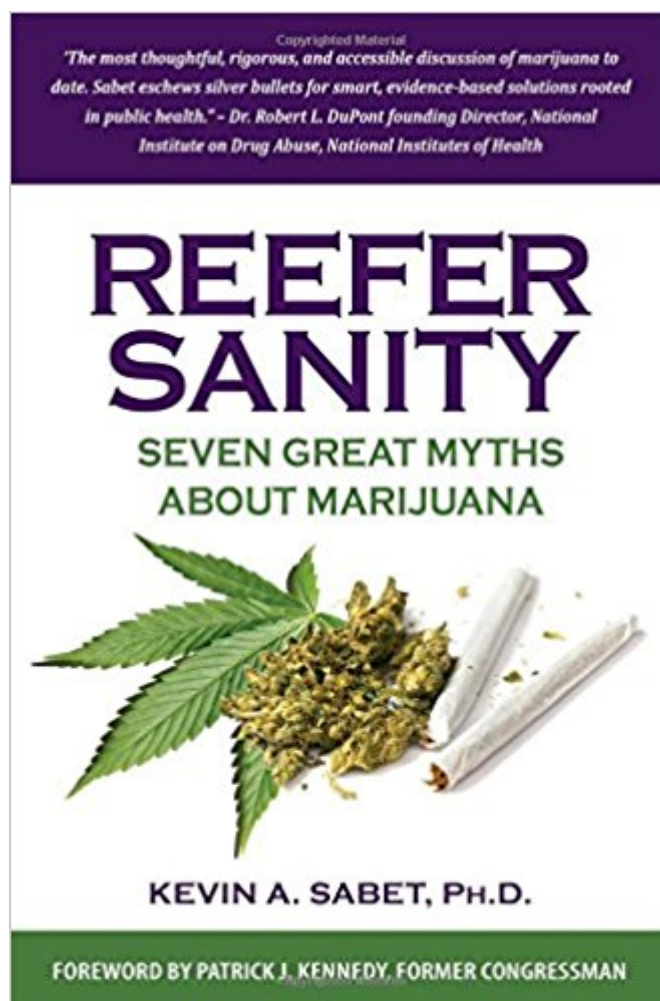


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Reefer Sanity: Seven Great Myths About Marijuana



Synopsis

In this book, Kevin A. Sabet argues that the United States should not legalize pot with all of its attendant social costs, nor damage the future prospects of pot smokers by prosecuting and jailing them.

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A former Senior Advisor in President Obama's drug policy office, Dr. Kevin Sabet carefully considers the consequences of marijuana legalization. In *Reefer Sanity*, Dr. Sabet uses a plethora of research to argue that the United States should not legalize marijuana with all of its attendant social costs, nor damage the future prospects of marijuana smokers by prosecuting and jailing them. Rather, he contends that we should shift our emphasis to education about the newly revealed health dangers of marijuana use, as well as focus on intervention and treatment. Before we go ahead and legalize marijuana, he argues we ought to try these kinds of evidence-based reforms first.

The Seven Great Myths About Marijuana:

- (1) Marijuana Is Harmless and Nonaddictive
- (2) Smoked or Eaten Marijuana Is Medicine
- (3) Countless People Are Behind Bars Simply for Smoking Marijuana
- (4) The Legality of Alcohol and Tobacco Strengthen the Case for Legal Marijuana
- (5) Legal Marijuana Will Solve the Government's Budgetary Problems
- (6) Portugal and Holland Provide Successful Models for Legalization
- (7) Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment Are Doomed to Fail--So Why Try?

Informative

Excellent information concerning the truth about marijuana and not the typical "it's medicine" bull.

This thoroughly researched and well written book is a must read for every elected official, public health professional, educator or parent. It relies on science and facts to dispel the myths about marijuana. This book paints a clear and factual picture on the dangers of marijuana.

Good resource

poses good questions that our government representatives at the State level should have considered BEFORE allowing medical reefers

Great information. Whether you agree or disagree with legalization this brings up interesting issues to be considered regardless of the direction we go. Many dislike this book but are looking from a defensive point of view. To me, this book seems to bring up points that are not so much against legalization, but more so make me think about how we do it in a way that is better managed. Try asking a "cannabis prescriber" for a other prescibtions. They can't do it. So are they real doctors?

So how do we get REAL doctors to prescribe it. Actually they do, (marinol) but with out the THC so people cant get high. So if its about healthy benefits, why are we still pushing for more? Its because there are those who want to bake their lives away. People buying this book need to read it with an open mind and not just read it to dismiss things that go against their agenda.

I highly recommend this book. Dr. Sabet debunks myths about marijuana, documenting the harmful and addictive nature of today's weed, which is much more potent than what was sold in the US a generation ago. He makes the case that we must avoid harsh criminal penalties for users, on the one hand, and the legally sanctioned creation of a Big Marijuana industry, on the other. He advocates an approach based on education to discourage use and treatment or modest sanctions to help habitual users quit.

A great book to read if you want a plethora of strawman and red herring arguments. Sabet is an old-school reefer madness fool. Read to understand what kids will be laughing about in a few decades. He will not be remembered fondly.

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