

The History of Opium Intoxication in Assam, 1800-1959

Opium is a natural drug that is derived from the opium poppy plant. It has been used for centuries for its medicinal and recreational properties. In Assam, opium intoxication has a long and complex history. This article will explore the history of opium intoxication in Assam from 1800 to 1959.



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The Early Years

The first recorded evidence of opium use in Assam dates back to the 1800s. At this time, opium was used primarily for medicinal purposes. It was used to treat a variety of ailments, including pain, diarrhea, and dysentery. Opium was also used as a sleep aid.

In the early 1900s, the use of opium for recreational purposes began to increase. This was due in part to the use of morphine, a more potent form of opium. Morphine was used by many people to get high.

The Opium Trade

The opium trade in Assam was controlled by the British East India Company. The company encouraged the cultivation of opium in Assam in order to meet the demand for the drug in China. Opium was a major source of revenue for the company.

The opium trade had a devastating impact on Assam. The cultivation of opium led to the deforestation of large areas of land. The use of opium also led to widespread addiction and social problems.

The Opium Prohibition

In 1909, the British government passed the Opium Prohibition Act. This act banned the cultivation, sale, and use of opium in India. The act was not immediately effective in Assam. Opium continued to be smuggled into the state from Burma and China.

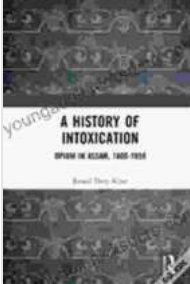
In the 1950s, the Indian government launched a campaign to eradicate opium cultivation in Assam. The campaign was successful, and opium cultivation was virtually eliminated.

The Legacy of Opium Intoxication

The legacy of opium intoxication in Assam is complex. Opium has had a negative impact on the state, but it has also played a role in its history and culture. Opium is still used by some people in Assam for medicinal purposes. However, the recreational use of opium has declined significantly.

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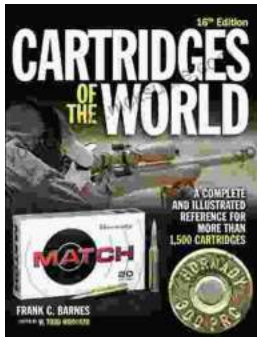


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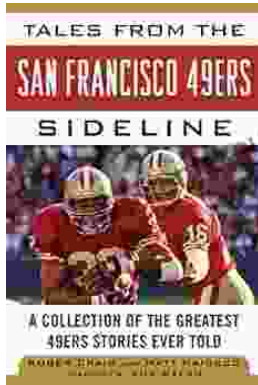
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