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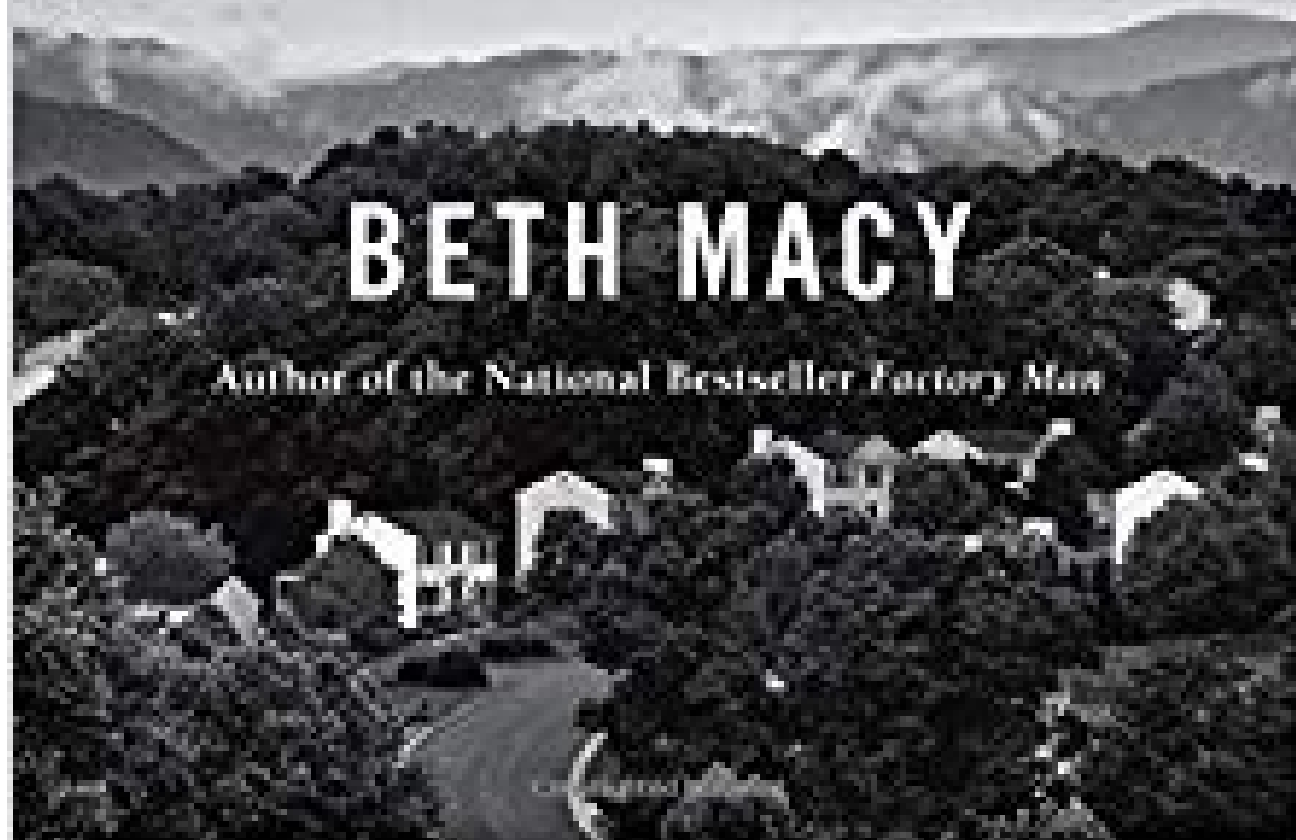
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# DOPE SICK

**DEALERS, DOCTORS, and  
THE DRUG COMPANY THAT ADDICTED AMERICA**

**BETH MACY**

Author of the National Bestseller *Factory Man*



Beth Macy

Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America



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An instant New York Times and indie bestseller, *Dopesick* may be the only book to fully chart the devastating opioid crisis in the us: "a harrowing, deeply compassionate dispatch from the heart of a national crisis" (New York Moments) from a bestselling writer and journalist who has lived through it In this masterful work, Beth Macy takes us into the epicenter of America's twenty-plus year have a problem with opioid addiction. From distressed small communities in Central Appalachia to rich suburbs;"--Jennifer Latson, The Boston Globe it's a heartbreaking trajectory that illustrates how this national crisis has persisted for so long and become so firmly entrenched. Beginning with a single dealer who lands in a small Virginia town and models about turning senior high school football superstars into heroin overdose figures, Macy endeavors to reply a grieving mother's question-why her only boy died-and comes aside with a harrowing tale of greed and want. From the introduction of OxyContin in 1996, Macy parses how America embraced a medical lifestyle where overtreatment with painkillers became the norm. "An extraordinary feat of journalism, monumental in scope and urgent in its implications. In these politically fragmented situations, Beth Macy displays, astonishingly, that the only thing that unites Americans across geographic and class lines is opioid drug abuse. Through unsparing, yet deeply human being portraits of the households and initial responders struggling to ameliorate this epidemic, each element of the crisis comes into focus. However in a country unable to provide basic healthcare for all, Macy still discovers reason to hope-and indications of the spirit and tenacity required in those facing addiction to build a better future for themselves and their own families. In some of the same distressed communities featured in her bestselling reserve *Factory Man*, the unemployed make use of painkillers both to numb the pain of joblessness and pay out their expenses, while privileged teenagers trade supplements in cul-de-sacs, and even high school standouts fall prey to prostitution, jail, and loss of life. from disparate towns to once-idyllic farm towns;



