

Teens Affected By Addiction: Stories And Advice From People Who Have Grown Up With An Addict

Do you think that addiction is something that you can just tough out? Addiction is a real disease and it can be dealt with - and this book will guide you about the things that you need to know in order to do just that. This book will explore the many facets of addictions and how to break free from them. It will also teach you about the different types of addictions and how to deal with them. If you're looking for help to get rid of an addiction, then this is the book for you. Moreover, it teaches you to deal with personal weaknesses and obstacles in life. With this book in your side, you can come out of addiction a different person than the one that was addicted! 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A fifteen-year-old drug user chronicles her daily struggle to escape the pull of the drug world. 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.

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Adolescents, Alcohol, and Substance Abuse

Facing Addiction in America

A Story of Teenage Drug Addiction and Mental Health

Surviving Gangs and the Drug Wars

What's the Big Deal About Addictions?

True Stories by Teens About Overcoming Tough Times (Updated Edition)

Teen Addiction

Why Can't They Just Stop?

Provides reviews for classic and contemporary young adult books, identifies teenagers' interests and best book selections, and includes guidelines for creating reading lists of both young adult and suitable adult literature.

Two Brothers, One Calling and a Lasting Legacy For sixty years, the faith-based ministry of Teen Challenge has been bringing hope to those bound by drug and lifecontrolling addictions. Since the very first Teen Challenge Center opened its doors in Brooklyn, New York the ministry has grown to 1,400 Centers across 122 nations. Through the doors of every Teen Challenge program, there are tens of thousands of lives being changed.

In his follow-up to his bestselling memoir Tweak: Growing Up On Methamphetamine, Nic Sheff reveals a brutally honest account of a young person's struggles with relapse and rehab. In his bestselling memoir Tweak, Nic Sheff took readers on an emotionally gripping roller-coaster ride through his days as an addict. In this powerful follow-up about his continued efforts to stay clean, Nic writes of devastating relapses, and hard-won realizations about what it means to be a young person living with addiction. By candidly revealing his own failures and small personal triumphs, Nic inspires readers to maintain hope and to remember that they are not alone in their battles. A group reading guide is included. Nic Sheff's Tweak. We All Fall Down, and his father's memoir about him (Beautiful Boy) by Steve Carell and Timothée Chalamet.

As seen in Time, USA TODAY, The Atlantic, The Wall Street Journal, and on CBS This Morning, BBC, PBS, CNN, and NPR, iGen is crucial reading to understand how the children, teens, and young adults born in the mid-1990s and later are vastly different from their Millennial predecessors, and from any other generation. With generational divides wider than ever, parents, educators, and employers have rising concern of teens and young adults. Born in the mid-1990s up to the mid-2000s, iGen is the first generation to spend their entire adolescence in the age of the smartphone. With social media and texting replacing other activities, iGen spends less time with their friends in person—perhaps contributing to their unprecedented levels of anxiety, depression, and loneliness. But technology is not generation before them; they are also different in how they spend their time, how they behave, and in their attitudes toward religion, sexuality, and politics. They socialize in completely new ways, reject once sacred social taboos, and want different things from their lives and careers. More than previous generations, they are obsessed with safety, focused on tolerance, and have no patience for graduating from college, we all need to understand them: friends and family need to look out for them; businesses must figure out how to recruit them and sell to them; colleges and universities must know how to educate and guide them. And members of iGen also need to understand themselves as they communicate with their elders and explain their views to their older peers. Because where they live, Teenage Degenerate

Answers and Help for Teens

Reaching Teens through Brief Interventions

A Parent's Guide to Teen Addiction

The Struggle to Be Strong

Reducing Underage Drinking

Best Books for Young Adults

Experience, Strength, and Hope for Young Adults

Told through the voices of a mother-daughter writing team, *Addicted Like Me* offers a detailed personal account of addiction and how it affects the entire family. Karen Franklin recounts her own past as a young addict, her struggle with the alcohol...

