# Slaying the Dragon

## The History of Addiction Treatment and Recovery in America

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Slaying the Dragon tells the story of addiction treatment in the United States from the post-Revolution "alcoholic Republic" to the present day. Writ broadly, the narrative recounts the intertwined history of two...Â What Slaying the Dragon contributes to this small but fascinating body of scholarship is a tight focus on the development of addiction treatment.Â We learn, for example, about the importance of religion as a recovery strategy, but never get a sense of why religious groups have been interested in drug and alcohol addicts in the first place, and how this has changed over time.