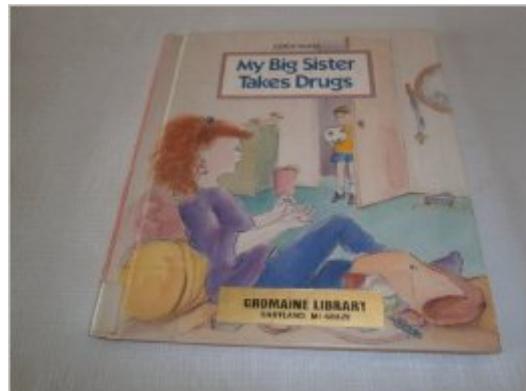


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# My Big Sister Takes Drugs



## **Synopsis**

When the police bring home Paul's sister Tina, who was found taking drugs in the park, a nightmare begins for the family, and Paul's new friendship with Jose and his plans for soccer camp both seem lost.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am a substance abuse counselor and 7 years in recovery with a 6 yr old son. His teacher is looking for people to come in and talk about their careers to his class and although mine is very important, it's a message hard to get across to small children. I've been talking to my son about drugs and alcohol since he was 2, having 2 parents in recovery, an alcoholic grandfather he is probed to the disease. A few days ago he saw our neighbor taken away in an ambulance after od'ing on heroin (we live in suburban Connecticut, so it's everywhere). I used it as an opportunity to remind him of the dangers of drugs, because bottom line, they are. I wonder if I was spoken to at the age of 6 of how dangerous they were, would I have thought twice, who knows but books like this are valuable to our society and should not be ridiculed for scaring kids, they need to be! I'm going to show it to his teacher, and suggest I replace the references of crack, with just "drugs" because they are small and don't want to have to get into specifics about drugs (ex. What is crack?). I'd say whether addiction or substance use period has been part of your life or not, read this book to your kids. The world is not made up of cotton candy and kittens, and the younger kids understand the

dangers out in the world, the better. You are not taking away their innocence, you are allowing them to hopefully hold on to it longer by teaching them valuable lessons today.

This book is perfect if, like me, you just CANNOT talk to your kids. Plop em down in the corner with this book and you have got gold. Blammo. Try the other books in the series like "What is up with Mom and her New Friend Barbara?" and my personal favorite "How Come That Man Staring At Me?"

I strongly disagree with the reviewer who stated that the book used "scare tactics" and the person who said it "glorified" drug abuse and led him or her to take drugs. This is a comforting book for children who have a sibling who uses substances.

I was surprised when my 7-year-old daughter wanted to check this book out of our public library, but decided to let her read it. The reality is that drugs are a part of our society and kids are learning about them at a very young age. She has already learned about the dangers of drugs at school, and this book was a good example of how destructive addiction can be to families. I think it was a realistic portrayal and my daughter was empathetic to the young character in the story who loses the love of his older sister as well as his chance to attend soccer camp since his parents must pay for his sister's rehab.

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