



VIDEOS THAT
EXPLAIN THE
ORIGIN OF THE
PULITZER PRIZE

1) American Genius, PBS, Joseph Pulitzer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ns_hAsS_IkU&list=PPSV

2) Short History: The Pulitzer Prize

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1LiAR_S6kE&list=PPSV





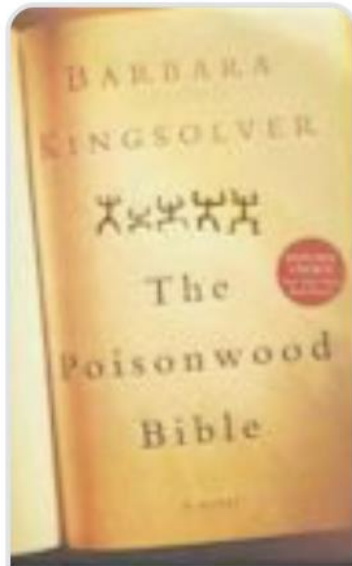
Barbara
Kingsolver

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| Born | April 8, 1955 (age 68) Annapolis, Maryland , U.S. |
| Occupation | •Novelist •poet • essayist |
| Nationality | American |
| Alma mater | • DePauw University (BA) • University of Arizona (MA) |
| Period | 1988–present |
| Genre | Historical fiction |
| Subject | Social justice, feminism, environmentalism |
| Notable works | • The Poisonwood Bible • Animal, Vegetable, Miracle • Flight Behavior • Demon Copperhead |
| Spouse | •Joseph Hoffmann (1985–1992) •Steven Hopp (1994–present) |
| Children | 2 |
| | Website |

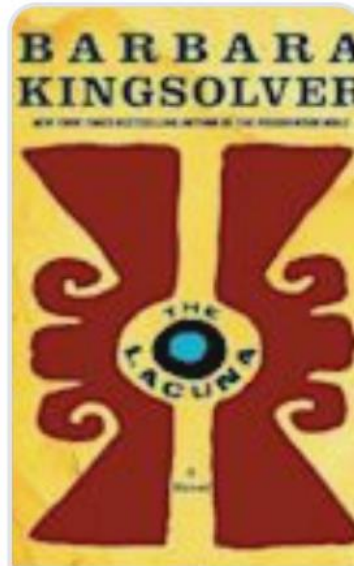
Kingsolver's Other Books...



