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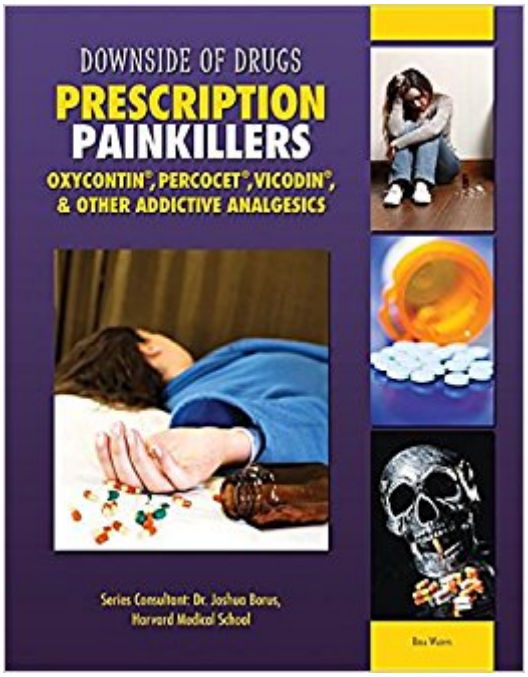

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Synopsis

Just because a drug is legal, doesnt mean its safe to abuse it. Abusing prescription painkillers like OxyContin, Percocet, and Vicodin is no safer than trying much harder drugs. These drugs are being vastly abused and represent one of todays largest drug epidemics. Discover the real consequences of taking prescription painkillers to get high. Learn about the damage these pills can do to your body and how you can develop an addiction to painkillers. Find out about the downside of prescription painkillers!

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Gr 6-8-Written with a Harvard Medical School consultant, this series discusses drugs in a tone that is appropriately sober yet not alarmist or condescending. The authors demonstrate empathy toward teens and the pressures they face. Many graphics seem macabre and over-the-top, such as an image of the Grim Reaper in ADHD Medication Abuse, whose unintentional humor belittles the serious message. However, many diagrams convey useful content, including a diagram in Dangerous Depressants and Sedatives that shows parts of the body affected by depressants and another one demonstrating how the chemicals impact the brain. Readers will absorb vast amounts of information through the text and the sidebars, which lend themselves to discussion and further research. Despite some awkward moments, this series is mostly well written and expertly

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