Life of the Heroin User, The

The first book to apply a biographical approach to the lifecycle of the heroin user from birth until death

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Heroin is a worldwide scourge and a seemingly intractable one. This book's chapters address each stage of the user's life, including childhood, routes to use, the development of dependence, problems arising from addiction, death and options for treatment and prevention. Drawing on over two decades of experience in the field of opium research, Shane Darke examines major theoretical approaches to the development of opiate dependence and the efficacy of treatment options for opiate dependence. Key points are presented at the end of each chapter. The most detailed review available of what is likely to happen to the dependent heroin user, this is an important book for clinicians, researchers and students in the fields of drug and alcohol studies and public health.

- Presents the natural life histories of opioid users with an engaging writing style, enabling understanding of the likely trajectories and outcomes of addiction
- Includes a review of childhood risk factors for drug use, enabling identification of high risk children and adolescents, and also presents the first review of the life of the older heroin user
- Reviews treatment and prevention options, with key fact summaries for quick practical reference

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