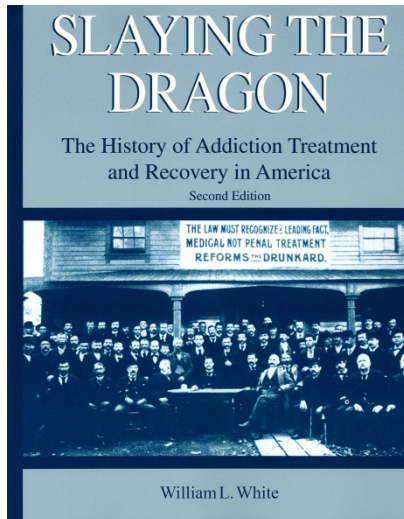


Press Release

New Edition of *Slaying the Dragon* Released



Chestnut Health Systems today announced the release of the second edition of *Slaying the Dragon: The History of Addiction Treatment and Recovery in America* by William L. White.

Slaying the Dragon was originally published in 1998 after decades of research on the evolution of addiction treatment and recovery mutual aid movements in the United States. The book received critical acclaim, including the McGovern Foundation award for the best book on addiction recovery, and has since gone through multiple printings. It became a standard text in addiction studies programs and exerting an important influence on the rise of a new recovery advocacy movement in the U.S. Its author, William White, has worked in the addictions field for more than 45 years and is the author of 18 books and more than 400 articles and commentaries. He currently serves as Emeritus Senior Research Consultant within the research

division of Chesnut Health Systems and has served as a volunteer consultant to Faces and Voices of Recovery since its founding in 2001.

The new edition of *Slaying the Dragon* contains 31 chapters, 580 pages, and more than 100 photographs of addiction treatment and recovery pioneers. The [Table of Contents](#) and a [Sample Chapter](#) have been posted at www.williamwhitepapers.com. *Slaying the Dragon* tells multiple stories and their interrelationships. It is the story of mutual aid societies spanning Native American recovery circles, the Washingtonians, the Blue Ribbon Reform Clubs, the Ollapod Club, the United Order of Ex-Boozers, the Jacoby Club, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and the growth of modern secular and religious mutual aid alternatives to 12-Step programs. It is the story of addiction treatment institutions from the inebriate asylums, the Keely Institutes and fraudulent home cures to the rise of modern addiction treatment institutions. It is also the story of the rise of a new recovery advocacy movement that is transforming addiction treatment and birthing new recovery support institutions.

This second edition of *Slaying the Dragon* embellishes an already classic work with a sweeping overview and critique of current approaches to addiction treatment in the U.S. Readers will find the book a helpful resource on the state of modern addiction treatment and the most complete account yet of the rise and maturation of the new recovery advocacy movement and the emergence of an increasingly ecumenical culture of addiction recovery in the U.S.

The new edition of *Slaying the Dragon* can be ordered by [clicking here](#) or calling toll free 1-888-547-8271.