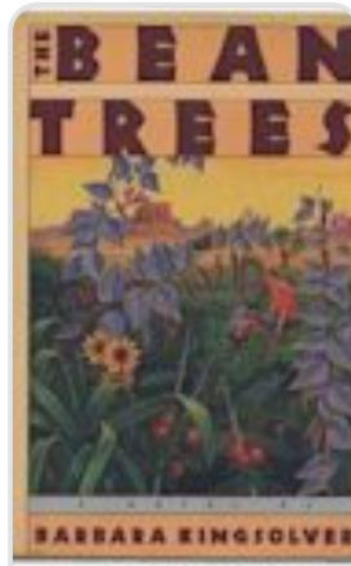
Demon
Copperhead



The
Poisonwood
Bible



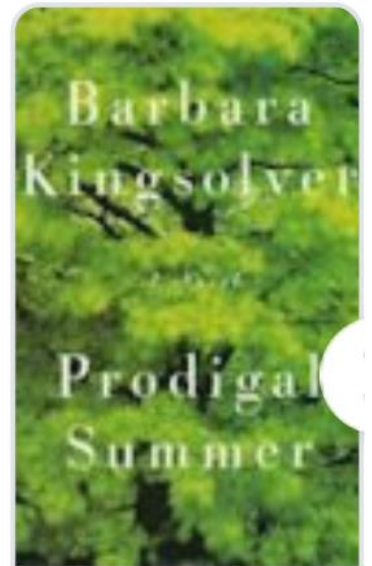
The
Lacuna



The Bean
Trees

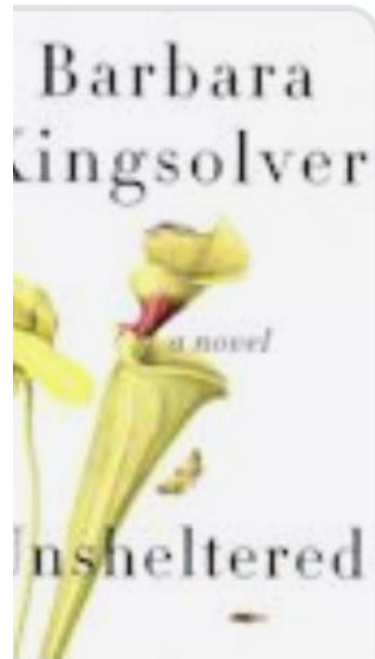


Flight
Behavior

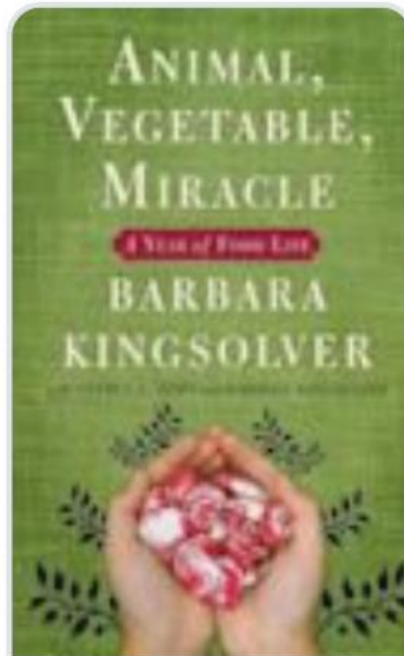


Prodigal
Summer

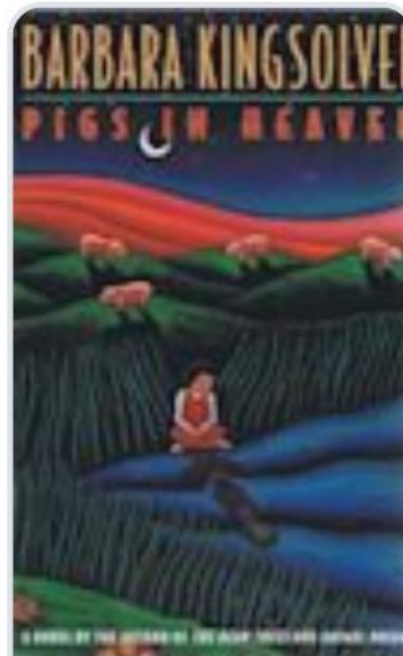
Kingsolver's Other books



Unsheltered
(novel)



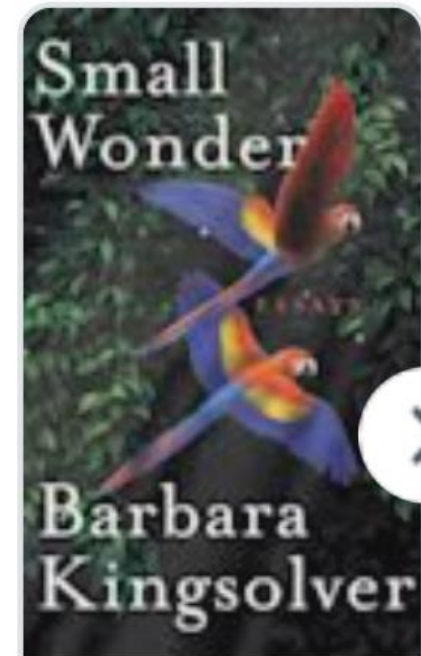
Animal,
Vegetable,



Pigs in
Heaven



Animal
Dreams



Small
Wonder



Summary of Barbara Kingsolver's Life



- Barbara Kingsolver was born in 1955, and grew up in rural Kentucky. She earned degrees in biology from DePauw University and the University of Arizona, and has worked as a freelance writer and author since 1985.
- At various times in her adult life she has lived in England, France, and the Canary Islands, and has worked in Europe, Africa, Asia, Mexico, and South America. She spent two decades in Tucson, Arizona, before moving to southwestern Virginia where she currently resides.
- Her books, in order of publication, are: *The Bean Trees*, *Homeland* (1989), *Holding the Line: Women in the Great Arizona Mine Strike* (1989), *Animal Dreams* (1990), *Another America* (1992), *Pigs in Heaven* (1993), *High Tide in Tucson* (1995), *The Poisonwood Bible* (1998), *Prodigal Summer* (2000), *Small Wonder* (2002), *Last Stand: America's Virgin Lands, with photographer Annie Griffiths Belt* (2002), *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* (2007), *The Lacuna* (2009),

Summary continued...