Books are like people, each one has its own story. My book is a story about teenagers with an addiction for drugs and the adverse effects these addictions have on their parents. My hope is that this book will present a picture of the many changes that can present themselves in the lives of young people and parents in their battle with mind-altering drugs. Many parents, unfortunately, are lost in the complexities of our everyday busy lives and their minds are clouded to the problems that are developing before them. Many of us are either oblivious to the problem of drugs or are too afraid to admit to ourselves that we do not know what to do if it happens in our families. Parents are sadly convinced that drug addiction can never happen to their children. My wife, Jane, and I had to face that sudden realization that drugs were destroying the life of our son. I believe that my book, when read in its entirety, will give you the guidance and insight to help all parents and their children to fight drug addiction and to render proper guidance to those already in the grip of mind-altering drugs. This book will help to illuminate those hidden changes that drugs can bring into the lives of our children and teenagers, and with it the effects it will have on those around them. I hope and pray that the sharing of this valuable information, along with my own experiences, will be a positive force in the thinking of our teenagers and their loving parents. My fellow parents, it is of the utmost importance that no matter what happens and how tough it may get, remember there is no other way but up. Wherever you are and whatever the problem, don't ever stop the fight against drug addiction. I am aware that in the hard-nosed world we live in, there are a multitude of self-help books, and numerous concepts and scientific theories on how to successfully face your problems and bring about changes in your life. But I have written my book for this reason: that parents can be hopeful in a time of adversity, suffering from a family drug addiction problem. Let faith and understanding change your life around. As parents, we often read about drugs and the effects they have upon our children. Invariably, our many conversations will drift to the topic of drug addiction and whether our children are in fact using drugs, and what we can do about it. I remember sitting with a group of parents discussing drugs. Although we all agreed that the rapid introduction of mind-altering substances was a critical problem to our children, not everyone was in agreement what we should and could do about this problem if it affects our family. Some parents told us our family is very content since all our children are young, this problem doesn't pertain to us at this time. Some parents sat back and told me that their teenage children have never taken drugs. They never had to discuss drugs with their children because they knew they would never touch them. A third group of parents were honest enough to admit that their teenage son was a drug addict for years and they didn't know it, and when they found out about it they didn't know what to do about it. Parents, do these statements sound familiar? Perhaps something you have heard before but shrugged it off as something you would never have to worry about. I realize that this is a sad scenario, but very true. Too many parents are not taking the time to talk to their children and establish a drug-free family when they are young and vulnerable. The result has been too many young people becoming drug addicts. Some of them could have been prevented or helped at a young age. That initial help must come from us as their parents. We must have a constant sense of awareness of this problem facing our children today. Remember, parents, we cannot change the nature of the drug addict or his addiction, but we can help

“The Addiction Inoculation is a vital look into best practices parenting. Writing as a teacher, a mother, and, as it happens, a recovering alcoholic, Lathey’s stance is so compassionate, her advice so smart, and all parents will benefit from her hard-won wisdom.” —Peggy Orenstein, author of *Girls & Sex and Boys & Sex* In this supportive, life-saving resource, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Gift of Failure* helps parents and educators understand the roots of substance abuse and identify who is most at risk for addiction, and offers practical steps for prevention. Jessica Lahey was born into a family with a long history of alcoholism and drug abuse. Despite her desire to thwart her genetic legacy, she became an alcoholic and didn't find her way out until her early forties. Jessica has worked as a teacher in substance abuse programs for teens, and was determined to inoculate her two adolescent sons against their most dangerous inheritance. All children, regardless of their genetics, are at some risk for substance abuse. According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, teen drug addiction is the nation's largest preventable and costly health problem. Despite the existence of proven preventive strategies, nine out of ten adults with substance use disorder report they began drinking and taking drugs before age eighteen. The Addiction Inoculation is a comprehensive resource parents and educators can use to prevent substance abuse in children. Based on research in child welfare, psychology, substance abuse, and developmental neuroscience, this essential guide provides evidence-based strategies and practical tools adults need to understand, support, and educate resilient, addiction-resistant children. The guidelines are age-appropriate and actionable—from navigating a child's risk for addiction, to interpreting signs of early abuse, to advice for broaching difficult conversations with children. The Addiction Inoculation is an empathetic, accessible resource for anyone who plays a vital role in children's lives—parents, teachers, coaches, or pediatricians—to help them raise kids who will grow up healthy, happy, and addiction-free.

