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What Euphoria Gets Right—and Wrong—About Teen Drug Use and Addiction

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Euphoria—the **most tweeted-about TV show of the decade** in the U.S.—has thrust teenage drug use into the cultural spotlight. The HBO show follows 17-year-old Rue Bennett, a sweet but troubled teen played by Zendaya, as she navigates a deepening drug use disorder. It's not pretty. Rue takes the **powerful opioid fentanyl**, injects morphine, and drags around a suitcase filled with thousands of dollars worth of drugs (a stash she can't resist dipping into). Meanwhile, she rips apart her life: tearing through her house, ransacking