- *Flight Behavior* (2012), *Unsheltered* (2018), *How To Fly (In 10,000 Easy Lessons)* (2020), and *Demon Copperhead* (2022). She served as editor for Best American Short Stories 2001. Her books have been translated into more than thirty languages, and have been adopted into the core literature curriculum in high schools and colleges throughout the nation. She has contributed to more than fifty literary anthologies, and her reviews and articles have appeared in most major U.S. newspapers and magazines. [Click here to view complete bibliography.](#)



What Do Opioids Do?

Reduce and relieve pain

Can sometimes create a sense of euphoria

HIGHLY habit-forming and addictive

SIDE EFFECTS:

Drowsiness and sedation

Mental confusion

Nausea and vomiting

Constipation

Pinpoint (constricted) pupils

Slowed or depressed vital signs

Body temperature, blood pressure, pulse
and respiration rates

Overdose and Death



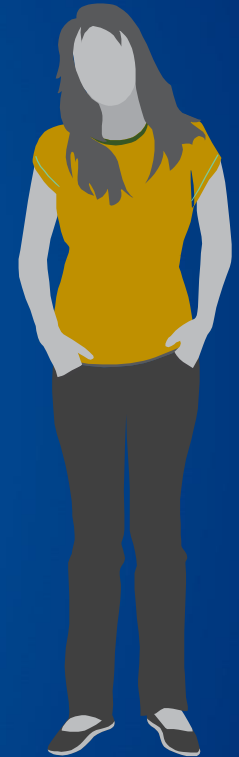
Teens and Drugs

9 out of 10 people who meet the clinical criteria for substance use disorders involving nicotine, alcohol or other drugs, began smoking, or drinking or using other drugs, including marijuana, when they turned 18.



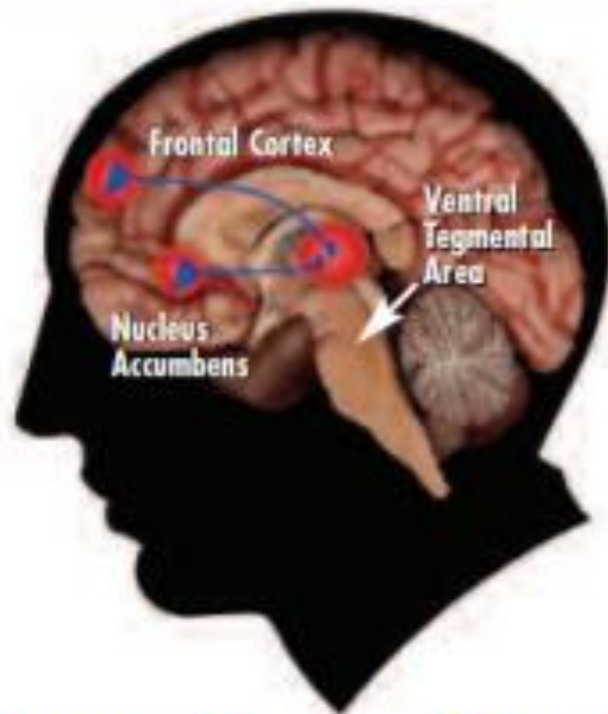


- Opioids receptors are nerve cells in the brain, spinal cord, gut, and other organs.
- When these drugs attach to their receptors, they block pain messages sent from the body through the spinal cord to the brain.
- Opioid receptors are also located in the brain's reward center, where they cause a large release of the neurotransmitter dopamine.
- This causes a strong feeling of relaxation and euphoria (extreme good feelings).
- Repeated surges of dopamine in the reward center from drug-taking can lead to addiction.



