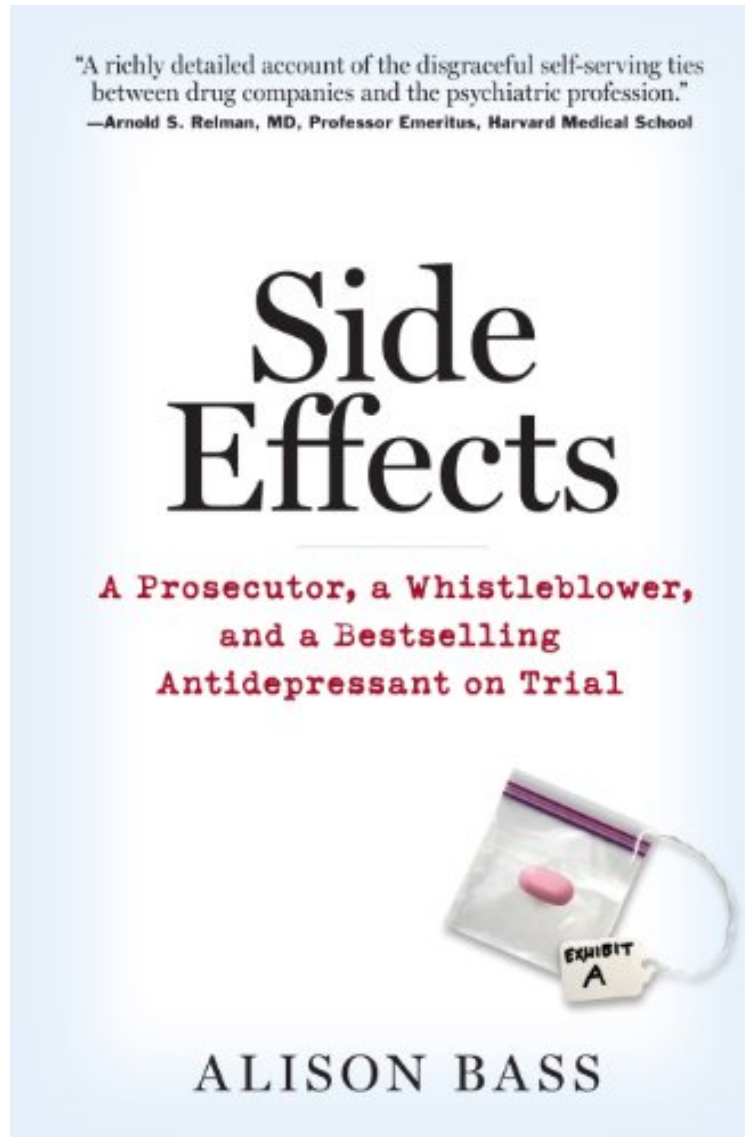


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I highly recommend everyone avoid him at all cost By Linda M. There should be another printing of this book, another edition by Alison Bass. Everyone needs to know about what doctors do to us. One doctor she describes in this book but does not name, I just happened to recognize him from what

she wrote and her description of his office, is a menace to society. He lives in my area, he experiments on people, he doesn't do his own clinical assessments but takes what a previous doctor diagnosed and starts prescribing experimentally. He also told me he takes the medications to see what kind of "side effects" he has with them. I wish she would have named him in her book, he deserves to be outed. His name is Jonathon Schwartz and his office is on 2nd Street in New Bedford. He also (for the money) sees students at UMass Dartmouth in their counseling office. I highly recommend everyone avoid him at all cost, regardless of the fact he is a part of the family who runs the "Schwartz Center" in Dartmouth, MA. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Interesting book, not dry non-fiction at all. By A. AltI generally avoid non-fiction books because they tend to be a bit dry, but this one kept me engaged. It reads like a novel, but without any embellishment of the facts. And the facts are easy enough to confirm with a few Google searches. I have recommended this book to everyone in my family, and all my friends. It's not an argument to do away with psychiatric medication, but to approach the idea of medication for mental illness with much more caution. It should encourage doctors to document immediately any problems patients have with medications, and to report it. If new reports were sent to some type of centralized database, perhaps a much more comprehensive analysis of the data could be done, well after the clinical trials have ended. These aren't sugar pills, folks. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An Amazing Book of Truths Exposing Big Pharma's Lies. By John DeProsperoThis is a fairly new book and very well written, I can only hope that this book gets into the hands of many interested parties and many more that should be aware of what is happening all around us. This book is based on facts of true stories and shows how the doctors, the pharmaceutical giants and the FDA have all been manipulating us for a very long time. Alison Bass has done an amazing job of bringing these stories together and putting it out there for millions to see. I have always been a big fan of former Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and this book shines a light on him showing some of the progress that he has made. He successfully cracked his way into many large corporations to expose the wrongful things they do. These corporations felt they were too big and too powerful to be held responsible for their actions. He cut them off at the knees and brought them down to size. He made sure these guys played by the rules and it's a shame he is no longer in charge. There are stories in this book that will send chills up your spine like a horror movie, only then to be snapped back to reality realizing these are true stories that really happened. This book has cemented the original reasons why I have been determined to find the truths about antidepressants and those that manufacture them and push them on the people that should not be on them in the first place. This book is an eye-opener for anyone who believes that, for the most part, your doctors, Big Pharma and the FDA are here to protect you. They will force pills on you that are not safe, because you don't know any better. Educate yourself and read this book!