This volume reviews a range of empirically supported approaches to prevention and treatment of adolescent substance use problems. The focus is on motivationally based brief interventions that can be delivered in a variety of contexts, that address key developmental considerations, and that draw on cutting-edge knowledge on addictive behavior change. From expert contributors, coverage encompasses alcohol skills training; integrative behavioral and family therapy; motivational interviewing; interventions for dually diagnosed youth; internet-based education, prevention, and treatment; and applications to HIV prevention. The volume is extensively referenced and includes numerous clinical illustrations and vignettes.

The Everything Parent's Guide to Teenage Addiction

Raising Healthy Kids in a Culture of Dependence

Professional Advice on Signs, Symptoms, What to Say, and How to Help

Out Here by Ourselves

Never Enough

The Addiction Inoculation

The Stories of Young People Whose Mothers Have AIDS

We All Fall Down

In 1996, Scott was nineteen and lost in adulthood with an endless job and no future ambitions. Teenage Degenerate is his story about drug addiction, music and growing up. Over the course of ten months, he quickly descends into the dark and dangerous world of crystal methamphetamine. Scott experiments with crystal meth in a dark, deserted parking lot in the suburbs of Denver, Colorado and soon after his crew of misfits will do almost anything for their next high. One by one, family and friends disappear, and he is left alone with a decision to continue fighting or give up. This is his struggle to reclaim a normal life and the search for something real. Teenage Degenerate is a book about meth that is a brutally truthful, humorous and heartbreaking journey that explores the depths of addiction. Scott's story brings to light one of the most critical issues facing children, parents and educators today. Parents are challenged with discussing the dangers of alcohol and other drugs with their children. Having the courage to face hard issues is the first step in keeping children safe. Through the voice of the family dog, and in a tender and thoughtful way, Sunnis Story is an effective tool to approach this topic. This story opens a dialogue between parents and their children. It teaches parents about what children are exposed to everyday. Children will obtain a clear understanding of how their choices affect their life and the lives of those close to them. What would you do if you suspected that your teenager had gone from experimenting with drugs to addiction? Fairy Dust is not just another story about addiction. It offers parents and clinicians a raw and rare glimpse into the inner thoughts of a drug-using teen's mom. With unflinching intimacy, Katherine talks about her doubts, fears, and desperate attempts to "fix" things. In real time, she shares how she made sense of her experiences, how life doesn't always end up the way you planned and what you do with that ultimately defines you.

Across the United States, in small towns and major cities, in suburbs and slums, in public and private schools, thousands of kids are experimenting with drugs. Many of them will become addicts; some will die. The first and only book to focus entirely on adolescent alcohol and other drug use, *Teens Under the Influence* addresses the immediate dangers that threaten these kids—exploring the short- and long-term effects of their addiction and giving parents solid, sensitive, practical advice to combat this growing epidemic. Knowledge is the key to defeating drug addictions, and that is what this comprehensive, timely new book provides. Full of candid true stories from adolescent drug users, with facts based on the most recent scientific research, *Teens Under the Influence* tells you exactly what you need to know to deal with your child's problem, covering such important topics as • The common myths and misconceptions about drug addiction • The crucial differences between adult and adolescent dependency • The reasons kids get hooked • The stages of adolescent addiction • The different kinds of drugs kids use and combine • Various treatment options and how to choose the best treatment for your child • Strategies for handling relapses *Teens Under the Influence* offers practical help that may save your child's life. It may save the life of a friend. And it may save your own.

Sunny's Story

The Science of Addiction

A Collective Responsibility

Parents, Help Your Child Say No to Drugs

Addicted Like Me

Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy—and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood—and What That Means for the Rest of Us

Drugs, Brains, and Behavior

Living with Addiction

*Sunny's Story*How to Save a Young Life

All across the United States, individuals, families, communities, and health care systems are struggling to cope with substance use, misuse, and substance use disorders. Substance misuse and substance use disorders have devastating effects, disrupt the future plans of too many young people, and all too often, end lives prematurely and tragically. Substance misuse is a major public health challenge and a priority for our nation to address. The effects of substance use and misuse are far-reaching, placing burdens on workplaces, the health care system, families, states, and communities. The Report discusses opportunities to bring substance use disorder treatment and mainstream health care systems into alignment so that they can address a person's overall health, rather than a substance misuse or a physical health condition alone or in isolation. It also provides suggestions and recommendations for action that everyone—individuals, families, community leaders, law enforcement, health care professionals, policymakers, and researchers—can take to prevent substance misuse and reduce its consequences.

