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**Mainline to Nowhere**  
*The Making of a Heroin Addict*



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## Some early comments on *Mainline to Nowhere*

"A fascinating narrative and a penetrating analysis of one of the major social problems of our time."

*Theodore Ehvenreich, M.D.*  
Director of Pathology, St. Francis Hospital  
Associate Clinical Professor of Pathology,  
New York Medical College

"An informative story of narcotic addiction, its evolution into its present form, its prevalence and the problems it presents in New York City jurisdiction with the largest addict population. The authors have a long and intensive first hand experience with the addict problem. This interesting book is an important contribution to the literature of the subject."

*Milton Helpert, M.D.*  
Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York

"I was delighted with this book...I hope it will be widely read by all of those seeking solutions to the problem of treatment of addiction."

*Howard Moody*  
Judson Memorial Church  
Former President of the New York Council  
on Narcotic Addiction

"*Mainline to Nowhere* is an invaluable addition to the literature on drug abuse and narcotic addiction.... The general thrust of this book is hopeful. Hopeful, not in terms of panaceas of easy answers, but hopeful in its illustration of the hard-headed compassion which may be brought to bear on the therapeutic process. Also, hopeful in the indications we see of a meaningful dialogue carried on between the addict with his peculiar expertise of the streets and the professional person with a sensitive ear and disciplined mind. It is in such dialogue as we see and hear in *Mainline to Nowhere* that the community will be freed from its unreasoning fear; and in being free from fear will be free to really see the human spirit behind the façade of the addicted."

*The Rev. Lynn L. Hageman*  
Director, East Harlem Protestant Parish  
Narcotics Committee



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MARY. *It hides you from the world and the world from you. You feel that everything has changed, and nothing is what it seemed to be. No one can find or touch you any more.*

—EUGENE O'NEILL,

*Long Day's Journey Into Night, Act 3.*

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## Appendix B

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### Treatment Centers Available to New York City Narcotics Addicts

#### A. INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

1. Members of the New York Council on Narcotics Addiction  
East Harlem Protestant Parish Narcotics Committee, 306 East 103rd Street. Small experimental Half Way House, Sheltered Workshop, probably sees 10 per cent of city addicts  
Salvation Army Women's Correctional Service, 546 Avenue of the Americas. For city-wide women with legal difficulties  
Quaker Committee on Social Rehabilitation, 130 Christopher Street. For city-wide women from Women's House of Detention  
Greenwich House Counseling Service (Greenwich Village), 27 Barrow Street. Multidisciplined approach; located in a settlement house  
Narcotics Anonymous. City-wide group meetings in at least four locations

#### Appendix B

- Manhattan Christian Reformed Church—narcotics rehabilitation program (Harlem), 2044 Seventh Avenue. Referral and after-care led by an ex-addict, has purchased large building to use for Half Way House
- Lower East Side Information and Service Center for Narcotics Addiction, Inc. (Manhattan), 165 East Broadway. Aggressive casework, family counseling, community education, multidiscipline staff
2. Other voluntary groups with full-time service to addicts  
Astoria Consultation Service (Queens), 1422 27th Avenue. Episcopal church sponsors a group of lay hypnotists who read common script during light trance states  
Damascus Christian Reform Church, 861 East 162nd Street, Bronx 59, N. Y. Religious Pentacostal conversion, camp and Half Way House  
Edgely House (formerly Village Haven) (Greenwich Village). Half Way House for women started by a Roman Catholic Priest  
H.A.V.E.N. (Harlem), 222 East 116th Street. A physician's clinic which uses medication for specific symptoms plus supportive and directive approach  
National Family Council on Drug Addiction (Manhattan), 401 West End Avenue. Strong directive approach by psychologist director  
Synanon (Westport, Conn.). Receiving unit to send addicts to its West Coast center  
Teen Challenge, 416 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn 38, N. Y. Fundamentalist religious center, camp, Half Way House