

Reefer Madness
Eric Schlosser

Well written, well researched, but nothing really new

I'd love to write as well as Eric Schlosser, but maybe that's why he's the bestseller. With such a gift he should say more.

He makes a good case against the War on Drugs as it pertains to marijuana. He gives the history of Harry Anslinger, the DEA, the politicians from the 40s through today. He tells how the crop is grown, harvested and distributed. How it has benefited from agricultural advances.

He'll sell a ton of copies because of "Fast Food Nation". A far better book, by a guy who lost blood earning his story, is "The Big White Lie" by Michael Levine. I flog this book because it is out of print and seems to have had a short run. A chapter is available in "Into the Buzzsaw"

Though Schlosser is sympathetic to the immigrants he limns in his second and shortest essay, he does not venture much in the way of suggestions as to a policy for dealing with them. Of the many books on the subject I most highly recommend the section from "Diversity in America". For well reasoned though passionate positions on the matter see online research by the Human Biodiversity Institute.

As for porn, so what? Like it or not there isn't much we can do about it. Yawn.