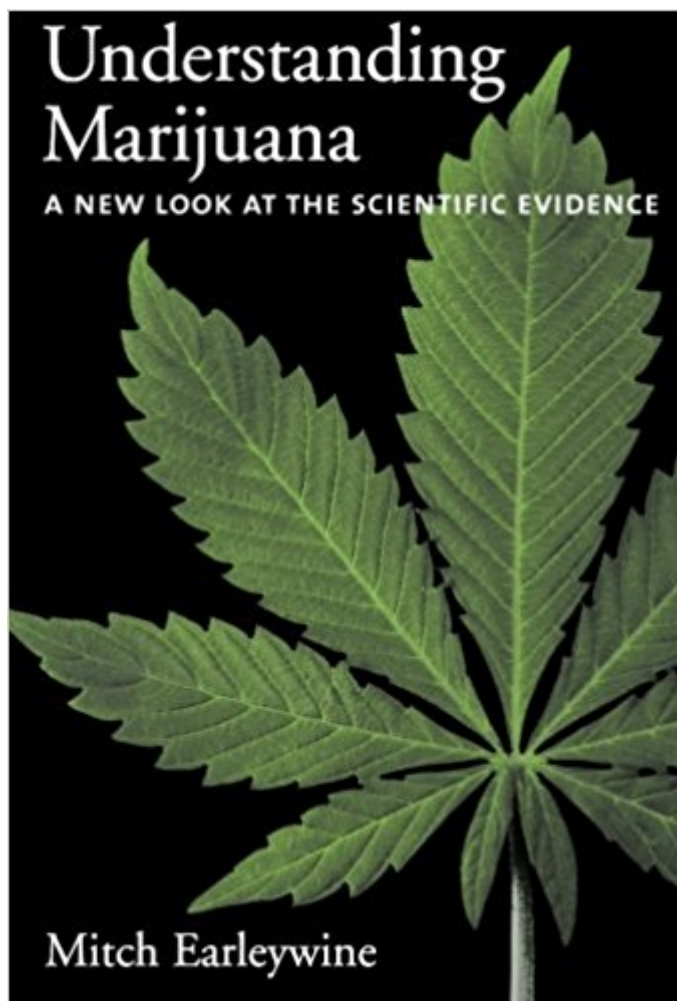


The book was found

Understanding Marijuana: A New Look At The Scientific Evidence



Synopsis

Marijuana is the world's most popular illicit drug, with hundreds of millions of regular users worldwide. One in three Americans has smoked pot at least once. The Drug Enforcement Agency estimates that Americans smoke five million pounds of marijuana each year. And yet marijuana remains largely misunderstood by both its advocates and its detractors. To some, marijuana is an insidious "stepping-stone" drug, enticing the inexperienced and paving the way to the inevitable abuse of harder drugs. To others, medical marijuana is an organic means of easing the discomfort or stimulating the appetite of the gravely ill. Others still view marijuana, like alcohol, as a largely harmless indulgence, dangerous only when used immoderately. All sides of the debate have appropriated the scientific evidence on marijuana to satisfy their claims. What then are we to make of these conflicting portrayals of a drug with historical origins dating back to 8,000

B.C.? Understanding Marijuana examines the biological, psychological, and societal impact of this controversial substance. What are the effects, for mind and body, of long-term use? Are smokers of marijuana more likely than non-users to abuse cocaine and heroine? What effect has the increasing potency of marijuana in recent years had on users and on use? Does our current legal policy toward marijuana make sense? Earleywine separates science from opinion to show how marijuana defies easy dichotomies. Tracing the medical and political debates surrounding marijuana in a balanced, objective fashion, this book will be the definitive primer on our most controversial and widely used illicit substance.