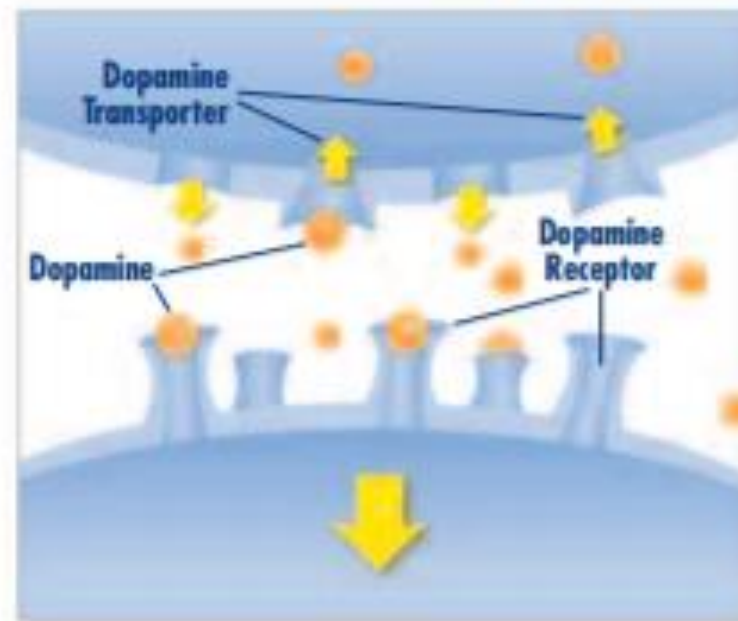
DRUGS OF ABUSE TARGET THE BRAIN'S PLEASURE CENTER

Brain reward (dopamine) pathways

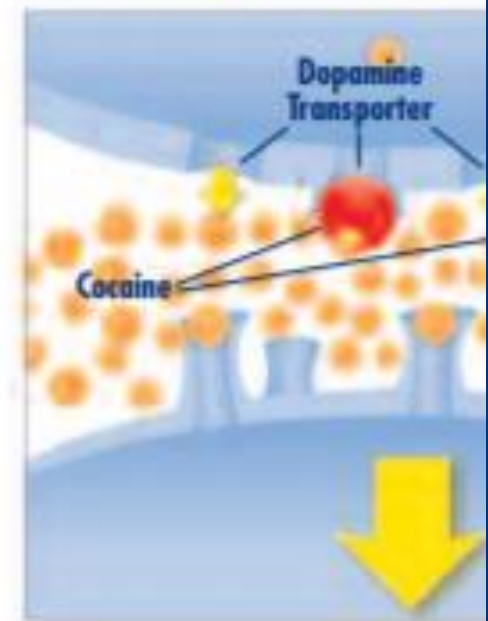


These brain circuits are important for natural rewards such as food, music, and sex.

Drugs of abuse increase dopamine



WHILE EATING FOOD



WHILE USING COCAINE

Typically, dopamine increases in response to natural rewards such as food. When cocaine is taken, dopamine increases are exaggerated, and communication is disrupted.

Big Pharma

Movies and TV Series highlighting drug use

- Painkiller: Netflix Series fictionalized telling of real events, explores some of the origins and aftermath of the opioid crisis in America, highlighting the stories of perpetrators, victims, and truth-seekers whose lives are forever altered by the invention of OxyContin. Painkiller,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24-YonhNS0Y>

- Based on the best-selling pair of memoirs from father and son David and Nic Sheff, Beautiful Boy chronicles the heartbreaking and inspiring experience of survival, relapse and recovery in a family coping with addiction and recovery over many years.

