

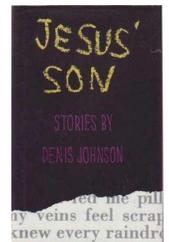


Opioids and Heroin Books, Films/TV, & Music

Books: Fiction, Non-fiction, Memoir

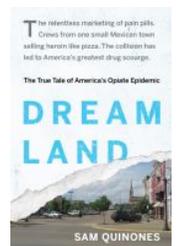
Fiction

- *Jesus' Son* – Denis Johnson (1992). Collection of short stories about several different characters struggling with opioid use disorder living in rural America.
<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1369417082>
- *Sea of Poppies*– Amitav Ghosh (2008). Set prior to the First Opium War, on the banks of the Ganges, this series of novels interweaves the stories of a number of characters all taking the same ship, the Ibis, with the opioid trade in China.
<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/664509082>
- *Cherry* – Nico Walker (2018). Author Nico Walker wrote this autobiographical novel from prison,. It tells the story of a college student who enlists in the Army, serves in Iraq, and comes back home with PTSD and an opioid use disorder.
<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1851130082>
- *Smack* – Melvin Burgess (1999). Two English teens move in with a group of squatters in Bristol and try to find ways to support their growing addiction to heroin.
<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/187801082>



Non-Fiction

- *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic* – Sam Quinones (2015). Well-researched book about the origins and drivers of the opioid epidemic in the U.S.
<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1460237082>
- *Pain Killer: An Empire of Deceit and the Origin of America's Opioid Epidemic* – Barry Meier (2018). Pulitzer Prize-nominated New York Times investigative reporter Barry Meier writes about Purdue Pharma, their medication OxyContin, and their/its role in the opioid epidemic. <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1848946082>



Memoir

- *The Big Fix: Hope After Heroin* – Tracey Helton Mitchell (2016). About Mitchell's life as a homeless heroin user and her path to recovery.
<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1607886082>
- *The Gilded Razor* – Sam Lansky (2016). Lansky writes about his addiction to prescription pain medication at age 17, his overdose, and his journey to recovery.
<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1563617082>



Films/TV: Drama, Documentary

Drama

- *Trainspotting* (1996): Brutal but realistic portrayal of heroin users and urban poverty in Edinburgh, Scotland. <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1682099082>
- *Requiem for a Dream* (2000): Grim depiction of 4 different forms of substance use disorder, each of which lead to the characters' imprisonment in a world of delusion and reckless desperation. <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1866196082>
- *Traffic* (2000): Four stories explore the illegal drug trade and the impact of drug policy on the problem: a Mexican policeman, two DEA agents, a wealthy American drug baron, and the U.S. drug czar. <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/170840082>
- *The Basketball Diaries* (based on a memoir by Jim Carroll) (1995): High school basketball player develops a heroin use disorder, disrupting his life. <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/231730082>



Documentary

- *The Resurgence of Heroin* (2014, KBTC.org, ~30 min). Episode of Northwest Now that looks at heroin and opioid use in our region. Stream free: <http://video.kbtc.org/video/2365166982/>
- *Frontline: Chasing Heroin*. Investigating an American Crisis (2016, PBS, ~2 hours). This episode of Frontline tells stories of individuals with opioid use disorder. Stream free: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/chasing-heroin/>
- *Warning: This Drug May Kill You* (2017, HBO, 1 hour). Profile of several families whose lives have been impacted by opioid addiction. Includes discussion of the history of the opioid crisis, in particular the role of Purdue Pharma. <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1766202082>
- *Heroin: Cape Cod, USA* (2015, HBO, 75 min). Directed by Academy Award-winner Steven Okazaki, this film profiles 8 heroin addicts in their early 20s living on Cape Cod. <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1654080082>
- *Heroin(e)* (2017, Netflix, 39 minutes). Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject. Follows 3 women – a fire chief, a judge, and a street missionary – battling West Virginia's opioid epidemic. Available on Netflix: <https://www.netflix.com/title/80192445>



Music about Opioids/Heroin

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