Kirkus Reviews: The United States of Opioids

Co-Founder and Managing Partner Harry Nelson released his latest book, *The United States of Opioids: A Prescription for Liberating a Nation in Pain* on March 26, 2019. The book provides a comprehensive look at the United States' Opioid Crisis, from its history, the implications of the current epidemic, and what role society can play in being part of the solution.

Kirkus Reviews featured *The United States of Opioids* in its latest edition of their magazine. The issue focuses on diversity and features authors of works that promote inclusion and understanding.

From the review:

> For decades, the United States has been ravaged by opioid addiction—a problem that's escalated to epidemic proportions. Nelson traces its historical arc from the late 19th century through the passage of significant legislation, such as the Harrison Narcotics Tax Act in 1914, and the creation of the Drug Enforcement Administration in 1973.
> The author goes on to present a synoptic account of the problem's growth in the 1990s, when OxyContin and fentanyl became the most popular opioids, and how inadequate responses from law enforcement, physicians, and the pharmacological industry only exacer-bated the crisis.
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> Over the course of his book, he refreshingly furnishes a kaleidoscopic account of the many causes of the opioid crisis rather than launching a political jeremiad that
> demonizes a particular group. Along the way, he consistently delves into complex matters with sensitivity. This tendency is particularly evident in his discussion of the virtues and vices of cannabis. A remarkably thorough and always sensible study.

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