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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A well balanced book about the advantages and disadvantagesBy Robert C RossThere are many books and other sources of information with strong points of view, pro and con, for legalization of marijuana. There are precious few that give a balanced view on both sides of the issue, and this one is essential reading for anyone who wants to be informed, who hasn't already made up their minds.Some of the facts covered here:Americans are increasingly open to the idea. Rasmussen released a poll in May, 2012 which found that 56 percent of Americans were in favor of "legalizing marijuana and regulating it in a similar manner to the way alcohol and tobacco cigarettes are regulated today." Older Americans tended to be much more negative than younger Americans, so it may be that the pressure to legalize will continue to grow.A key analysis: legal Marijuana might be incredibly cheap. As the authors point out, marijuana is a nonperishable bulk commodity like wheat, corn, coffee and tea. For those kinds of commodities, cost of production is the key driver. Modern American agriculture and its related packaging and transportation methods are incredibly efficient, especially on a large scale and in areas conducive to large yields.Canada produces industrial hemp industry for about \$500 per acre. If mid-grade commercial marijuana (a similar plant) could be grown at that cost, the price to the consumer would be about 20 cents per pound. Better grades of marijuana would cost more; as the authors write: "production costs for crops that need to be transplanted, such as cherry tomatoes and asparagus, are generally in the range of \$5,000-\$20,000 per acre." Those more labor intensive crops suggest a consumer price of under \$20 per pound to less than \$5 a pound depending on quality. Those prices compare with price of "other legal herbs such as tea or tobacco ... 100 times lower than the current prevailing price of \$300 per ounce --- or a few cents per joint."Whether you support or oppose legalization, this data is useful: increases in consumption might be very high, but tax revenues might be significantly higher as well. Federal cigarette taxes bring in about \$10 billion a year, but the authors believe legalization couldn't yield revenues at that level.Nonetheless, it is very helpful to have firm data from which to reach policy decisions, and the authors provide that sort of information -- not only on the costs of production and possible tax revenues, but on other possible benefits -- and disadvantages. This book is essential reading for anyone interested in the issues.Robert C. RossJuly 2012Addendum: It may be worth mentioning that I have never used marijuana -- my drug of choice is five to ten glasses of red wine a

week -- but the issue of legalization seems very important to me as a policy matter. R.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy F. Macgregorgood but limited information2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A quick, interesting readBy David F. PhillipsA quick read with interesting facts - and information regarding a lack of facts in many areas regarding marijuana. I found the book a little bit disjoint - perhaps a sign of multiple authors who don't agree with one another on many relevant pieces of the book. Nevertheless worth the read.

Should we legalize marijuana? If we legalize, what in particular should be legal? Just possessing marijuana and growing your own? Selling and advertising? If selling becomes legal, who gets to sell? Corporations? Co-ops? The government? What regulations should apply? How high should taxes be? Different forms of legalization could bring very different results.This second edition of Marijuana Legalization: What Everyone Needs to Knowreg; discusses what is happening with marijuana policy, describing both the risks and the benefits of using marijuana, without taking sides in the legalization debate. The book details the potential gains and losses from legalization, explores the "middle ground" options between prohibition and commercialized production, and considers the likely impacts of legal marijuana on occasional users, daily users, patients, parents, and employers - and even on drug traffickers.

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