As the mental health reporter for the Boston Globe, Alison Bass's front-page reporting on conflicts of interest in medical research stunned readers, and her series on sexual misconduct among psychiatrists earned a Pulitzer Prize nomination. Now she turns her investigative skills to a controversial case that exposed the increased suicide rates among adolescents taking antidepressants such as Paxil, Prozac, and Zoloft. *Side Effects* tells the tale of a gutsy assistant attorney general who, along with an unlikely whistle-blower at an Ivy League university, uncovered evidence of deception behind one of the most successful drug campaigns in history. Paxil was the world's bestselling antidepressant in 2002. Pediatric prescriptions soared, even though there was no proof that the drug performed any better than sugar pills in treating children and adolescents, and the real risks the drugs posed were withheld from the public. The New York State Attorney General's office brought an unprecedented lawsuit against giant manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline, the maker of Paxil, for consumer fraud. The successful suit launched a tidal wave of protest that changed the way drugs are tested, sold, and marketed in this country. With meticulous research, Alison Bass shows us the underbelly of the pharmaceutical industry. She lays bare the unhealthy ties between the medical establishment, big pharma, and the FDA—relationships that place vulnerable children and adults at risk every day.

From Publishers WeeklyThis densely researched report adds to the growing literature on Big Pharma's efforts to sell blockbuster drugs and with its two crusading heroes seems ready for Hollywood. Expanding on her reporting for the Boston Globe, Bass focuses on psychiatrist Martin Teicher, who as early as 1988 noticed that the antidepressant Prozac seemed paradoxically to cause suicidal thoughts in his patients, and the nearly blind Rose Firestein, a lawyer in the New York State attorney general's office who was investigating the inappropriate marketing and use of Paxil for unapproved purposes. Drug companies insisted there was no scientific evidence whatsoever linking GlaxoSmithKline's Paxil, Ely Lilly's Prozac and other serotonin-increasing antidepressants to suicidal thoughts and behavior, and Bass describes the dogged battle to show that company researchers had deliberately suppressed the results of trials with negative outcomes. Bass also follows the story of Tonya Brooks, an unhappy teenager who attempted suicide while taking Paxil. Although the story sometimes gets lost in the details of then attorney general Eliot Spitzer's 2004 suit against GlaxoSmithKline (eventually settled for \$2.5 million), this story of determined do-gooders is inspiring. (June) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From BooklistScience journalist Bass gives us a book with a bonus. The book is about a conscientious whistle blower and a feisty New York State assistant attorney general who believed something about the promotion

ofnbsp;the billion-dollar antidepressant Paxilnbsp;stank. Individually, they didn't know exactly what was wrong with the way the manufacturer, then SmithKline Beecham, was promoting the drug, but together they exposed a cover-upnbsp;involving everyone from drug company executives to so-called independent researchers to medical journals and even the FDA. The conspiracy concealed negative side effects from physicians who, in good faith, prescribed Paxil, which ultimately exacerbated the conditions of already severely depressed patients, which led some of them to suicide. The book is an important caveat, a warning that, when only positive clinical test results are reported, there is much to be gained by too many greedy people, and that passing medical journal and FDA muster may not guarantee that critical information hasn't slipped through the cracks in a flawed system. --Donna Chavez "Side Effects is long-form journalism at its best."mdash;Washington Post (Washington Post)ldquo;Engrossing.rdqo;--NY of Books (New York of Books)