly deadly epidemic.

Sleep Disorders and Sleep Deprivation Institute of Medicine 2006-10-13 Clinical practice related to sleep problems and sleep disorders has been expanding rapidly in the last few years, but scientific research is not keeping pace. Sleep apnea, insomnia, and restless legs syndrome are three examples of very common disorders for which we have little biological information. This new book cuts across a variety of medical disciplines such as neurology, pulmonology, pediatrics, internal medicine, psychiatry, psychology, otolaryngology, and nursing, as well as other medical practices with an interest in the management of sleep pathology. This area of research is not limited to very young and old patients--"sleep disorders reach across all ages and ethnicities. Sleep Disorders and Sleep Deprivation presents a structured analysis that explores the following: Improving awareness among the general public and health care professionals. Increasing investment in interdisciplinary somnology and sleep medicine research training and mentoring activities. Validating and developing new and existing technologies for diagnosis and treatment. This book will be of interest to those looking to learn more about the enormous public health burden of sleep disorders and sleep deprivation and the strikingly limited capacity of the health care enterprise to identify and treat the majority of individuals suffering from sleep problems.

I Am Your Disease Sheryl Letzgus McGinnis 2006-10 "Mom, nobody wakes up one day and decides to be an addict." The stories contained in this book are about people from every walk of life, socioeconomic levels, religious and ethnic backgrounds whose lives were intertwined with people who didn't "decide to be an addict." They all share one common bond - living with, and loving an addicted person. Contained within the pages of this book are stories by bereaved parents who have suffered the ultimate loss: The loss of their precious child. Read how addiction, whether it be drugs, alcohol or gambling, destroys not only the addicted person, but their entire circle of friends and family. No one escapes the tentacles of addiction. Like an octopus it reaches its deadly arms around us and squeezes the very life out of all of us. Our society is affected in ways we never imagined. Read excerpts from middle school students on the peer pressures they face today. Read about "pharming" and other code words used by kids. Read the stories of parents who have gone through hell, sacrificing their very sanity trying to save their child. The profiles of these children will change your mind about what kind of people do drugs. GOOD KIDS DO DRUGS TOO! And they're dying

by the thousands from high profile celebrities to the boys and girls next door. It isn't always heroin or cocaine that's killing them. Prescription pill abuse is growing at an alarming rate and parents need to know about this.

Drug Use in America: Treatment and rehabilitation United States. Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse 1973

Whiteout Helena Hansen 2023 "For the first two decades of the new millennium, media images of the White "new face" of the US opioid crisis abounded. Yet, the whiteness of opioids is not new; it stems from a century of structural racism in drug policy. *Whiteout* is the first critical analysis of the whiteness of the opioid crisis. Anchored in riveting first-hand narratives from three leading drug scholars—an anthropologist-physician, a policy analyst, and a drug historian—it updates theories of racial capitalism to reveal how biotechnological industries are driven by White consumption in ways that are toxic for White and non-White Americans alike"--

Empire of Pain Patrick Radden Keefe 2021-04-13 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR • A grand, devastating portrait of three generations of the Sackler family, famed for their philanthropy, whose fortune was built by Valium and whose reputation was destroyed by OxyContin. From the prize-winning and bestselling author of *Say Nothing*. "A real-life version of the HBO series *Succession* with a lethal sting in its tail...a masterful work of narrative reportage." – Laura Miller, *Slate* The history of the Sackler dynasty is rife with drama—baroque personal lives; bitter disputes over estates; fistfights in boardrooms; glittering art collections; Machiavellian courtroom maneuvers; and the calculated use of money to burnish reputations and crush the less powerful. The Sackler name has adorned the walls of many storied institutions—Harvard, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Oxford, the Louvre. They are one of the richest families in the world, but the source of the family fortune was vague—until it emerged that the Sacklers were responsible for making and marketing a blockbuster painkiller that was the catalyst for the opioid crisis. *Empire of Pain* is the saga of three generations of a single family and the mark they would leave on the world, a tale that moves from the bustling streets of early twentieth-century Brooklyn to the seaside palaces of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Cap d'Antibes to the corridors of power in Washington, D.C. It follows the family's early success with Valium to the much more potent OxyContin, marketed with a ruthless technique of co-opting doctors, influencing the FDA, downplaying the drug's addictiveness. *Empire of Pain* chronicles the multiple investigations of the Sacklers and their company, and the scorched-earth legal tactics that the family has used to evade accountability. A masterpiece of narrative reporting, *Empire of Pain* is a ferociously compelling portrait of America's second Gilded Age, a study of impunity among the super-elite and a relentless investigation of the naked greed that built one of the world's great fortunes.

