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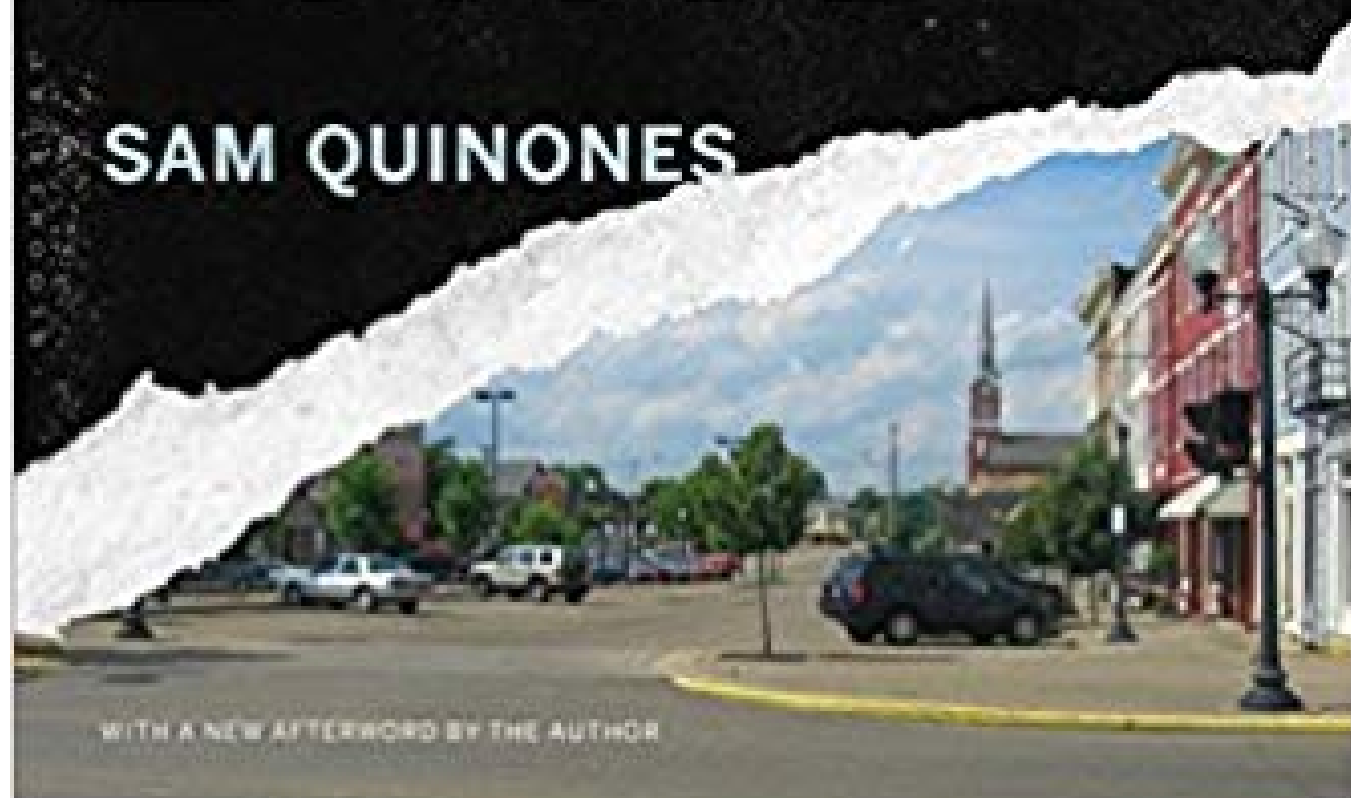
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The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic