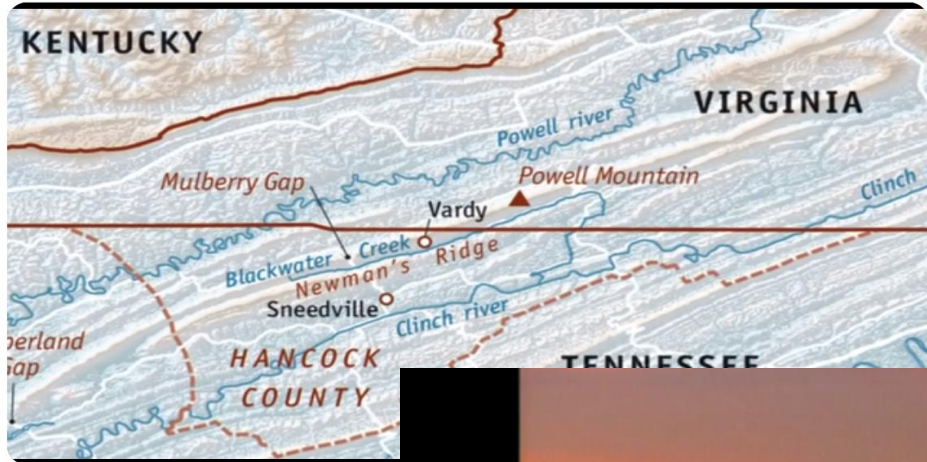
<https://youtu.be/y23HyopQxEg?si=dalcdGcOzDPcsW5o>

Documentary on Appalachia and oxycontin

<https://youtu.be/p306bKdPLbw?si=7IIRp4CSasQDDEKM>



Interesting Video about the “Melungeons”



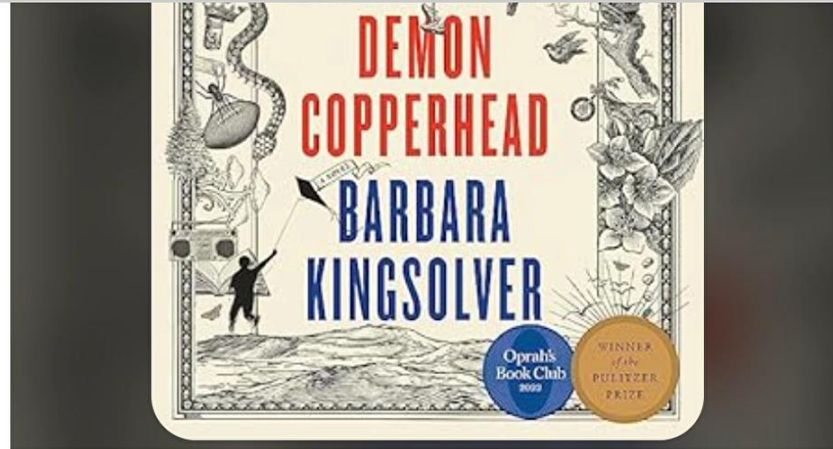
Oprah asks Barbara about hearing Dickens' Voice



Barbara reads from her book...