Death by Regulation Mary J. Ruwart 2018 "This is a must read book if you care about your health." Jeff Kanter, Co-Founder HealthExcellencePlus.com The 1962 Amendments to the Food & Drug Act have probably shaved at least 5 years off of your lifespan without making drugs safer and more effective. They shifted our medical paradigm from inexpensive prevention to costly treatment, censored life-saving nutritional approaches to disease, added a decade to the time it takes to get a new drug from the lab bench to market place, destroyed over half of our medical/pharmaceutical/nutritional innovations, and caused the prices of drugs to soar without improving safety or effectiveness. Find out how to reclaim our Golden Age of Health. The life you save may be your own! "Death by Regulation is one of the most important books of the 21st Century. The tragic impact of FDA regulations makes this a cause of life and death to all of us." Ken Schoolland, Associate Professor of Economics at Hawaii Pacific University Dr. Ruwart's rigorous and hard-hitting analysis is a shocking eye opener and essential reading for anyone who wants to understand why medical progress is so painfully slow in the United States. Kyle Varner, MD, Medical Director, Elite Locum Tenens LLC, Spokane, Washington "Death by Regulation is undoubtedly the most insightful and comprehensive analysis of the unintended consequences-and mind-numbing costs in terms of shortened lives and suffering-of the 1962 legislation." Bartley Madden, author of *Free to Choose Medicine*

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A Comprehensive Report on the Drug Tragedy America on the Move Productions 1970

Ending Discrimination Against People with Mental and Substance Use Disorders National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2016-09-03 Estimates indicate that as many as 1 in 4 Americans will experience a mental health problem or will misuse alcohol or drugs in their lifetimes. These disorders are among the most highly stigmatized health conditions in the United States, and they remain barriers to full participation in society in areas as basic as education, housing, and employment. Improving the lives of people with mental health and substance abuse disorders has been a priority in the United States for more than 50 years. The Community Mental Health Act of 1963 is considered a major turning point in America's efforts to improve behavioral healthcare. It ushered in an era of optimism and hope and laid the groundwork for the consumer movement and new models of recovery. The consumer movement gave voice to people with mental and substance use disorders and brought their perspectives and experience into national discussions about mental health. However over the same 50-year period, positive change in American public attitudes and beliefs about mental and substance use disorders has lagged behind these advances. Stigma is a complex social phenomenon based on a relationship between an attribute and a stereotype that assigns undesirable labels, qualities, and behaviors to a person with that attribute. Labeled individuals are then socially devalued, which leads to inequality and discrimination. This report contributes to national efforts to understand and change attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that can lead to stigma and discrimination. Changing stigma in a lasting way will require coordinated efforts, which are based on the best possible evidence, supported at the national level with multiyear funding, and planned and implemented by an effective coalition of representative stakeholders. *Ending Discrimination Against People with Mental and Substance Use Disorders: The Evidence for Stigma Change* explores stigma and discrimination faced by individuals with mental or substance use disorders and recommends effective strategies for reducing stigma and encouraging people to seek treatment and other supportive services. It offers a set of conclusions and recommendations about successful stigma change strategies and the research needed to inform and evaluate these efforts in the United States.

