



## A Brief History of Drugs: From the Stone Age to the Stoned Age

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Inner Traditions Bear and Company, United States, 2009. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Original ed.. 206 x 136 mm. Language: English, Spanish . Brand New Book. A clear-eyed look at the instrumental role drugs have played in our cultural, social, and spiritual development. - First American publication of the surprising European bestseller. - Examines everything from the ancient use of ergot and datura to the modern phenomenon of designer drugs such as Ecstasy and crack cocaine. From remotest antiquity to the present era of designer drugs and interdiction, drugs have played a prominent role in the cultural, spiritual, and social development of civilizations. Antonio Escohotado demonstrates how the history of drugs illuminates the history of humanity as he explores the long relationship between mankind and mind-altering substances. Hemp, for example, has been used in India since time immemorial to stimulate mental agility and sexual prowess. Aristotle's disciple Theophrastus testifies to the use of datura by the ancient Greeks and further evidence links the rites at Eleusis to the ingestion of a hallucinogen. Similar examples can be found in cultures as diverse as the Celts, the ancient Egyptians, the Aztecs, and other indigenous peoples around the world. Professor Escohotado also looks at...

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