# DREAM LAND

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*Sam Quinones*

## **Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic**



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Introducing a memorable cast of characters--pharma pioneers, young Mexican business owners, narcotics investigators, survivors, and parents--Quinones shows how these tales fit together. *S. Dreamland* is normally a revelatory accounts of the corrosive threat facing America and its own heartland.com's 10 Best Books of 2015--Entertainment Weekly's 10 Ideal Books of 2015 --Buzzfeed's 19 Best non-fiction Books of 2015--The Daily Beast's Best Big Idea Books of 2015--Seattle Times' Best Books of 2015--Boston Globe's Best Books of 2015--St. named *Dreamland*, it became the vital middle of the community. With a great reporter's narrative skill and the storytelling capability of a novelist, acclaimed journalist Sam Quinones weaves collectively two traditional tales of capitalism run amok whose unintentional collision offers been catastrophic. *Louis Post-Dispatch's Greatest Books of 2015--The Guardian's The Best Book We Read All Year--Audible's Greatest Books of 2015--Texas Observer's Five Books We Loved in 2015--Chicago Public Library's Best Nonfiction Books of 2015* From a small town in Mexico to the boardrooms of Big Pharma to main roads nationwide, an explosive and shocking account of addiction in the heartland of America. Right now, addiction provides devastated Portsmouth, as it has hundreds of small rural towns and suburbs across America--addiction like no additional the united states has ever confronted. How that happened is the riveting tale of *Dreamland*. In 1929, in the blue-collar city of Portsmouth, Ohio, a company built a swimming pool the size of a football field; The unfettered prescribing of pain medications through the 1990s reached its peak in Purdue Pharma's campaign to market OxyContin, its new, expensive--extremely addictive--miracle painkiller. In the meantime, an enormous influx of black tar heroin--cheap, potent, and from one little county on Mexico's west coastline, independent of any drug cartel--assaulted small city and mid-sized cities in the united states, driven by a brilliant, almost unbeatable advertising and distribution system. Jointly these phenomena continue to lay waste materials to communities from Tennessee to Oregon, Indiana to New Mexico. *Champion of the NBCC Award for General Nonfiction* Named on Amazon's Best Books of the entire year 2015--Michael Botticelli, U. Drug Czar (Politico) Favorite Publication of the Year--Angus Deaton, Nobel Prize Economics (Bloomberg/WSJ) Greatest Books of 2015--Matt Bevin, Governor of Kentucky (WSJ) Books of the Year--Slate.



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It's a disgrace and a cultural regression that Sam Quinones has brilliantly taken to widespread public recognition with his book *I'm an Obstetrician who's coping with the repercussions of the opioid epidemic and countless infants struggling in the throes of neonatal abstinence syndrome (withdrawal)*. A complete generation of innocent babies suffering from Purdue Pharma., JCAHO, quacks, charlatans, and savvy heroin dealers. On the other side of the coin, I have suffered from Fibromyalgia for sixteen years and the premise that discomfort could be controlled solely by physical therapy, diet, counseling, acupuncture without medication is bunk. EVERYONE should read Unbelievable story of greed, marketing, abuse and quick and thorough addiction. But there is hope. Shocking if you ask me in lots of ways. The combination of misinformation, desire to have monetary success, and ingenuity in "beating the system" made such havoc in this country. I won't be able to forget this book. I spent fifty percent my childhood in Portsmouth, and visited it occasionally in the 1990s and 2000s. I noticed the changes, but was unaware of the depths of corruption. On the downside, I really do wish the author hadn't referenced the delivery system as "like pizza" so many times; "Dreamland" is compelling, riveting and eye-opening since it isn't only the tale of what provides happened, but also the tale of the people--the individual lives--who got caught up in it. The author closes with news that Portsmouth is in recovery; I am hoping they defy all the "coasters" and cynics. I'm going to be looking for a way I can help actually if in a small way. I was stunned. And it's really in your community.. "Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic" is the tragic, frightening and prescient story of the heroin and opiate epidemic in the United States. And if you think none of this applies to you, that is usually all the more reason to read this book. and claims major cities. Reading similar to a novel or a detective story, this cross between journalism and storytelling traces the "best storm" that led so many people--from professionals to prostitutes, teachers to cheerleaders--to become addicted to painkillers. Occurring in tandem was the uptick in heroin addictions, led mainly from high-quality "black tar heroin" from Mexico with dealers following business models that rival the country's best-run corporations and delivery strategies as effective as your preferred pizza parlor. I could get clear mental photos of the locations and people he describes. Highly recommended. I got the point and the repetition made me hungry for Domino's. Big time information for iPods and it's rude in America. Very difficult subject. Find out how Big Pharma embraced nefarious marketing techniques for painkillers, especially OxyCotin, to convince family doctors to write millions of prescriptions. Find out how doctors, who were taught in medical college to be skeptical of prescribing addictive painkillers, found their hospitals' accreditation was at an increased risk if patients were not aggressively treated for discomfort. Well researched and thoughtful. Actually understand the opioid crisis

