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I am so pleased to be able to review this title positively, as a truly excellent, and very readable resource which not only offers a fairly objective account of the public health issues, and impact of alcohol, but also the historical and socio-political contexts for its use and misuse. Unlike the more subjective often highly biased tomes that have evolved from the need to address the problems caused by alcohol dependency, usually inspired or written by people who have recovered from such dependency, this text has a sense of balance that enables it to be accessed by those people who like me react with some scepticism to the more personally invested, often evangelical, approach.

The chapters take the form of quite short essays or reports that inform the reader and actually grab attention whilst retaining an academic approach to the subject matter of the chapter. The division of the book into nine parts is logical and helpful, allowing the reader to access material relevant to them very quickly. The parts are, respectively:

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