Book Information

Paperback: 344 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press; Oxf Univ PR Pbk ed. edition (April 14, 2005)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0195182952

ISBN-13: 978-0195182958

Product Dimensions: 9 x 1.1 x 6 inches

Shipping Weight: 1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars 40 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #413,909 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #181 in [Books > Health, Fitness & Dieting > Psychology & Counseling > Physiological Aspects](#) #576 in [Books > Textbooks > Medicine & Health Sciences > Administration & Policy > Public Health](#) #967 in [Books > Textbooks > Social Sciences > Psychology > Psychopathology](#)

Customer Reviews

"a well-balanced, up-to-date, non-specialist book that should appeal to a wide audience."--Nature "a valuable and instructive resource for anyone interested in cannabis and/or the reform of marijuana laws. The book achieves its objective of providing a balanced and definitive primer on the most widely used illicit substance in the United States...[and] convincingly debunks many widely held myths."--Jon Gettman, High Times "Earleywine ... has contributed a well-balanced, up-to-date, and scholarly overview of this controversial and illegal controlled substance ... and the scientific evidence of its biological, psychological, and societal impacts. ... Earleywine's highly readable book clears up some common marijuana myths and helps readers to better evaluate and understand the current cannabis debate. This volume will be a welcome addition to college and university libraries."--Choice

Mitch Earleywine, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Clinical Science and Director of Clinical Training in Psychology at the University of Southern California. He has received nine teaching awards for his courses on drugs and human behavior and is a leading researcher in psychology and addictions. He is Associate Editor of The Behavior Therapist.

I have some professional reasons for trying to collect the best information I can about marijuana. I literally could not find another volume that attempts to collect all the extant research on pot. This is it. A friend who read it argued that the book was biased, because, although Earleywine explicitly states that pot is neither completely harmless or clearly badly harmful, the book is probably going to be admired by pro-pot folks than anti-pot folks. But, for the anti-pot folks, to paraphrase Stephen Colbert, it may turn out that the facts are biased against them. There are plenty of perfectly good reasons people should encourage others, especially teenagers, to avoid pot. There's no reason to make stuff up. This is an excellent, well-researched and indispensable read for people interested in the topic. Would love to see a new edition.

This was one of the first books I purchased on this subject and I'm really glad I found it. The author does present with some humor, but this is a much more serious and scholarly book than any others I have read so far. Facts, facts, facts. Everyone on the side of legalization of cannabis for medical or recreational use should arm themselves with the facts and not hearsay on this subject, and this book should be in your library. I hope a newer edition is forthcoming as new evidence presents itself.

The author does a masterful job of thoroughly debunking many widely held myths from health scares to addiction myths. He presents well researched evidence in a logical and methodical manner. His findings were eye opening in a number of areas and cast a truthful light on many misconceptions that I held for so long. I am grateful that I now have factual information that replaces misinformation that I held onto for so long. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who wishes to replace myths with knowledge.

I like it but it needs an update. Very well written and far ahead of other works at the time. Old information in a field budding with new insights. It is a scholarly work when most others are elementary. Great resource for research and the history of cannabis.

With all of the misinformation circulating about cannabis over the last 70 years its nice to have a refreshing, scholarly, intelligent review of the subject. I wish everybody in the country who had anything to do with the War on Drugs - from both sides of the debate, would stop bantering about unsupported nonsense and old cliches about that vegetation and look at the evidence, the history, and see the nonsense that is currently floating unabashedly about on that subject. Thanks Dr. Earlywine for your significant effort to try to get out the facts. Del

This is a comprehensive work that systematically covers just about every aspect of marijuana usage, and does so quite objectively, with lots of scientific backing. After reading this, you'd have to be pretty hardcore not to admit there's a good case to be made for general decriminalization. Congress should have to read it.

