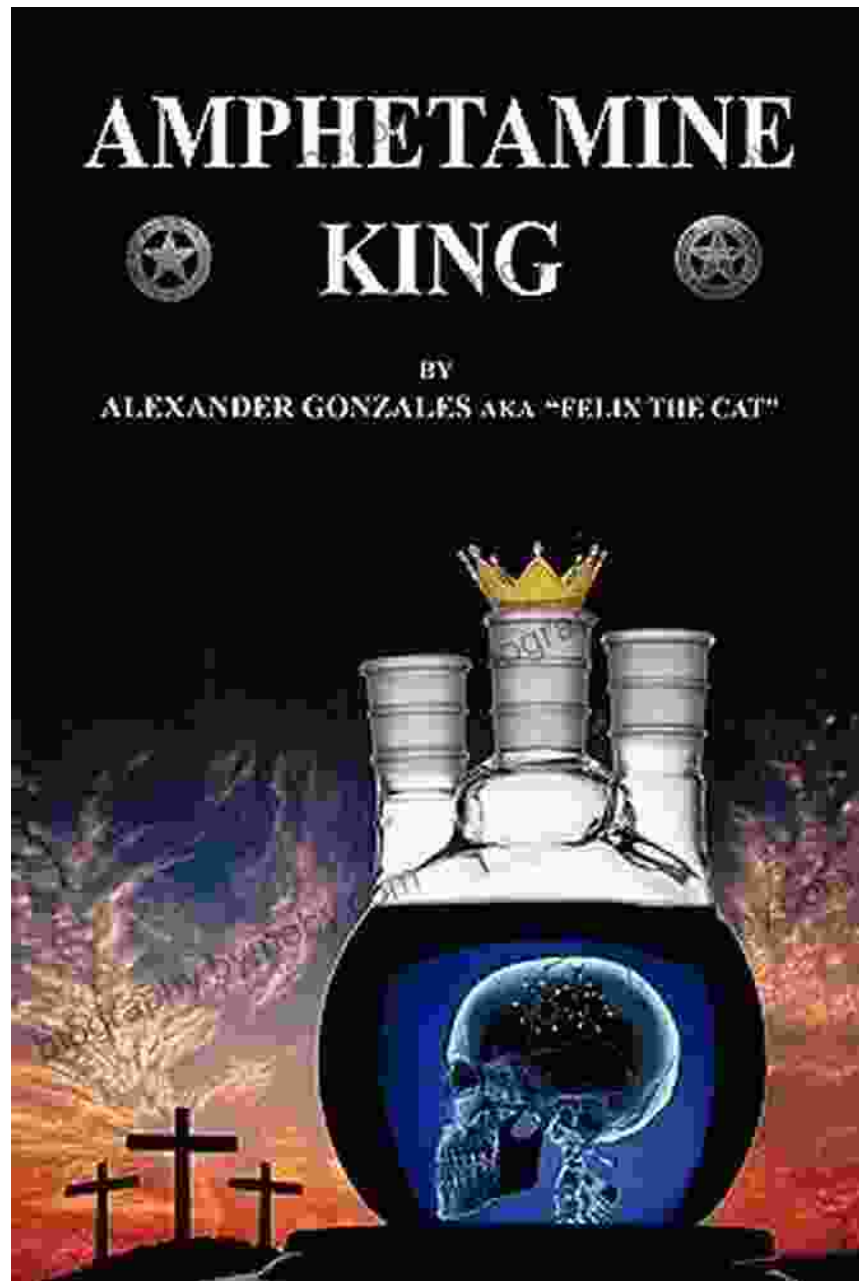


Amphetamine King: The True Story of Neil Fontaine, the Man Who Fueled a Generation of Addicts



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Neil Fontaine was a pioneer in the production and distribution of amphetamines in the United States. His story is a fascinating look at the rise and fall of the American drug trade.

Fontaine was born in 1922 in Detroit, Michigan. He dropped out of high school at 16 and moved to California, where he began working as a truck driver. In the early 1950s, Fontaine started taking amphetamines to stay awake during long drives. He quickly became addicted to the drug and began selling it to other truck drivers.

In 1958, Fontaine met a chemist named George Arndt. Together, they developed a new method for producing amphetamines that was much cheaper and more efficient than the existing methods. Fontaine and Arndt formed a company called the U.S. Pharmaceuticals and began producing amphetamines on a large scale.

Fontaine's amphetamines quickly became popular with college students, truck drivers, and other people who wanted to stay awake and alert. By the early 1960s, Fontaine was producing millions of dollars worth of amphetamines each year.

Fontaine's success did not go unnoticed by law enforcement. In 1965, he was arrested and charged with drug trafficking. He was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Fontaine's arrest did not stop the flow of amphetamines into the United States. Other drug dealers quickly stepped in to fill the void. However, Fontaine's legacy continues to this day. He is considered one of the pioneers of the American drug trade, and his story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of addiction.

The Rise and Fall of the American Drug Trade

The American drug trade has a long and complex history. The first drug laws in the United States were passed in the late 19th century. These laws were aimed at controlling the use of opium, cocaine, and other drugs that were seen as dangerous and addictive.

In the early 20th century, the drug trade began to grow rapidly. This was due in part to the rise of new drugs, such as heroin and marijuana. It was also due to the growing demand for drugs from soldiers fighting in World War I and World War II.

After the war, the drug trade continued to grow. In the 1950s and 1960s, the United States experienced a major drug epidemic. This epidemic was fueled by the widespread use of amphetamines and other drugs.

The American government responded to the drug epidemic by passing stricter drug laws. These laws made it more difficult to obtain and use drugs. However, the drug trade continued to thrive.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the American drug trade was dominated by crack cocaine. Crack cocaine is a highly addictive drug that is made from cocaine powder. It is often smoked in a pipe.

Crack cocaine quickly became a major problem in the United States. It led to an increase in crime and violence. It also led to a rise in the number of people who were addicted to drugs.

The American government responded to the crack cocaine epidemic by passing even stricter drug laws. These laws made it even more difficult to obtain and use drugs. However, the drug trade continued to thrive.

In the 21st century, the American drug trade has continued to evolve. New drugs, such as fentanyl, have emerged. The drug trade has also become more globalized.

The American drug trade is a major problem. It leads to crime, violence, and addiction. The American government has spent billions of dollars trying to stop the drug trade. However, the drug trade has continued to thrive.

The Dangers of Addiction

Addiction is a serious disease. It can destroy lives. Addiction can lead to physical, mental, and emotional problems. It can also lead to crime and violence.

There are many different types of addiction. Some people are addicted to drugs. Others are addicted to alcohol. Still others are addicted to gambling or other activities.

Addiction is a complex disease. There is no single cause of addiction. However, there are some risk factors that can make someone more likely to become addicted. These risk factors include:

* Genetics * Mental health disorders * Trauma * Environmental factors

Addiction is treatable. However, there is no cure for addiction. Treatment can help people to manage their addiction and live healthier lives.

If you are struggling with addiction, there is help available. There are many different treatment programs that can help you to get your life back on track.



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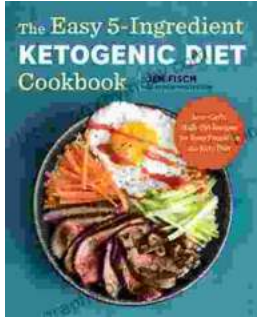
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