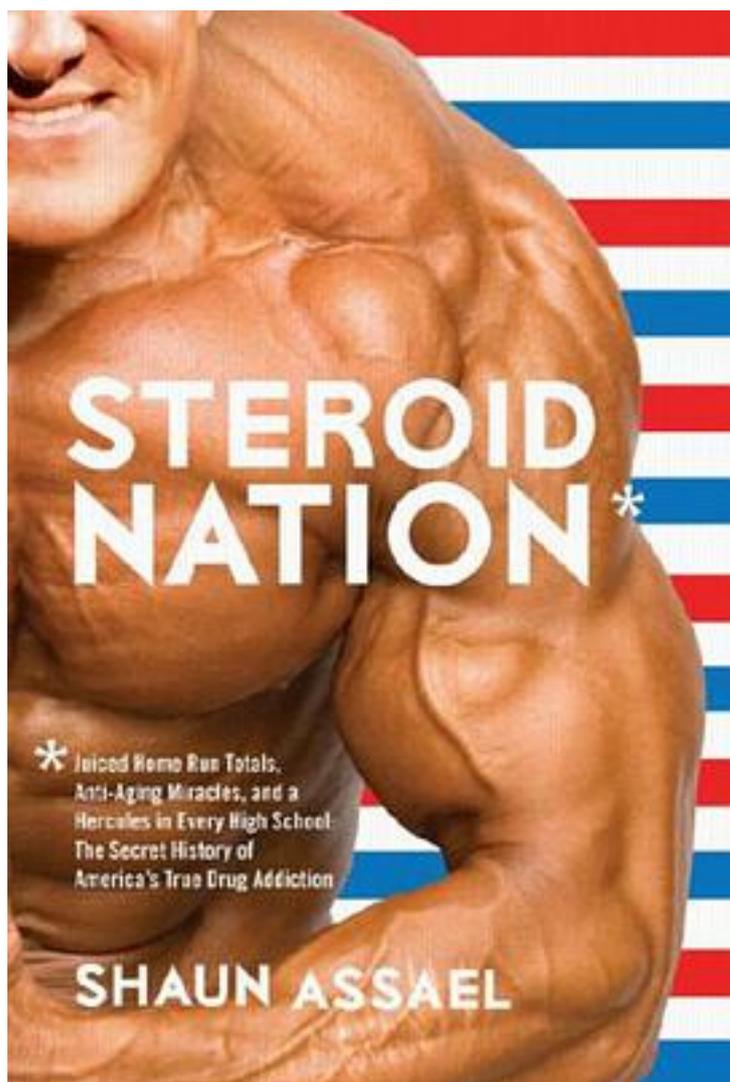


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When science lets us fulfill our greatest desires, where do we stop? Should Barry Bonds' s startling achievements be listed in the record book with an asterisk because he has been accused of using steroids? Did performance-enhancing drugs play a role in Lance Armstrong' s seven Tour de France victories? And what does Arnold Schwarzenegger' s continued success say about the appeal of his steroid-fueled bodybuilding persona? In the tradition of *And the Band Played On*, award-winning journalist Shaun Assael looks at America' s complicated love affair with steroids and how it has grown into the country' s—and perhaps the world' s—most insidious drug addiction.

Steroid Nation presents a chilling portrait of a nation enamored of artificially pumped-up success. Chronicling steroid use far beyond the headlines, it begins with the bodybuilders of Venice Beach in the 1970s and continues through to the NFL' s Raiders of the ' 80s and ' 90s and the baseball scandals of today. Assael also reveals the dramatic story of the godfather of the steroid movement: Dan Duchaine, who wrote *The Original Underground Steroid Handbook* in 1981.

Part detective story, part medical investigation, and part sociological examination, *Steroid Nation* is a groundbreaking work on the most compelling story in the sports world today.

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