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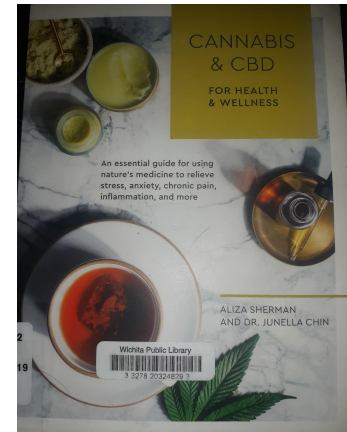
# Cannabis in all its forms should NOT be legalized

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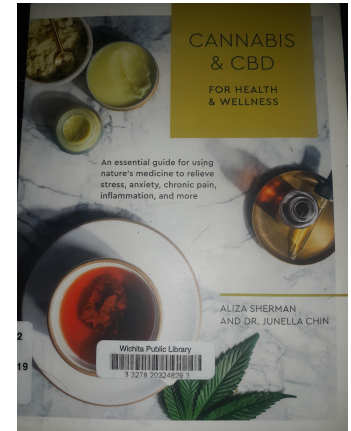
# Why!?! Here's all the good things it does:

**Aliza Sherman and Dr. Junella Chin explain on pages 105 through 149 the physical and psychological benefits of CBD and other chemicals in cannabis.**



# Physical and psych benefits:

Reducing intensity of: Pain/inflammation (both nerve and physical), nausea, spasms, anxiety/panic attacks, seizures, insomnia, PTSD, depression, ADD/ADHD, sexual inhibitions (page 144 has an interesting take on vaginal applications, FYI)



# Drug /dræg/druhɡ

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/drug>

2. Something and often an illegal substance that causes addiction, habituation, or a marked change in consciousness.



**There is no shortage of claims around the world about the “greatness of weed.”**

**→ “Drug is not a weed!!!”**

There are countless claims with and without evidence that weed is not a drug.

**→ Marijuana's not addictive. It contains no additives!**

Unfortunately addiction is not based on the presence of additives.

**→ It's all-natural, so it's safe!**

Other “all-natural” drugs are opium, cocaine, rattlesnake venom and cyanide!



# Addiction

- Using more marijuana than intended
- Trying but failing to quit using marijuana
- Spending a lot of time using marijuana
- Craving marijuana
- Using marijuana even though it causes problems at home, school, or work



## Addiction ...cont.

- Continuing to use marijuana despite social or relationship problems
- Giving up important activities with friends and family in favor of using marijuana
- Using marijuana in high-risk situations, such as while driving a car
- Continuing to use marijuana despite physical or psychological problems



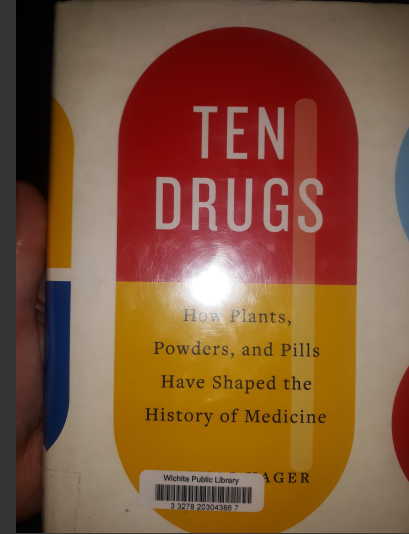
## Addiction... cont.

- Needing to use more marijuana to get the same high
- Experiencing withdrawal symptoms when stopping marijuana use



Author Thomas Hager takes us through a glimpse of history about how plants and fungi became drugs, how they became poisons, and how poisons became drugs.

There is a fine line between what is considered medicine and poison. Any substance consumed without a prescribing medical professional is a dice roll. A chronic consumer of any substance will experience a tolerance to that substance and others in the same family.



There are some remedies worse than the disease.

- Publilius Sirus

# One joint is as damaging as five cigarettes. ABC News.

"This damage is a full range from symptoms to structural lung damage and reduced lung function," said lead researcher Dr. Richard Beasley, director of the Medical Research Institute of New Zealand, in Wellington.

<https://abcnews.go.com/Health/Healthday/story/121&page=1>



## Did you know?

The tar produced from smoked marijuana contains over TWICE that of cigarettes.

Drug interactions occur when two or more drugs – prescription, recreational and/or OTC -- react with each other. Some drug interactions can make the drug you take less effective. And some combinations of drugs can be dangerous. For example, mixing a drug you take to help you sleep (a sedative) and a drug you take for allergies (an antihistamine) can slow your reactions and make driving a car or operating machinery dangerous.

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/special-features/drug-interactions-understanding-risk>



## Interactions

Your prescribing physician and pharmacist will caution you on and manage drug interactions... for those drugs they KNOW you are taking, that is.



## **Myth or fact?**

# **“My doctor prescribed it, so it can’t be wrong.”**

Ladies and gentlemen, this is pure MYTH. I myself have spent countless hours (and dollars) in hospitals, urgent care clinics, doctors' offices and emergency rooms twisting and bending prescribers to my will of as many (in my case) painkillers as I could manage. Something as narcotic as marijuana will certainly be pursued the same.



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## Conclusion:

At the end of the day, I am a proud United States Army Veteran, but I forgot that for a while along the way. I coped with my PTSD/Depression by abusing narcotics. My fear is the legalization of marijuana will only enable those in risk groups to essentially summon an atom bomb to solve a problem that could otherwise be solved by a simple drink of water. Alcohol is already a powerful narcotic available without a prescription. It saddens me to see another one added to the list of atom bombs available for the leigh person.

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