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Nancy E. Marion : The Medical Marijuana Maze: Policy and Politics before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Medical Marijuana Maze: Policy and Politics:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "Highly" recommend this bookBy Nathan VenturiniHalfway through and I must admit: This is not for the feint of heart.If you want to know the details of medical marijuana, coupled with a nice history, this book is for you. There's short questions after each chapter, as if the book was intended to teach a class.This covers in good detail each state, president, impact, law, et cetera. Keep in mind as MMJ laws change parts of this book may not be accurate. For example, Illinois has an MMJ law that isn't mentioned in the book.

That does not diminish the book's accuracy in the least, rather, it adds historical value to the reading material and the reader is able to see how laws have changed over time. This book highlights the contradictory laws and the huge "grey" area of who can have marijuana and can't. There's more than a history lesson in this book as well. It's well worth a read if you're researching MMJ or just interested in the subject and need a starting point. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **IT IS UNBELIEVABLE HOW WELL THIS BOOK COVERS ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA** By JT The Medical Marijuana Maze does an excellent job of summing up the policy and political issues regarding the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes. Additionally, the book accurately describes events and legal cases throughout history in the United States that have brought us to this point. This book is especially relevant now that 2 states have decided to legalize recreational marijuana. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in criminal justice, political science, or current events. It contains valuable information that members of society should be mindful of. Although this book is written in a way that it can be comprehended by undergraduate students and practitioners working in the field, much of the content would be useful for advanced students and academic professionals.

The use of marijuana as medicine is a controversial topic in the US and around the world. While the US federal government continues to criminalize marijuana use, possession and distribution, many states have made it legal as a treatment for numerous medical conditions. As a result, the debate over whether it has recognized medicinal uses rages on. In *The Medical Marijuana Maze*, the intricacies of the laws regarding medical marijuana are explored. After a brief history of the drug is presented, the current state laws regarding medical cannabis are analyzed. The roles of various political actors regarding medical cannabis are described, including executives (presidents, governors and mayors), followed by a description of the most recent court decisions in which the legality of medical cannabis is further defined. The part that other key political actors, bureaucracies and interest groups, have played in this debate are illustrated as well. Of course, the public's opinions about the issue are behind much of the policies, so they are also described. The business opportunities that have emerged alongside the state legalization of medical cannabis are explained at the end of the book. In the end, *The Medical Marijuana Maze* is a comprehensive description and analysis of the status of medical marijuana in the US today.

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