Crystal Meth Jeff Burlingame 2013-08-01 Crystal meth, or methamphetamine, is an illegal and powerful street drug. Also known as meth, crank, chalk or speed, crystal meth first acts as a stimulant, then begins to systematically destroy the body. It causes severe health conditions and is highly addictive. Within this book, readers will learn about the long and short-term effects of crystal meth which include physical addiction, emotional addiction, expense, health problems, arrest for possession and for other drug-related crime and overdose. Personal stories of teens who used drugs seamlessly unfold and reveal the true disease which develops out of the use of meth. The very real reality of drug use is uncovered along with advice on how to deal with peer pressure when choosing to say no. There are so many reasons to avoid crystal methamphetamine and this timely and clearly written book will expose those reasons.

The Addiction Solution Lloyd Sederer 2018-05-08 A groundbreaking, "timely and well-written" (Booklist, starred review) guide to addiction from a psychiatrist and public health doctor, offering practical, proven solutions for individuals, families, and communities dealing with substance use and abuse. Written with warmth, accessibility, and vast authority, *The Addiction Solution* is a practical guide through the world of drug use and abuse and addiction treatment. Here, Lloyd I. Sederer, MD, brings together scientific and clinical knowledge, policy suggestions, and case studies to describe our current drug crisis and establish a

clear path forward to recovery and health. In a time when so many people are affected by the addiction epidemic, when 142 people die of overdoses every day in the United States, principally from opioids, Sederer's decades of wisdom and clinical experience are needed more than ever before. With a timely focus on opioids, Sederer takes us through the proven essentials of addiction treatment and explains why so many of our current policies, like the lingering remnants of the War on Drugs, fail to help drug users, their families, and their wider communities. He identifies a key insight, often overlooked in popular and professional writing about addiction and its treatment: namely, that people who use drugs do so to meet specific needs, and that drugs may be the best solution those people currently have. Writing with generosity and empathy about the many Americans who use illicit and prescribed substances, Sederer lays out specific, evidence-based, researched solutions to the prevention and problems of drug use, including exercise, medications, therapy, recovery programs, and community services. "Comprehensive...well-informed and accessible" (Kirkus Reviews), *The Addiction Solution* provides invaluable help, comfort, and hope.

Fentanyl, Inc. Ben Westhoff 2019-09-03 A four-year investigation into the world of synthetic drugs—from black market factories to users & dealers to harm reduction activists—and what it revealed. A deeply human story, *Fentanyl, Inc.* is the first deep-dive investigation of a hazardous and illicit industry that has created a worldwide epidemic, ravaging communities and overwhelming and confounding government agencies that are challenged to combat it. "A whole new crop of chemicals is radically changing the recreational drug landscape," writes Ben Westhoff. "These are known as Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS) and they include replacements for known drugs like heroin, cocaine, ecstasy, and marijuana. They are synthetic, made in a laboratory, and are much more potent than traditional drugs" —and all-too-often tragically lethal. Drugs like fentanyl, K2, and Spice—and those with arcane acronyms like 25i-NBOMe—were all originally conceived in legitimate laboratories for proper scientific and medicinal purposes. Their formulas were then hijacked and manufactured by rogue chemists, largely in China, who change their molecular structures to stay ahead of the law, making the drugs' effects impossible to predict. Westhoff has infiltrated this shadowy world. He tracks down the little-known scientists who invented these drugs and inadvertently killed thousands, as well as a mysterious drug baron who turned the law upside down in his home country of New Zealand. Westhoff visits the shady factories in China from which these drugs emanate, providing startling and original reporting on how China's vast chemical industry operates, and how the Chinese government subsidizes it. Poignantly, he chronicles the lives of addicted users and dealers, families of victims, law enforcement officers, and underground drug awareness organizers in the United States and Europe. Together they represent the shocking and riveting full anatomy of a calamity we are just beginning to understand. From its depths, as Westhoff relates, are emerging new strategies that may provide essential long-term solutions to the drug crisis that has affected so many. "Timely and agonizing. . . . An impressive work of investigative journalism." —USA Today "Westhoff explores the many-tentacled world of illicit opioids, from the streets of East St. Louis to Chinese pharmaceutical companies, from music festivals deep in the Michigan woods to sanctioned 'shooting up rooms' in Barcelona, in this frank, insightful, and occasionally searing exposé. . . . Westhoff's well-reported and researched work will likely open eyes, slow knee-jerk responses, and start much needed conversations." —Publishers Weekly "Our 25 Favorite Books of 2019" —St. Louis Post-Dispatch "Best Books of 2019" —Buzzfeed "Best Nonfiction of 2019" —Kirkus Reviews "50 Best Books of 2019" —Daily Telegraph "Best Nonfiction Books of 2019" —Tyler Cowen "Best Books of 2019" —Yahoo Finance

