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Since the Stone Age, drugs have been sniffed to induce sleep, mixed to cure ills, swallowed to stimulate creativity, snorted to increase sexuality, popped for the hell of it and smoked to see God.

Natural or synthesized, they have been smuggled for all kinds of reasons from saving the world to becoming stinking rich. Blamed for deaths, wars, suicides, collapses of governments, multiple crashes, individual crises, anarchy and chaos, they have also been praised for opening minds and expanding consciousness.

Worshipped and demonised, venerated and chastised, force-fed and forbidden. Every society has had its intoxicant, be it sacrament or scourge.

They have also become irreversibly interwoven with politics, sex, business, religion, and rock and roll, providing writers, whether emerging from the ancient classical world or the street laboratory of today, with both inspiration and challenge.

An unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime trip, *The Howard Marks Book of Dope Stories* includes his favourite drugs writings from Alexander Dumas to Aleister Crowley via Hunter S. Thompson and Charles Baudelaire, as well as unpublished works and many new and compelling pieces from Mr Nice himself.

The Howard Marks Book of Dope Stories Details

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Lukas B. says

An interresting collection of works surroundng the mind-altering substance and psychedelic world. Not being objective enough in this work has lowered the rating for me, but in general I enjoyed the book.

Rajendra prabhu k says

inspiring

Simon says

The Howard Marks Book Of Dope Stories
It does exactly what it says on the tin!!
Yes a great compendium of 500 some pages of Drug Stories compiled by Mr Nice himself Howard Marks.
The book is informative and educational as well as good fun, with everything from How to make hashish and recipes for doing so to the first attempts to ban smoking of tobacco on health grounds from King James the 1 in 1604!
Good stories about taking drugs that have been taken from hundreds of years of stories. and a range of Authors from William S Burroughs and Shakespeare through to Nelson Algren and Lester Grinspoon, as well as a couple from Doctor Beard aka Jason Parkinson who was over here last night for a little chat and some coffee.
Anyway if you like reading Drug stories you will really enjoy this book.

Stuart Wallace says

Thought his autobiography was brilliant but this just wasn't my cup of tea.

Sandeep says

Ah, well, Howard Marks, in the years between his ealry autobiographical venture Mr. Nice and this one, has

learnt how to write. Interspersed with all the impeccably researched and excavated pieces on various sorts of drug (ab?)use are pieces by Marks himself, and he's done a good job.

Cynical J says

pretty good book but I like Howard Marks and the way he writes. this book is a collection of stories some funny crazy some very academic. WARNING you will learn things as it's slightly educational but still good fun in my opinion.

David says

See the review for his book "MR NICE". Entertaining but only to read once. What was more entertaining is to look at his website and see Marks continues to make money from related past activities.

F says

Mixture of short and long.
Easy to dip into every other night.
Learned lots.

Charlotte says

Disappointed by the content, not a patch on Mr Nice but perhaps that was due to my uncertainty regarding the books content. A series of factually inaccurate "stories" from the past. Not worth a read if you don't have 2 weeks to spare!

Ginc Zivers says

Amazing book about drugs and trips. Love it!

Hannah French says

Loved this book and again full of loads of stories of the capers good and bad that happened to Howard Marks during his years of smuggling, consumption and drug use over the years.

Pete daPixie says

I've been reading this book for almost a month. Not solely I must add, there have been other books that have been on the go as well during the past weeks. 'The Howard Marks Book of Dope Stories' is that sort of book. Over five hundred pages and seven chapters containing short extracts from many writers, that the reader is able to dive in and out of quite easily. Mr. Marks has collected a wide range of literary stimulants from such as John Allegro's 'The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross', William Burroughs' 'Junky' and 'The Naked Lunch', Aleister Crowley 'Diary of a Drug Fiend', the Autobiography of Miles Davis, Jack Beeching from the 'Chinese Opium Wars', Derek Taylor from 'It Was Twenty Years Ago Today', Hunter S. Thompson's 'Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas', as well as samples from such as Charles Baudelaire, Charles Dickens, Alexandre Dumas and Friedrich Nietzsche.

It always makes me laugh my tripe out, but Mr. Nice was a friend of my sister in Majorca. His kids and my nephew went to the same school in Palma and they were in and out of each others houses so the kids could play together. Big blister is so straight she didn't suss until he published 'Mr Nice'.

I thought this collection was o.k., not as entertaining as 'Mr.Nice', but I've given it one extra star....well, a friend of the family!
