The Cannabis Manifesto: A New Paradigm For Wellness
The Cannabis Manifesto is both a call to action and a radical vision of humans’ relationship with this healing but controversial plant. Steve DeAngelo, the founder of Harborside Health Center, the world’s largest medical-cannabis dispensary, presents a compelling case for cannabis as a wellness catalyst that must be legalized. His view that there is no such thing as recreational cannabis use challenges readers to rethink everything they thought they knew about marijuana. The Cannabis Manifesto answers essential questions about the plant, using extensive research to fuel a thoughtful discussion about cannabis science and law, as well as its biological, mental, and spiritual effects on human beings. With a cultural critic’s eye peering through the lens of social justice, DeAngelo explains how cannabis prohibition has warped our most precious institutions—“from the family, to the workplace, to the doctor’s office and the courtroom.” In calling for a realistic national policy on a substance that has been used by half of all Americans, this essential primer will forever change the way the world thinks about cannabis, its benefits, and the laws governing its use.

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An intelligent, well-researched, and highly informative book by the founder of Harborside Health, the largest medical marijuana dispensary in the country. It delves into the historical, medicinal, scientific, cultural, and political aspects of a very beneficial but misguidedly maligned plant that has been used for medicinal purposes since antiquity and outlines the many ways cannabis can cure much of what
The Cannabis Manifesto consists of 8 chapters based on the author’s credo: 1. Cannabis is not harmful, but prohibition is. 2. Cannabis should have never been made illegal. 3. Cannabis has always been a medicine. 4. Choose cannabis for wellness, not intoxication. 5. Cannabis reform doesn’t harm communities, it strengthens them. 6. Cannabis should be taxed and regulated as a wellness product. 7. Cannabis reform is a social justice movement. 8. Legalization cannot and will not be stopped.

The book also offers a concise and compelling behind-the-scenes look at Harborside’s operations and gives readers a compelling look at the colorful, quasi-outlaw life of author, activist, and businessman Steve DeAngelo.

No matter how well versed you think you are about medical cannabis, and no matter how many books you’ve read about it, (and I’ve read a slew of them), you shouldn’t skip this book. The Cannabis Manifesto has taken a plethora of information about all aspects of cannabis from its medical and social history to current science, and put it into one small, concise, and hugely informative easy to read book. Since first learning about Steve DeAngelo and Harborside Health Center in California, I have looked up to and admired him for his activism, his tenacity, and his unwavering dedication to bringing the truth about cannabis to the mainstream. I almost didn’t get this book, but after reading what Johnny Green wrote about it, I decided to go ahead and buy it for my library. I am so glad I did and only wish I could buy a truckload of this book to pass out to everyone I know who is on the fence about trying cannabis medicine, and also to the sometimes offensive know-it-alls, like me. Thanks Steve. You have created a gem for cannabis newbies as well as cannabis veterans. This book has really helped me collect and organize my cannabis knowledge, and tossed in quite a few revelations as well. Great job!

As a long-time entrepreneur in the cannabis space serving the needs of cannabis banking, bulk CDB hemp oil production, and ancillary products, I was chomping at the bit to get inside Steve DeAngelo’s head. After all, the founder and CEO of the world’s largest dispensary must know a thing or two! Not only does Steve’s new book reveal the history and challenges he’s faced as a cannabis community leader and challenger to the government encumbants attempting to strangle our freedom, but he brings his perspective as a socially responsible community leader advocating the medical benefits of a “simple” weed. For those of us interested in both helping our peers and earning a living doing something we love, “The Cannabis Manifesto” shares Steve’s thoughts on how each of us can monetize our love for doing good and live well while “working” in the cannabis space. READ “The Cannabis Manifesto!” Gain a perspective on the history and pain of the past.
while exposing yourself to the possibilities for our future. The Team at MyPotGuru.com

This book is incredibly helpful if you want to understand cannabis today. The section on using cannabis for wellness was eye-opening, and the information about the benefits cannabis could bring to our world is inspiring. Whether you are just curious, or you’re a long time cannabis supporter, I would strongly recommend this book!

Buy as many as you can and give them out to friends and foes alike. The "word" needs to get heard. 2016 is "the year". Many of us won’t get another chance to make the world whole again. Do it FOR your children.

I’m so grateful that we have activists like Steve DeAngelo on our side. In my lifetime, I’ve seen a major shift in cannabis policy in large part due to the hard work of Steve and others. This is an important book for the cannabis movement. Thanks, Steve!

I attended the book signing in Oakland and was a pleasure to see Steve and his brother again. Sorry, I purchased the book at a pre-release party held by the author himself. Within this book you will find all of the right words. Prohibition and those vested in it can’t hold a candle to Steve DeAngelo’s arguments. Very eloquently put, well thought out and written like a symphony, Steve hits the nail on the head with this one. Bravo! A must read for minds of forward motion working for the greater of all.

This is an important book in the way that (CNN) Sanjay Gupta’s film "Weed" was. This book coming out now is another watershed moment in the inevitable normalisation of this simple, safe, and fantastically useful medicinal herb. America (and the world) is slowly waking up to the issues: the historic embarrassment of prohibition, the institutionalised hypocrisy, the criminal-level waste of taxpayers’ money, and the gross miscarriage of justice dumped on the backs of mostly innocent civilians like you and me. Beyond even these critical things is the fact that America (and the world) is slowly waking up to truth of the genuine benefit Cannabis has today for our well being and the well being of our children, on so many levels. There is no new information presented here, no great revelations - simply a well thought out, intelligently presented Manifesto whose time has come. It is important that this issue no longer be important, but become a simple fact of every day life for anyone who chooses to benefit. Kudos to Steve DeAngelo for doing what he’s been doing all these
years, for bringing this material together in such a clear, calm and intelligent way, and most of all for sticking his neck out as he continues to do.

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