Pain Killer Barry Meier 2003-10-17 Examines OxyContin, the so-called miracle prescription drug that swept the nation but led to overdoses and addiction, providing a look at the multi-billion-dollar pain management business, its excesses and its abuses.

Death in Mud Lick Eric Eyre 2021-04-06 In *Just Two Years*, Sav-Rite pharmacy in Kermit, West Virginia, distributed nearly 9 million opioid pain pills to a town of 382 people. *Death in Mud Lick* is the story of that pharmacy—and of Kermit local Debbie Preece, who sought justice in the wake of her brother's fatal overdose. Preece was joined in her effort by a crusading lawyer and one local journalist, Eric Eyre, who would uncover the massive pill-dumping scandal that shook the foundation of America's largest drug companies. In a work of deep reporting and personal conviction, Eyre follows opioid shipments into

individual counties, pharmacies, and homes. This intimate portrayal of a national public health crisis illuminates a shocking pattern of corporate greed and its ongoing repercussions for the citizens of West Virginia—and the nation. Book jacket.

Rethinking AIDS Robert Scott Root-Bernstein 1993 The author reviews the entire existing corpus of AIDS research, strongly challenging the HIV hypothesis. Deconstructing the conventional wisdom about AIDS, he then presents alternative "multifactorial" models, which view the disease as resulting from numerous synergistic - but controllable - insults to the immune system - HIV, but also drug use, anal exposure to semen, malnutrition, microbial infections - and autoimmune models, in which these insults initiate a civil war within the immune system itself.

Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States National Research Council 2009-07-29 Scores of talented and dedicated people serve the forensic science community, performing vitally important work. However, they are often constrained by lack of adequate resources, sound policies, and national support. It is clear that change and advancements, both systematic and scientific, are needed in a number of forensic science disciplines to ensure the reliability of work, establish enforceable standards, and promote best practices with consistent application. *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward* provides a detailed plan for addressing these needs and suggests the creation of a new government entity, the National Institute of Forensic Science, to establish and enforce standards within the forensic science community. The benefits of improving and regulating the forensic science disciplines are clear: assisting law enforcement officials, enhancing homeland security, and reducing the risk of wrongful conviction and exoneration. *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States* gives a full account of what is needed to advance the forensic science disciplines, including upgrading of systems and organizational structures, better training, widespread adoption of uniform and enforceable best practices, and mandatory certification and accreditation programs. While this book provides an essential call-to-action for congress and policy makers, it also serves as a vital tool for law enforcement agencies, criminal prosecutors and attorneys, and forensic science educators.