Help teens make informed decisions about their health and wellness with judgment-free information about addictions. From drugs and alcohol to pervasive use of electronic devices, more teens are exhibiting addictive behaviors. What's the Big Deal About Addictions? provides teens with lecture-free, reliable, and factual information about a range of addictions. From drugs and alcohol to electronic devices, social media, and other addictive activities, such as pornography, eating, gambling, and sex, among others. A practicing psychologist and a certified substance abuse counselor, Dr. Crist shares advice for teens who are having serious troubles with addiction and for teens with casual levels of use who may be concerned about their use. With teen stories and quotes included, What's the Big Deal About Addictions? speaks directly to teens about the real-life struggles with casual use and addictions they're seeing and experiencing among peers in school and in the broader community. Packed full of information to help teens make informed decisions, What's the Big Deal About Addictions? covers the difference between casual use and addictive use, and the consequences of using the types of addictions, addictive behavior, and the risks associated with each how to overcome an addiction and the types of treatments available How to know and accept when recovering from addiction may require giving up certain friendships Tips for preventing relapse or developing a secondary addiction Additional resources for help and information are provided at the back of the book.

Tells the stories of seven teenagers who are recovering from alcoholism and drug addiction, and describes how drugs altered their lives

A Comprehensive and Supportive Reference to Help Your Child Recover from Addiction

Addiction

The Evidence for Stigma Change

Go Ask Alice

The Experience Of A Girl Aged 17: Drug & Alcohol Abuse For Teens & Young Adults

Drugs, Teens, and Recovery

Teen Drug Use

Dylan, a 17-year-old schoolboy from New Zealand, has a secret. No one knows of the suicidal thoughts that plague him daily or of his drug habit he is fostering to suppress them. Both problems are getting out of control. He knows a way out, but he's too scared to take it. How he handles his secret will determine whether he lives or dies. Druggie follows one's journey of teenage mental health and drug addiction. While telling a story, the book aims to educate youth on such topics, while also giving parents of struggling teens a handbook to understanding their children.

Looks at adolescent drug use from the perspective of young drug users and their parents.

This book was written for parents who have been confronted with the harrowing and grievous reality that their teenage child is an addict. Even when the signs are present, many parents struggle to identify and address drug or alcohol addiction in their kids; it's too painful. As teenagers grow in their addiction, they become artful liars and manipulators. Parents often become unknowing enablers. Hopefully reading this book will help parents realize the pain of addiction in order to help their teen into sobriety. We hope parents working with parents and kids with addictions for 36 years. Many of their stories have a similar theme with different names and faces. As I share the stories of these families, parents will often see their own story unfolding on the pages. I have a story of my own that has made me a knowledgeable parent as well as a parent. The good part of this book is that recovery can be successful and life-long! I consider it a blessing to be a part of helping others into recovery because recovering families are often those that they were before the weight of drug addiction.

This collection of ten true stories is based on interviews with people who, in their youth, lived with an addicted parent or sibling. The subjects speak honestly about what it was like to grow up with a family member addicted to alcohol, drugs, food, pills, or gambling. While describing how they managed to cope, interviewees explore the full range of situations and emotions they experienced—from denial, anger, and confusion to acceptance and forgiveness. Their maturity, sensitivity, and even their sense of humor will give teens going through similar situations the important realization that there are many ways to break free from the chains of others' addictions.