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Read this book! Even if you normally don't enjoy non-fiction, you simply HAVE to read this book. In 2012, author and investigative public journalist, Beth Macy began authoring the worst medication (heroin) epidemic in world history. And the list of doctors, drug businesses, and government agencies that are doing virtually nothing about any of it is long and disheartening. It's period for American to wake up! Many of the tales were harsh and brutal. This is the second nonfiction book I've read this year but the initial, "Hillbilly Elegy", suffered from the same problems. A disjointed mess of a book A mess of a reserve that hops from one oxy/heroin addicted user to some other and back again frequently that you can't keep track of each addict's unique tale. Journalist Beth Macy's brand-new book, "Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Medication Organization That Addicted America", has been getting a lot of good press, prepublication. I still do not get it, but, this publication is very interesting. READ THIS BOOK.. Providers of rehab services were not in contract over MAT (medication assisted treatment) though medical experts contend that MAT is completely necessary to battle the extreme cravings of addiction and raise the rates of effective treatment. The \$600 million USD fine was well worth the risk for Purdue; But about 30 years back, doctors and police in the backwoods of Virginia and in the towns aswell, started noticing the overdoses and deaths. Tracing the deaths pointed to Oxycontin - a miracle drug designed for late-stage-cancers - which were being prescribed again and again by doctors either unwilling or unable to prescribe the right pain meds for the right pain. Oxycontin was being pushed on doctors by its producer, Purdue Pharma, which is certainly possessed by the Sackler family members. ("The New Yorker" had a bombshell statement about the Sackler family members, their philanthropy, and Purdue in their October 20, 2017 issue that's worth getting your hands on if interested. the executives billed were forced to hear victim impact statements, and were in comparison to Adolf Hitler and the mass destruction of humanity, yet these males served no jail time. Fantastic insight into a complex problem This book examined the annals of the opioid crisis, the industry stakeholders and impact to small communities. I've saved it all because of this period, no desire to take them all and be addicted..But Beth Macy keeps asking the questions in her book. I have a stash of pain meds going back to the 90's for emergencies. Just how many families are destroyed by having kids - or parents - as addicts? In the late 1990's, Appalachian country doctor (St. In 2007, with over \$2. There seem to be as many queries as there are addicts. Beth Macy's book is a very, very readable book in regards to a significant problem, which began in the central Appalachia area of I81 Virginia, and has radiated out to all or any of us. For The Love of Oxy: The Shocking True Tale of the American Opioid Crisis and Epidemic. No parent wants to think the opioid crisis offers hit their personal homes and families. Macy is the writer of the bestselling "Factory Man" (2014) and "Truevine" (2016). Strongly suggested Extremely accurate and well researched reserve on the opioid crisis and how it began The real story behind the opioid crisis that is destroying American communities. It gets to the center of why more Americans die from drugs in a season than had been killed in the entire Vietnam war. "Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and The Medication Firm That Addicted America" began in the hills and valleys of Appalachia, the mid-western rust belt, rural Maine before rapidly spreading throughout the U. Individuals were admitted to hospital ER's in record quantities from drug related causes. In 2016, 64,000 Americans perished from drug related causes and overdoses-- outnumbering the full total of those killed through the Vietnam War. Macy explored the awful destructive effect on society, anyone who has helped and harmed, and the brave people sharing their own tales of tragedy and loss, casting aside stigma and shame to alert and help others. Does the fact that many addicts have taken Ritalin and various other AHAD meds before getting dependent on Oxy and other drugs? Some desperate families influenced by "the disease of despair" had lost life savings attempting to purchase costly drug rehabilitation applications for loved ones, and then realize addiction was a lifelong process and the probability of relapse might be a day away. Now I am considering copies for police too to help see a different potential and our social employees as well. was one of the primary to audio the urgent alarm how OxyContin had infiltrated his

