

# PAIN KILLER

AN EMPIRE OF DECEIT  
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“— . . the shocking account of the origins of today's opioid epidemic, the creators of the plague, and the best way to help stop it.”—s failure to alter the trajectory of the opioid epidemic and protect thousands of lives. Dreamland: THE REAL Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic “Prescient . A country doctor in rural Virginia, Artwork Van Zee, took on Purdue and warned officials about OxyContin misuse. . That illusion was quickly shattered as medication abusers learned that crushing an Oxy could release its narcotic payload all at once. The End of Overeating Between 1999 and 2017, around 250,000 People in america died from overdoses involving prescription painkillers, a plague ignited by Purdue Pharma's Groundbreaking . In Pain Killer, Pulitzer Prize—Kessler, former commissioner of the meals and Drug Administration and author of “winning New York Occasions reporter Barry Meier exposes the roots of the very most pressing health epidemic of the twenty-first century. Households, working class and wealthy, have been torn aside, businesses destroyed, and general public officials pushed to the brink. David A.s aggressive advertising of OxyContin. Powerful narcotic painkillers, or opioids, were once used as drugs of last resort for pain victims., Pain Killer is definitely a hard-striking look at how a supposed wonder medication became the gateway medication to a national tragedy.s long-acting formulation made it safer to use than traditional painkillers for many types of pain. a landmark work of investigative journalism. Also in its prescribed type, Oxy proved fiercely addictive. As OxyContin's make use of and misuse grew, Purdue concealed what it knew from regulators, doctors, and patients. Here are the individuals who profited from the crisis and the ones who paid the purchase price, those who plotted in boardrooms and those who tried to sound alarm bells. . An ebullient high school cheerleader, Lindsey Myers, was reduced to stealing from her parents to feed her escalating Oxy habit.s owners, Raymond and Mortimer Sackler, whose brands adorn museums worldwide, made tremendous fortunes from the business achievement of OxyContin. He will take readers inside Purdue to show how long the company withheld information regarding the misuse of OxyContin and gives a shocking account of the Justice Division' A hard-charging DEA official, Laura Nagel, tried to carry Purdue executives to account. In this up to date edition of Discomfort Killer, Barry Meier breaks fresh floor in his decades-lengthy investigation into the opioid epidemic. The drugmaker'Sam Quinones, author of Equal parts crime thriller, medical detective story, and business exposé Purdue turned OxyContin right into a billion-dollar blockbuster by launching an unprecedented marketing campaign claiming that the drug'



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Addiction's Enablers 'Pain Killer' is approximately greed. It's that simple. However, not really everything they do or have done can be viewed as spewing out rainbows and sunshine, not by an extended shot. Without query pharmaceutical businesses have improved the quality of life for most people. These unethical executives and the sales representatives are the reason the existing heroin epidemic can be raging across our country. Concern for people is secondary. It describes a few households' struggles due to OxyContin but focuses mostly on Purdue Pharma and how they marketed a drug knowing full well their little pills were highly addictive and wreaking havoc on communities. Meier's investigation focuses on the Sackler family and Purdue Pharma's advertising of OxyContin, the reader should remember that the malfeasance explained isn't a pharmaceutical outlier. The well-respected New York Instances reporter, Mr. The publication addresses such topics as tablet mills, the type and history of pain, iatrogenic addiction, the pain-management movement, opioids, profession bribery, lobbying junkets, the misuse of research, influence-peddling by doctors paid by drug businesses, and the FDA's and DEA's activities towards Purdue Pharma. Will some of them ultimately become stripped of their wealth and spend a great deal of time in the hoosegow? The book is a fast, interesting, extremely educational read and really should have you so upset that you'll be frothing at the mouth area while reading it. While Mr. Meier, specific on the intersection between business, medicine, and public wellness. There are everyday heroes in the reserve who were ringing the bell very early on in what OxyContin was doing to people, however the executives at Purdue Pharma resorted to public-relations efforts, legal manipulations, job offers, and money to keep the OxyContin gravy train rollin' along. The very first paragraph in the reserve took my breath away. Big Pharma are large corporate entities focused first-and-foremost on maximizing income and keeping shareholders content. 'Pain Killer' is usually a compact 198-page description of how the OxyContin medication epidemic unfolded. Well, let's simply say there's an improved chance of Janis Joplin heading on a comeback tour. An Important publication to read. Terrifying tale of the cynical capitalist behavior on the part of Perdue Pharma which has produced the opioid crisis which has and proceeds to destroy so many lives inside our country and abroad.



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