Heroin Addiction Stories

Fairy Dust

Teens Talk About Drugs and Alcohol

A Phenomenological Study of Adolescents in Recovery from Addiction

True Teen Stories from Mexico

The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health

Young Sober and Free

Chocolate For A Teens Soul

Offering strategies for getting and staying sober, first-hand stories, and other resources for teens, parents, and professionals, Young, Sober, and Free helps young addicts and alcoholics through recovery. Real teens tell the real story about getting sober and staying sober in this edgy, winning interpretation of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Shelly Marshall lets her teen contributors speak for themselves (and their words are not sugarcoated), while expertly augmenting the personal stories with discussions about time-honored Twelve Step recovery principles. Young, Sober, and Free, first published in 1978, aided the recovery of countless young addicts and alcoholics. This second edition of Young, Sober, and Free, featuring four new stories from teens, is sure to inspire many more. Key features and benefits/features first-person stories of overcoming addiction by teensrepresents strategies for getting sober and staying soberexcellent resource for teens, parents, and professionalsabout the author- Shelly Marshall has dedicated 33 years to working with young addicts. An acclaimed trainer, author, and researcher, she is recognized internationally as an expert in adolescent recovery and her research has been published in four

issues in *Virginia Slims*

Professional advice for finding the right treatment for your child if your teen or preteen is struggling with an addiction to drugs or alcohol, you need to find the best treatment for your child. With *The Everything Parent's Guide to Teenage Addiction*, you'll learn how to take an active role in helping your child on the road to recovery. With this invaluable resource, you will begin to understand the complex nature and scope of teen addiction, and learn to: Recognize warning signs Identify symptoms and causes Choose appropriate treatment Discuss your child's addiction openly Avoid the chance of relapse Featuring healthy and attainable recovery solutions for any situation, including alternative recovery therapies, this companion will be your guide as you help your child, rebuild your relationship, and heal the damage caused by addiction.

Though many Mexican states are peaceful and feature lifestyles not unlike those enjoyed by other North Americans, regions of Mexico are plagued by violence and terror. In 2016, more than twenty thousand people were killed in the country as a direct consequence of the drug wars. This volume highlights the experiences of teens who have lived through the violence. Background information sheds light on how crime, gangs, and drugs became such a pressing problem in Mexico. This book also looks forward, discussing potential solutions for achieving peace.

Discusses the effects of drugs on the body, the reasons teenagers use drugs, the problems caused by teenage drug abuse, and possible preventive measures and treatments.

Ending Discrimination Against People with Mental and Substance Use Disorders

Teens Under the Influence

The Truth About Kids, Alcohol, and Other Drugs- How to Recognize the Problem and What to Do About It

The Teen Challenge Legacy Story

Beyond Addiction Interventions, Counseling & Recovery Management Treatment Programs & the science to overcoming drugs, alcohol, food, sex & sugar addiction for men, women & teens

CITY OF HOPE AN ADDRESS

Addict No More

When Addiction Hits Home

From Berkeley to the Bronx, teenage addiction has reached epidemic levels. Parents may suspect their teen's substance use, but often don't know if their teen is addicted or what to do about it. Dr. Laurence Westreich, an addiction expert and the father of two teenagers, helps parents navigate the fraught addiction landscape in A Parent's Guide to Teen Addiction. Divided into three sections, this book—based on the author's decades of experience evaluating and treating teenagers who use substances—guides parents from the moment they suspect their teen has a substance abuse problem to the steps families must take after intensive treatment. Dr. Westreich • Lays out the facts of teen addiction and explains how to recognize a problem with a teen • Details what parents need to know about the substances that teenagers commonly use • Provides information on what to do about the substance abuse, including how to find good one-on-one addiction therapy, how to encourage a teen to enter an outpatient program or inpatient facility, and how to line up aftercare treatment Best of all, he includes "tough talk" dialogues that parents can tailor to their specific situation with their teen. This practical, hopeful, and reassuring book helps

