

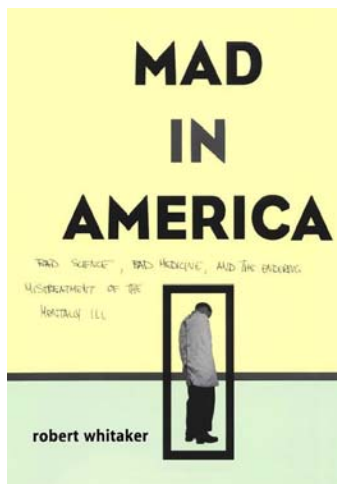
Come Hear Robert Whitaker

Author of

*Mad in America: Bad Science, Bad Medicine and the
Enduring Mistreatment of the Mentally Ill*

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Anchorage Hilton



Robert Whitaker, the award-winning science writer and author of the acclaimed book, *Mad In America*, will address the **Alaska Mental Health Board** at its regular meeting on December 13th at 11:15 a.m. (seating may be limited, so arrive early), at the Anchorage Hilton. Mr. Whitaker will present a synopsis of his exhaustive research, which has led him to conclude that current standard treatments for people diagnosed with schizophrenia and other severe mental illnesses substantially reduce positive outcomes. His findings could have implications for the direction of Alaska's mental health program. The Law Project for Psychiatric Rights has sponsored Mr. Whitaker's Alaska trip.

Robert Whitaker

Robert Whitaker has been reporting on science and medicine for nearly 15 years. He first worked as a science/medical writer at the Albany Times Union, in Albany New York. Later, he was Director of Publications at Harvard Medical School, and in 1994, he co-founded a company called CenterWatch, which covered the business aspects of the clinical testing of new drugs. He sold CenterWatch in 1998, partly in order to write *Mad in America*. His articles on the mentally ill and the drug industry have won several awards, including the George Polk Award for medical writing, and the National Association of Science Writer's Award for best magazine article. A series he co-wrote for the Boston Globe on psychiatric research was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1998.