Since the 2012 November election the level of interest in the legalization of Marijuana has reached some significant momentum. I was sceptical about making the consumption of Marijuana legal but this book certainly changed my view about the possibility. Through and well argued science will hopefully overcome old and misguided social norms.

a "new look" at evidence that was been there all along. the mainstream population needs to be aware of the scientific investigation in the responsible use of the plant medically, recreationally and economically

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Growing Marijuana: Big Buds, Growing Marijuana In Soil For Beginners (Growing Marijuana, Marijuana Cultivation, Marijuana Growing, Medical Marijuana, Marijuana Horticulture) Growing Marijuana: Box Set - Growing Marijuana For Beginners & Advanced Marijuana Growing Techniques (Growing Marijuana, Marijuana Growing, Growing Marijuana Indoors) Marijuana Horticulture: Big Buds, Growers guide to get the biggest yields from your plants (Growing Marijuana, Marijuana Cultivation, Cannabis, Medical Marijuana, Marijuana Horticulture) Marijuana: Growing Marijuana Indoors: The Ultimate Simple Guide To Producing Top-Grade Dank Medical Marijuana Cannabis Indoors (Growing weed, Medical marijuana, ... Marijuana Cultivation, Cannabis Book 2) Marijuana: How to Grow Marijuana - A Simple Guide to GROWING DANK WEED: Indoor and Outdoor (Medical Marijuana, Cannabis, Marijuana Growing, Marijuana Grower's Bible) Marijuana: Growing Marijuana, Beginner's Guide for Big Buds - Step by Step (How to Grow Weed, Growing Marijuana Outdoors, Growing Marijuana Indoors, Marijuana Bible Book 1) Growing Marijuana: Marijuana Growing Tips and Tricks to Get Big Yields For Beginners! (Growing Marijuana For Beginners, Growing Marijuana Indoors & Outdoors, Growing Marijuana Tips and Tricks) Understanding Marijuana: A New Look at the Scientific Evidence Cannabis Success: The Easiest Guide on Growing Large Marijuana Plants at Home (Cannabis, Cannabis Growing, Marijuana, Marijuana Growing, Medical Marijuana, Medical Cannabis, Hydroponics) Growing Marijuana: Beginner's Guide for Big Buds - step by step (How to Grow Weed, Growing Marijuana Outdoors, Growing Marijuana Indoors, Marijuana Bible) Medical Marijuana: How to Make Cannabis Oil: All The Marijuana Benefits And How To Use Marijuana For: Anxiety, Epilepsy, Cancer, Pain, Tourette And More Curing Cannabis Uses Growing Marijuana: Box Set: Growing Marijuana for Beginners & Advanced Marijuana Growing Techniques Cannabis: Marijuana Horticulture - How to Easily Grow Cannabis Indoors, Get Higher Yields, & Bigger Buds (Indoor Marijuana & Cannabis Cultivation, Growing Marijuana, Growing Cannabis) How To Grow Marijuana: The Comprehensive Guide To Growing Marijuana - Personal Cultivation For Medical Marijuana Indoors And Outdoors, Grow Weed From Seeds & Cultivate Big Buds of Cannabis Marijuana, Growing Marijuana: The Complete Guide On How To Grow Your Own Marijuana And Get Big Yields! (Horticulture, Medical, Personal Cultivation, Weed, Cannabis, Bible, Big Buds, Indoor, Outdoor) Marijuana: Growing Marijuana, A QuickStart Indoor And Outdoor Grower's Guide For Medical And Personal Marijuana. Weed: The Ultimate Quick Guide To Growing Great Marijuana (How To Grow Your Own Weed, Growing Marijuana for Beginners, Big Buds, High Yields, Growing Marijuana Indoors, Weed Growing Book 1) Marijuana: Beginner's Guide to Growing Your Own Marijuana at Home (Medical Marijuana, Pain, Growing Cannabis, Ultimate Guide, Gardening) DIY Cannabis Extracts: The Ultimate Guide to DIY Marijuana Extracts: Cannabis Oil, Dabs, Hash,

Cannabutter, and Edibles (Marijuana seeds, Marijuana strains, indoor growing, cannabis dabbing)
Marijuana: Understanding Drugs and Drug Addiction (Treatment to Recovery and Real Accounts of
Ex-Addicts / Volume V Marijuana Edition Book 5)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)