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER From a renowned behavioral neuroscientist and recovering addict, a rare page-turning work of science that draws on personal insights to reveal how drugs work, the dangerous hold they can take on the brain, and the surprising way to combat today's epidemic of addiction. Judith Grisel was a daily drug user and college dropout when she began to consider that her addiction might have a cure, one that she herself could perhaps discover by studying the brain. Now, after twenty-five years as a neuroscientist, she shares what she and other scientists have learned about addiction, enriched by captivating glimpses of her personal journey. In *Never Enough*, Grisel reveals the unfortunate bottom line of regular drug use: there is no such thing as a free lunch. All drugs act on the brain in a way that diminishes their enjoyable effects and creates unpleasant ones with repeated use. Yet they have their appeal, and Grisel draws on anecdotes both comic and tragic from her own days of using as she limns the science behind the love of various drugs, from marijuana to alcohol, opiates to psychedelics, speed to spice. With more than one in five people over the age of fourteen addicted, drug abuse has been called the most formidable health problem worldwide, and Grisel delves with compassion into the science of this scourge. She points to what is different about the brains of addicts even before they first pick up a drink or drug, highlights the changes that take place in the brain and behavior as a result of chronic using, and shares the surprising hidden gifts of personality that addiction can expose. She describes what drove her to research, what helped her recover, and how she learned that a "cure" for addiction will not be found in our individual brains but in the way we interact with our communities. Set apart by its color, pander, and bell-clear writing, *Never Enough* is a revelatory look at the roles drugs play in all of our lives and offers crucial new insight into how we can solve the epidemic of abuse.

"Drugs, Brains, and Behavior" is an textbook written by C. Robert 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.

Many people don't understand why or how other people become addicted to drugs. They may mistakenly think that those who use drugs lack moral principles or willpower and that they could stop their drug use simply by choosing to. This book is for anyone who has ever been, known or lost someone to drugs; you will relate to this memoir. Your heart will ache for young Kayla and her battle through addiction will consume you. At 17, the main character became a heroin addict. This is the true story of her life and how heroin became her boyfriend, her best friend, and her life.

Addiction and Denial

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One Mom's Story of Finding the Courage to Confront Teenage Drug Use

Changing Lives Through Changing Stories

The Hidden Story of Drugs

SAMHSA News

Real-Life Stories of Trying to Stay Clean

A Mother-Daughter Story of Substance Abuse and Recovery

Teens take drugs for a variety of reasons. Sometimes they simply want to feel different. They might feel emotions they want to change, such as sadness or anxiety. And they might even be bored or feel left out. Yet casual drug use can easily develop into abuse and addiction, whether the drug of choice is legal or illegal. Drug abuse can ruin the lives of users and their friends and family. It can cause harm to a person's body and take control of his or her mind. Drug use also supports an illegal drug supply industry—one that involves criminals and gangs. This frank, clear-eyed, sobering text examines what drugs are, what they can do, and how people can get help. From first use to hardcore addiction, drugs affect not only users but also friends, family, and society. This hard-hitting exposé deglamorizes drug abuse and reveals its true toll.

Drug and alcohol abuse can have a devastating effect on friendships and families. In this compelling book, young adults offer true-life tales that detail the price of addiction. Many of these first-person accounts highlight the fallout from a loved one's substance abuse issues, such as estrangement, neglect, and abuse. One writer can no longer see his beloved grandfather because of his alcoholism, while another feels betrayed by a friend who is addicted to drugs. As they struggle with feelings of anger and grief, these brave teens offer a way forward for others working to overcome these difficult life circumstances.

Alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous - both to themselves and society at large. Underage alcohol use is associated with traffic fatalities, violence, unsafe sex, suicide, educational failure, and other problem behaviors that diminish the prospects of future success, as well as health risks â€” and the earlier teens start drinking, the greater the danger. Despite these serious concerns, the media continues to make drinking look attractive to youth, and it remains possible and even easy for teenagers to get access to alcohol. Why is this dangerous behavior so pervasive? What can be done to prevent it? What will work and who is responsible for making sure it happens? Reducing Underage Drinking addresses these questions and proposes a new way to combat underage alcohol use. It explores the ways in which many different individuals and groups contribute to the problem and how they can be enlisted to prevent it. Reducing Underage Drinking will serve as both a game plan and a call to arms for anyone with an investment in youth health and safety.