community and region. S. This publication educated me, but it additionally feels like it should be a documentary rather than a publication. Van Zee called public meetings to advocate and alert others of the opioid wellness crisis, and didn't hesitate to file complaints against Purdue Pharma for aggressive marketing promotions promoting OxyContin. By 2001, he and Sister Beth Davies had been attending two funerals each day of the addicted lifeless. How many remains in rehab will it take to break an addiction? Rather, it had been appropriated for Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement and for criminal justice and law enforcement. the poor, the badly elevated, the down-and-out, the truly addicted.) Macy addresses a court case where Purdue was sued by several state governments for its pushing of Oxycontin and their additional pain products. Both Doctor Van Zee and Sister Davies had been outraged that none of the good was allocated for medication recovery and addiction applications. 8 billion USD earned in drug revenue, Purdue Pharmaceuticals was found guilty in federal and civil criminal courts for his or her role/responsibility for creating the opioid epidemic, for "misbranding OxyContin": with aggressive marketing techniques that downplayed and minimized the prospect of addiction. Macy files the huge suffering, heartbreak of the families, friends, medical staff and initial responders, the foster parents, clergy left out to carry on after destruction and death had taken its toll. \*\* With thanks and appreciation to Small Brown and Organization via NetGalley for the DRC for the intended purpose of review. Charles, Virginia) Artwork Van Zee M. No, that's other people's problems; Superb look at addiction. Too many politicians and plan manufacturers believe addiction is a personal moral failing and offense rather than a treatable disease that robs victims of their dignity and independence of preference. Macy's book easily comes even close to Sam Quiones exceptional award winning publication "Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic" (2015).. The closed down factories, lumber mills, furniture developing warehouses and shops, coal mines-- careers that experienced once sustained the middle class had been grim reminders that for the average American-- life could not be the same again. First I thought I would give it to the health professionals I understand. It totally adjustments the perception of addiction and addicts and I've prescribed and taken some a few of the narcotics along with been visited by a few of the drug reps. Excellent,, Complicated, and challenging This is the fifth or six book I've continue reading this topic. I started with "The Scream" and the misdeeds of Harry Anslinger among the founders of the modern drug busters who thought prison was a remedy for all addicts.. Sadly many of the individuals have perished struggling to cope with the demands of a clean life and we are left with their heartbroken relatives to transport on. A demanding book and an advisable one... This book includes a large amount of cross references: somebody will appear and disappear and it had been difficult to keep focused on the many valiant people on leading lines in rural Virginia. Thank you Beth for your effort and truth telling. Dopesick A reserve every concerned person should browse. Especially befitting those who desire to be educated about the terrible rage of medicines pervading the world. The problem is normally opioids and the result of the problem of opioids has turned into an epidemic of addiction and death. An owner's manual for human beings. An owner's manual for humans. Worth a read The message is incredibly important. I love nonfiction and I thrive on books that educate me. Rates of infectious disease including Hepatitis C, along with petty and violent criminal offense had increased considerably, a police car was fire-bombed—addicts were desperate for cash to support their drug habit, an elderly affected person had resorted to selling supplements from his nursing home bed. At some points I craved more info and at some points I found myself leading forward to see how a lot more webpages were dedicated. The company was convicted and the three company officials received sentences of community support. Beautifully written.. It is extremely true that many did not care about medication addiction until it affected their very own family's, especially rich families. Buying all the copies I can afford This is a book that needs to be read across America. Then once the arc of each addict's story is told, she could have after that moved onto writing about the nurses, doctors, and EMTs on the front lines of the battle against a drug that has killed 300,000 people in 15

years, drawn conclusions, and then written about treatments that are successful and the ones that are not. An eye opener I have go through a lot of books, 50+, a 12 months for decades but it has to be one of the top enlightening and educational ones. Then I plan to get copies for my children.D. Then there are preachers. Therefore, I liked the reserve, but I think it's mainly about stupid fragile people. So I will work hard and buy more of the books.. I do know Sister Beth and I reside in a county near Lee County so difficult hit by medicines and suicide.. The author should have centered on one user at the same time, with a chapter specialized in each addict, so the reader could build some empathy for every. I am buying all of the copies I can afford.. It's clear if you ask me that many non-fiction books are now being rushed to print without a great overhaul by a skilled editor. Interesting I'm not a drug user, We don't get dependent on stuff, food, beverages, so it is hard for me to understand why people take supplements and drugs then eliminate themselves and ruin their family. Now that the reserve has been released, visitors can see the vastness of the drug problems, as concentrated in the trunk roads and suburbs and downtowns of Virginia. I still think it's a choice to be a drug addict. I've been in pain, broken bones, dental issues. Why are people of most ages getting addicted?. Beth really captures what has hit the spot and from her publication you can draw outlines, understanding to operate a vehicle this nation right into a better future. If you have cancers or some horrible disease, fine, take the supplements. Normally, you are lying to yourself.



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