Audio clip from Demon C super heroes



Audio Clip from Demon C. Demon buries Jip

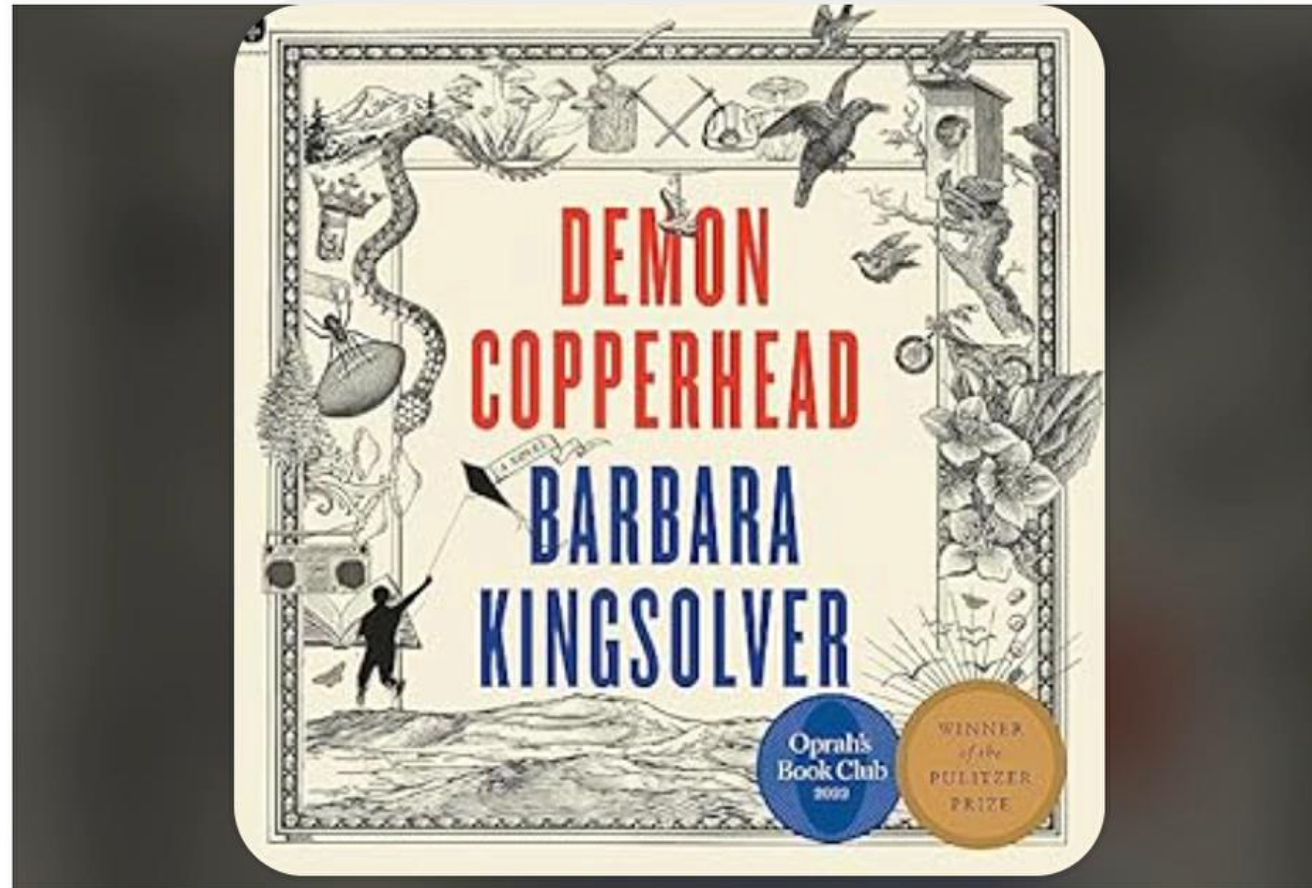
The image shows a screenshot of a media player window titled "Media Player". Inside the window is a browser window titled "Cloud Player | Audible.com - Google Chrome". The browser address bar shows the URL: audible.com/webplayer?asin=B09QH6P7X4&contentDeliveryType=MultiPartBook&ref._=a_libraryItem_cloudpl.... The main content area displays the cover of the audiobook "Butterhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. The cover features a yellow background with a black silhouette of a person and a dog, and a blue circular badge that says "Oprah's Book Club". Below the cover is a volume slider set to 56. The playback controls show a progress bar at 07:22 with 2h 25m left at 1.2x speed. The controls include buttons for previous, 30s back, play/pause, 30s forward, and next. Below these are buttons for "1.2x Narration speed", "Chapters", and "Add a bookmark". At the bottom of the player, there is a secondary progress bar showing 0:02:32 / 0:01:41. The bottom-most bar shows the window title "Cloud Player | Audibl...", the text "Microsoft Game DVR", and system tray icons for volume, network, and other background applications.

Audio clip from Demon C. Fight with Stoner

Cloud Player | Audible.com - Google Chrome



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David Copperfield:
Summary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLOb1FwI1Hw&list=PPSV>

Kite Scene

[\(70\) THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD Clip - Kite \(2020\) Dev Patel - YouTube](#)



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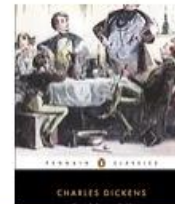
WHAT WE ARE READING NOW



November 29th

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, Pulitzer 2023

And...Dicken's David Copperfield, as it was Kingsolver's inspiration. We will read a summary



December's Author