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Drugged

By Richard J. Miller

Oxford University Press Jan 2014, 2014. Buch. Book Condition: Neu. 241x1560x30 mm. Neuware - 'Morphine,' writes Richard J. Miller, 'is the most significant chemical substance mankind has ever encountered.' So ancient that remains of poppies have been found in Neolithic tombs, it is the most effective drug ever discovered for treating pain. 'Whatever advances are made in medicine,' Miller adds, 'nothing could really be more important than that.' And yet, when it comes to mind-altering substances, morphine is only a cc or two in a vast river that flows through human civilization, ranging LSD to a morning cup of tea. In DRUGGED, Miller takes readers on an eye-opening tour of psychotropic drugs, describing the various kinds, how they were discovered and developed, and how they have played multiple roles in virtually every culture. The vast scope of chemicals that cross the blood-brain barrier boggle the very brain they reach: cannabis and cocaine, antipsychotics and antidepressants, alcohol, amphetamines, and Ecstasy-and much more. Literate and wide-ranging, Miller weaves together science and history, telling the story of the undercover theft of 20,000 tea plants from China by a British spy, for example, the European discovery of coffee and chocolate, and how Johann Wolfgang...

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