High Price Carl Hart 2013-06-11 *High Price* is the harrowing and inspiring memoir of neuroscientist Carl Hart, a man who grew up in one of Miami's toughest neighborhoods and, determined to make a difference as an adult, tirelessly applies his scientific training to help save real lives. Young Carl didn't see the value of school, studying just enough to keep him on the basketball team. Today, he is a cutting-edge neuroscientist—Columbia University's first tenured African American professor in the sciences—whose landmark, controversial research is redefining our understanding of addiction. In this provocative and eye-opening memoir, Dr. Carl Hart recalls his journey of self-discovery, how he escaped a life of crime and drugs and avoided becoming one of the crack addicts he now studies. Interweaving past and present, Hart goes beyond the hype as he examines the relationship between drugs and pleasure, choice, and motivation, both in the brain and in society. His findings shed new light on common ideas about race, poverty, and drugs, and explain why current policies are failing.

Drugs, Brains, and Behavior 2007 "Drugs, Brains, and Behavior" is an online textbook written by C. Robin Timmons and Leonard W. Hamilton. The book was previously published by Prentice Hall, Inc. in 1990 as "Principles of Behavioral Pharmacology." The authors attempt to develop an understanding of the interpenetration of brain, behavior and environment. They discuss the chemistry of behavior in both the literal sense of neurochemistry and the figurative sense of an analysis of the reactions with the environment.

Dopesick Beth Macy 2021-10-14 A portrait of the devastating opioid crisis in America from a New York Times bestselling author and journalist who has lived through it.

The Truth About Crack

To Err Is Human Institute of Medicine 2000-03-01 Experts estimate that as many as 98,000 people die in any given year from medical errors that occur in hospitals. That's more than die from motor vehicle accidents, breast cancer, or AIDS—three causes that receive far more public attention. Indeed, more people die annually from medication errors than from workplace injuries. Add the financial cost to the human tragedy, and medical error easily rises to the top ranks of urgent, widespread public problems. *To Err Is Human* breaks the silence that has surrounded medical errors and their consequence—but not by

pointing fingers at caring health care professionals who make honest mistakes. After all, to err is human. Instead, this book sets forth a national agenda—“with state and local implications”—for reducing medical errors and improving patient safety through the design of a safer health system. This volume reveals the often startling statistics of medical error and the disparity between the incidence of error and public perception of it, given many patients' expectations that the medical profession always performs perfectly. A careful examination is made of how the surrounding forces of legislation, regulation, and market activity influence the quality of care provided by health care organizations and then looks at their handling of medical mistakes. Using a detailed case study, the book reviews the current understanding of why these mistakes happen. A key theme is that legitimate liability concerns discourage reporting of errors—which begs the question, “How can we learn from our mistakes?” Balancing regulatory versus market-based initiatives and public versus private efforts, the Institute of Medicine presents wide-ranging recommendations for improving patient safety, in the areas of leadership, improved data collection and analysis, and development of effective systems at the level of direct patient care. To Err Is Human asserts that the problem is not bad people in health care—it is that good people are working in bad systems that need to be made safer. Comprehensive and straightforward, this book offers a clear prescription for raising the level of patient safety in American health care. It also explains how patients themselves can influence the quality of care that they receive once they check into the hospital. This book will be vitally important to federal, state, and local health policy makers and regulators, health professional licensing officials, hospital administrators, medical educators and students, health caregivers, health journalists, patient advocates—as well as patients themselves. First in a series of publications from the Quality of Health Care in America, a project initiated by the Institute of Medicine

