

Books about Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness for Tweens and Teens

Nonfiction



Goldsmith, Connie. Addiction and Overdose: Confronting an American crisis, 2018. TEENNF 362.29 G624a

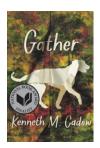
Very informative book that discusses the science and power of addiction, the dangers of withdrawal and the many different treatment options available for people who struggle with addiction.



Quinones, Sam. Dreamland: A young adult adaptation: The true tale of America's opiate epidemic, 2019. TEENNF 362.293 Q7d

Quinones explains how the rise of the prescription drug OxyContin, a miraculous and extremely addictive painkiller pushed by pharmaceutical companies, paralleled the massive influx of black tar heroin--cheap, potent, and originating from one small county on Mexico's west coast, independent of any drug cartel.

Fiction



Cadow, Kenneth M. Gather, 2023. TEEN CADOW

A resourceful teenager in rural Vermont struggles to hold on to the family home while his mom recovers from addiction in this striking debut novel.



Glasgow, Kathleen. **You'd Be Home Now,** 2021. TEEN GLASGOW After a fatal car accident that reveals Emory's brother Joey's opioid addiction, Emory struggles to help him on his road to recovery and make herself heard in a town that insists on not listening.

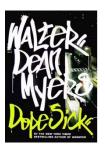


Henson, Heather. Wrecked, 2022. TEEN HENSON

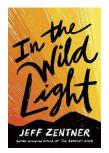
Told from different perspectives, almost-seventeen-year-old Miri skips school, rebuilds motorcycles, and befriends her new neighbor Fen to distract herself from knowing exactly what her dad Poe does for a living in the knobs of Kentucky.



MacGregor, Maya. **The Evolving Truth of Ever-Stronger Will**, 2023. TEEN MACGREGOR Follows 17-year-old Will as they struggle with the aftermath of parental abuse and learn to a forge a new life for themself.



Myers, Walter Dean. **Dope Sick**, 2009. TEENBL MYERS
After a botched drug deal leaves a cop fighting for his life, Jeremy Dance (aka Lil J) knows that he made some bad decisions.



Zentner, Jeff. In the Wild Light, 2021. TEEN ZENTNER

Attending an elite prep school in Connecticut on a scholarship with his best friend science genius Delaney Doyle, sixteen-year-old Cash Pruitt, from a small town in East Tennessee, struggles with emotional pain and loss until his English teacher suggests writing poetry.