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Acknowledging the changing national and international drug policy terrain, *The Drug Effect* covers a diverse array of drug types and populations. The book is organised into three sections – drug use as social and cultural practice; health and the medicalisation of addiction; and drugs, crime and the law – which reflect standard divisions in organising research and teaching on drug use. The intention in this volume, however, is to ‘trouble’ these divisions and the assumptions behind them, offering individual pieces and an overarching critical analysis that can be used both as a research resource and as a teaching tool.

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