Drugs Make You Un-Smarter

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What do you do when a parent, a grandparent, your brother, cousins, andan uncle are doing drugs? You are also expected to do drugs, right? Fifteen-year-old Savanna Peterson went beyond the expectations ofothers and took a stand against drugs, even when her older brother hadparties while her mom was at work, the cops were watching her house, and her dad spent most of her life in prison for drug-related crimes. Drugs Make You Un-Smarter is written by a high school student and hergrandmother. The book includes stories of people who have abused drugsand interviews with actors and professionals. Learn facts about drugs andhear about goal-oriented kids who, like Savanna, have made a choice toremain drug-free.

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In 1993, Dr. Kishore founded National Library of Addictions in Brookline, Massachusetts. The Library is designed to provide a non-profit structure for addiction professionals to exchange ideas and to further the development of treatment methodologies.