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Peyote And Magic Mushrooms (Drug Abuse Prevention Library)



Synopsis

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Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Grade 6-10? Adint pulls no punches in describing the grim situations in which teens involved in illegal activities may find themselves. His unique and informative title offers an overview of the juvenile-justice system from arrest to sentencing, covering rehabilitation, detention facilities, and penalties for drug-related crimes. He encourages readers to make wise choices and to seek successful and satisfying lives through educational attainment. Smith discusses the special problems that peyote and magic mushrooms present for American society. Unfortunately, she begins with an awkward, fictionalized episode in which a pair of Anglo teens ask Native Americans about peyote and are chastised for their disrespect. She warns of the dangers and risks to users who have not undergone serious preparation, and explains the possibility of poisoning or fatal overdose. Common beliefs that "natural" plants are safe and that they heighten sexual drive are refuted, and the author urges teens to seek religious enlightenment within their own cultures and to avoid spiritual "short cuts" that often turn out to be illusory. She is unclear about the current legal status of these drugs in regard to Native American rites, however. The books are illustrated with average-quality, black-and-white and full-color photographs. Libby K. White, Schenectady County

The author should have learned more about this subject before she passed judgment on magic mushrooms. There is good reason to believe that mankind has used this kind of mushroom since we first domesticated cattle. Magic mushrooms may be the basis for all religion as we know it. Very shallow and misinformed. Any other book on this subject would be more informative. "Clue" if you see it listed in the (drug abuse prevention library), it's probably biased and not full of useful information.

Trite and moralistic introduction to plants that have been used by man for thousands of years. For a more accurate coverage of the subject see: Psilocybin Mushrooms of the World by Paul Stamets and Dr. Andrew Weil

The author is obviously misinformed - no real 'shroomer would just take the fungi and leave a perfectly good pile of dung lying there.

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