This book opened my eyes to the extent of the opioid crisis from how the users get addicted so easily, to the deceit of the drug manufactures, to the chemical change it produces in your body which takes 10-12 months to revive, to the knowing that opioids cross all economic levels, all races, all ages, and every area - without exception. This book rocked my world. A lot of hope. Small city/town and how quickly opioid took over. Completely stunned. I gave this reserve five stars, but I'd give it 10 easily could. Nicely researched, enjoyable read.. This Should Be Required Reading--For Everyone This should be required reading--for everyone.but chronic discomfort sufferers get short shift This is a thoroughly researched book and I enjoyed Mr. Quinones's writing design. And then all hell broke loose when the paths of opiates and heroin crossed. I got no notion of the heroin trade and while I was aware that heroin addiction acquired pass on to the heartland alarmingly, the complex system of the cartels was certainly eyesight opening. I also was vaguely alert to the 'pill mills' heading on in Florida and various other states mainly in the eastern section of the US, after reading this book I can say I not only know but am alarmed at how easy it had been to obtain a Medicaid card and rake in a lot of money offering Oxycontin on taxpayer money. He discusses Manuel who includes a dream, or law enforcement who have sustained back accidents from subduing criminals. It's a disgrace and a cultural regression that Sam Quinones provides brilliantly brought to widespread public awareness with his reserve. It might help in the short run, but by the end of the day you remain in pain. Great details on the US's addiction problem. Just as much as I definitely agree that the wild and irresponsible prescribing of opioids needed some strong checking, unless you have resided a day in the life of someone who is in terrible pain, denying pain control is normally a cruelty in my own humble opinion. I thought we would stick to my regular medicine, tramadol. I do not take Oxycontin since when it was directed at me as a trial I recognized its potential to be a problem, I had the unwanted and unneeded euphoria and after it wears off the pain is usually +1000 than what it had been before. Eye Opener I feel like I grew up in a bubble after reading this reserve. If Big Pharma or discomfort doctors came out with something that could ease discomfort that has no curiosity to those merely searching for a buzz, believe me a lot of us would gladly use it. We was recommended this book and also have recommended it to others.. One of the best non fiction books I've ever read. So informative. The publication explains the drug issue in the U.S. Although it's especially corrosive in the heartland of Ohio, that is a nationwide problem, and we all need to be educated. He manages to compile all the details into various story forms so it's an easy read but places the drug crisis into everyday life. I also concur that Big Pharma hid the dangers of Oxycontin and went ahead with a big push to doctors to prescribe it. I am impressed with the backdrop work this writer did, it was extensive. Fascinating Interesting and different

perspectives. Gives much meals for thought. I recommend scanning this book. Only anyone who has chronic pain can grasp what others in chronic discomfort are going through. Not everyone who needs pain medications is taking them for recreational fun. SO a lot of things I never actually heard about can be in this book. I acquired this on audio publication then bought the softcover for my Dad. This is the crisis that no-one talks about and that America offers swept under the rug. Stunning. Learn how Walmart became an unwitting accomplice in the scourge of opiate addiction. Perfectly researched and informed by an expert information reporter. The opiod crisis is much more real if you ask me after this publication. For five years author Sam Quinones did prodigious on-the-ground research to create this book that is on the main one hand the most exciting tale I've read in ages and on the additional scarier than anything Stephen King could dream up--because this is real. Find out how young men from Xalisco, Nayarit, a tiny village on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, became heroin entrepreneurs in the United States using methods that baffled and confounded local police. The book ends on a confident note about all that is being done--finally--to combat the opiate epidemic, especially in southern Ohio. And how it happened. Worth the read Great critique of big pharma, but a touch too long. Overall pretty well written. Must Read Excellently written book. Find out about quack MDs, who setup tablet mills in hard-hit communities in southern Ohio and eastern Kentucky, became extremely wealthy off the citizens' addictions. Everyone should read this!



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