Without judgment, the first book of the groundbreaking Parent/Teen Stories series, is a collection of short stories written by teens and parents that have experienced or are experiencing difficult teen years. Here there is no judgment placed on the stories: no suggestions, no finger pointing, no what-ifs. It is an outlet for both the reader and the writer. The reader will benefit from finding a story they can relate to their own life and the writer will benefit by sharing a painful experience in order to start or continue the healing process. When she was raising her own troubled teens, Susan Clawson, the coordinator of the Parent/Teen Stories series, struggled with the judgment she perceived that came from high school guidance counselors, therapists and the police. It left her feeling alone, frustrated and embarrassed. It wasn't until Susan attended a seminar as part of a program her oldest daughter was enrolled in, that she realized how many people were going through similar experiences. As stories were shared, Susan took comfort in the fact that she was not alone and she found a clearer perspective on her own situation. It is her hope that both the authors and readers of the stories in *Without Judgment* will find similar connections and be reassured that they are not alone in what they are experiencing. Author Bio: ABOUT THE AUTHOR-Susan presently resides in Massachusetts with her husband and fifteen year old daughter. Both her older children live out of state. For more information, visit www.parentteensstories.com

The Neuroscience and Experience of Addiction

A Memoir that Explores the Depths of Methamphetamine and Drug Addiction

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*One question that anyone who has witnessed addiction up close inevitably asks is, "Why can't they just stop?" For decades the question has confounded addicts, their families, and the doctors and specialists trying to help them. Now it can finally be answered. Thanks to major leaps in the scientific understanding of addiction, an entirely new portrait of this frightening disease has come into focus. The new science tells us that addicts, in part, are unable to quit using drugs or alcohol because chemical changes in their brains prevent them from doing so. In this penetrating look at how addiction works, editors John Hoffman and Susan Froemke (producers of the HBO documentary series ADDICTION) have turned more than two years of research and reporting into a vitally important guide for anyone faced with the disease. New imaging technology has enabled scientists to peer inside the addicted brain and observe in real time what craving for drugs and alcohol looks like chemically. It is now possible to literally see the ways that substances like cocaine, heroin, and alcohol alter the brain's "Stop!" and "Go!" decision-making processes. Better scientific understanding has yielded innovations in behavioral therapies, while new medications that can be prescribed by family doctors have been clinically proven to reduce craving in alcoholics and opiate addicts. The result? As *Addiction: Why Can't They Just Stop?* reports in riveting detail, there is now hope for anyone struggling with addiction. The stories about scientists, doctors, researchers, and families that face addiction gathered in this book testify to the fact that the tide has turned. Yes, recovery remains an imperfect process. It must be tailored to the needs of the individual; it may take years to achieve remission. But, armed with the new science-based understanding of the disease, experts have created treatments that are ever more precise and effective—making recovery a realistic goal for all addicts. The evidence is in. The battle against the addiction epidemic can—and should—be won.*

Through thirty first-person teen narratives, including new stories on social media and gender identity, readers learn about seven resiliencies everyone needs to survive and thrive. Otis deals with the real-life consequences of online aggression; Artiqua dates a boy of another race despite her family's opposition. Charlene is raising her brothers and sisters because their mother is addicted to drugs; Craig is gay and worried about coming out. All of these teens have had more than their share of troubles. And all have the resiliency needed to face their troubles, live through them, and move forward with courage, confidence, and hope. In thirty first-person narratives, teen writers share how they've overcome obstacles in their lives. As teens read, they discover they're not alone in facing life's difficulties. They learn about seven resiliencies everyone needs to survive and thrive in even the toughest times: insight independence relationships initiative creativity humor morality In this updated edition, new stories feature topics such as social media, gender identity, and drug addiction. A "Think About It" section at the end of each story offers questions for personal reflection or discussion. Vivid, articulate, and candid, these stories will motivate readers of all ages to build the skills and strengths they need to triumph over adversity. The corresponding leader's guide, A Leader's Guide to The Struggle to Be Strong updated edition, provides activities, exercises, and questions to invite teens to go deeper into the stories and issues of The Struggle to Be Strong.

Provides more than fifty inspirational stories for women from their teens through their early twenties to celebrate the joys and challenges of such areas as first love, first jobs, and finding an identity in the adult world. Original, smooth the path to adulthood. Original.