Powerful Medicines Jerry Avorn, M.D. 2008-12-10 If you believe that the latest blockbuster medication is worth a premium price over your generic brand, or that doctors have access to all the information they need about a drug’s safety and effectiveness each time they write a prescription, Dr. Jerry Avorn has some sobering news. Drawing on more than twenty-five years of patient care, teaching, and research at Harvard Medical School, he shares his firsthand experience of the wide gap in our knowledge of the effectiveness of one medication as compared to another. In *Powerful Medicines*, he reminds us that every pill we take represents a delicate compromise between the promise of healing, the risk of side effects, and an increasingly daunting price. The stakes on each front grow higher every year as new drugs with impressive power, worrisome side effects, and troubling costs are introduced. This is a comprehensive behind-the-scenes look at issues that affect everyone: our shortage of data comparing the worth of similar drugs for the same condition; alarming lapses in the detection of lethal side effects; the underuse of life-saving medications; lavish marketing campaigns that influence what doctors prescribe; and the resulting upward spiral of costs that places vital drugs beyond the reach of many Americans. In this engagingly written book, Dr. Avorn asks questions that will interest every consumer: How can a product judged safe by the Food and Drug Administration turn out to have unexpectedly lethal side effects? Why has the nation’s drug bill been growing at nearly 20 percent per year? How can physicians and patients pick the best medication in its class? How do doctors actually make their prescribing decisions, and why do those decisions sometimes go wrong? Why do so many Americans suffer preventable illnesses and deaths that proper drug use could have averted? How can the nation gain control over its escalating drug budget without resorting to rationing or draconian governmental controls? Using clinical case histories taken from his own work as a practitioner, researcher, and advocate, Dr. Avorn demonstrates the impressive power of the well-conceived prescription as well as the debacles that can result when medications are misused. He describes an innovative program that employs the pharmaceutical industry’s own marketing techniques to reduce use of some of the most overprescribed and overpriced products. *Powerful Medicines* offers timely and practical advice on how the nation can improve its drug-approval process, and how patients can work with doctors to make sure their prescriptions are safe, effective, and as affordable as possible. This is a passionate and provocative call for action as well as a compelling work of clear-headed science.

Chasing the Scream Johann Hari 2015-01-20 The New York Times Bestseller What if everything you think you know about addiction is wrong? Johann Hari's journey into the heart of the war on drugs led him to ask this question—and to write the book that gave rise to his viral TED talk, viewed more than 62 million times,

and inspired the feature film *The United States vs. Billie Holiday* and the documentary series *The Fix*. One of Johann Hari's earliest memories is of trying to wake up one of his relatives and not being able to. As he grew older, he realized he had addiction in his family. Confused, not knowing what to do, he set out and traveled over 30,000 miles over three years to discover what really causes addiction—and what really solves it. He uncovered a range of remarkable human stories—of how the war on drugs began with Billie Holiday, the great jazz singer, being stalked and killed by a racist policeman; of the scientist who discovered the surprising key to addiction; and of the countries that ended their own war on drugs—with extraordinary results. *Chasing the Scream* is the story of a life-changing journey that transformed the addiction debate internationally—and showed the world that the opposite of addiction is connection.

Clean David Sheff 2013 Combines personal stories and experiences with cutting edge research to describe a new way of treating substance addiction as well as accompanying mental illnesses.

Relieving Pain in America Institute of Medicine 2011-10-26 Chronic pain costs the nation up to \$635 billion each year in medical treatment and lost productivity. The 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act required the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to enlist the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in examining pain as a public health problem. In this report, the IOM offers a blueprint for action in transforming prevention, care, education, and research, with the goal of providing relief for people with pain in America. To reach the vast multitude of people with various types of pain, the nation must adopt a population-level prevention and management strategy. The IOM recommends that HHS develop a comprehensive plan with specific goals, actions, and timeframes. Better data are needed to help shape efforts, especially on the groups of people currently underdiagnosed and undertreated, and the IOM encourages federal and state agencies and private organizations to accelerate the collection of data on pain incidence, prevalence, and treatments. Because pain varies from patient to patient, healthcare providers should increasingly aim at tailoring pain care to each person's experience, and self-management of pain should be promoted. In addition, because there are major gaps in knowledge about pain across health care and society alike, the IOM recommends that federal agencies and other stakeholders redesign education programs to bridge these gaps. Pain is a major driver for visits to physicians, a major reason for taking medications, a major cause of disability, and a key factor in quality of life and productivity. Given the burden of pain in human lives, dollars, and social consequences, relieving pain should be a national priority.

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