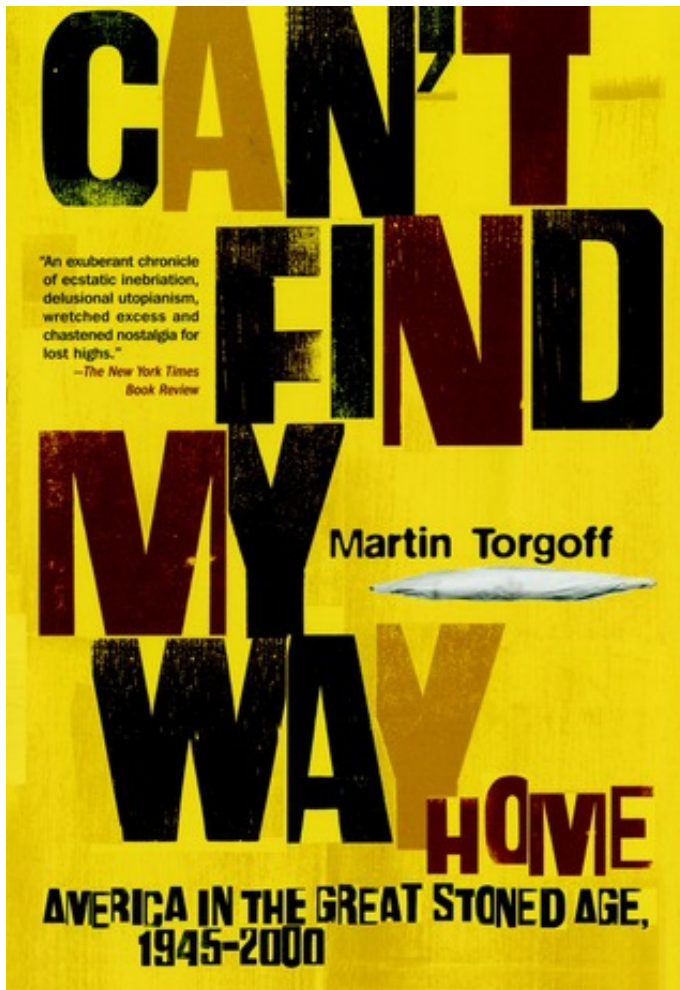


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**Can't Find My Way Home: America in the Great Stoned Age,  
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## Description

From the narcotic allure of the bebop and Beat generations to the psychedelic 1960s, Vietnam, the cocaine-fueled disco era, the crack epidemic, and the ecstasy-induced rave culture, illegal drugs have profoundly shaped America's cultural landscape. In *Can't Find My Way Home*, journalist and filmmaker Martin Torgoff chronicles what a long strange trip it's been as the American Century became the Great Stoned Age.

Weaving together first-person accounts and historical background, *Can't Find My Way Home* is a narrative vast in scope yet rich in intimate detail. Torgoff tells the stories of those whose lives became synonymous with the drug culture, from Charlie Parker, Allen Ginsberg, Timothy Leary, and John Belushi to ordinary people who felt their consciousness "expanded" or who plumbed the depths of addiction. He also examines the broader impact of drugs on society and politics, from the war on drugs to the recovery movement, and the continuing debate over drug policy. A vivid work of cultural history that neither demonizes nor romanticizes its subject, *Can't Find My Way Home* is a provocative and fascinating look at how drugs have entered the American mainstream.

## Insightful reviews

Stephanie Duffield: Not only an encyclopedia of the drugs available in America for the last 60 years but also stories associated with those drugs illustrating their affects on the body and society.

Justin: This book tracks the use of drugs in post-war America by interweaving music, culture and tales of drug-users, both famous and common. It does not glorify nor condemn drug use, rather it gives a balanced and captivating look at how drugs have shaped American culture for both good or bad.

Anyone interested in the counter-culture movements of the past century will find this book a very enjoyable read.

David: *Can't Find My Way Home: America in the Great Stoned Age, 1945-2000* by Martin Torgoff (Simon & Schuster 2004) (nonfiction) is an outstanding book about drug use in American society. The book is ordered chronologically, and each chapter presents discussion about various psychoactive substances as their use became prominent, usually as a function of their time. For instance, when the book opens, jazz and bebop were popular forms of music; the author discusses the use of heroin in the context of jazz. Next, the book takes up the "Beats" and the hippies and explores the rise of psychedelics and marijuana. Cocaine is discussed as a consequence of the 1970's and 1980's, then onto the rise of crack, then finally MDMA (ecstasy). Please forgive this rough outline of the book; the author touches on every other drug I've ever heard of and provides segues (often of many pages) into subjects such as the rise and fall of Haight-Ashbury, the Viet Nam war, and the Manson family. I loved this book, and I've given it the highest rating that I've ever designated on Goodreads. My rating: 8/10, finished 2/12/13.

Abby: this can be a tremendous fascinating and readable account of the drug tradition within the

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US almost about the track world. certainly a useful ebook in case you are into musical background and tradition studies.

Erin: outstanding book! An epic examine medications and American tradition in glossy background from an entertaining, intensive and non biased viewpoint...

Nick Huntington-Klein: an engaging tackle drug use within the postwar United States. i am getting the experience that the e-book suffers from the way in which that Torgoff himself got here into the area of gear within the 60's. The fawning over the heroes of the beatnik and hippie eras can get overwrought to the purpose of comedy, and the tone shifts so all of sudden whilst speaking approximately any tradition that won't an instantaneous game of the 60's (complete with reappearances from Ginsberg, Leary, etc.) that i discovered myself unwilling to belief the book's take. possibly i am being too harsh, it is not like i am a professional here, however the ebook driven loads of my skeptical buttons. Read the 1st part for an affectionate and thorough memoir of the turned-on age, skim the second one part for a boomer's tackle how the children fucked all of it up.

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