List of people with Addictions.

Whitney Houston
Michael Jackson
Amy Winehouse
Anna Nicole Smith
John Belushi,
Marilyn Monroe,
Elvis Presley
Judy Garland
Lindsay Lohan
Gerard Butler
Artie Lange
Demi Moore
Alex O'Loughlin
Tatum O'Neal
Duff McKagan
Wendy Williams
Chaka Khan
Bobby Brown
Mark Twain
Jesse Owens

Herb Abrams- professional wrestling promoter, heart complications brought on by drug abuse.

Nick Adams-actor, drug overdose.

David Allen Adkisson-professional wrestler, death speculated upon as drugs overdose.
Kerry Gene Adkisson-professional wrestler, suicide, after arrest for cocaine possession and drug problems.

Michael Brent Adkisson-professional wrestler, suicide, overdosed on tranquilizers.

Ryūnosuke Akutagawa-writer, committed suicide by overdosing on barbiturates.

Dennis Allen-infamous drug dealer, drug induced heart failure.

GG Allin-punk musician, heroin overdose.

Bridgette Andersen-former child actress, alcohol and heroin overdose.

Pier Angeli-Italian-born actress, died of anaphylactic shock after being given a tranquilizer by her doctor.

Matthew Ansara-actor and bodybuilder, heroin overdose.

Chris Antley-champion horse-racing jockey, drug-related causes.

West Arkeen-musician, drug overdose.

Howard Arkley-painter, drug overdose.

Kevyn Aucoin-photographer & make-up artist, kidney and liver failure due to Tylenol toxicity, due to prescription painkillers addiction.

B Chet Baker- jazz trumpeter and singer.

John Balance-musician, Coil, fell over a banister while drunk.


Lester Bangs-musician, writer, overdose of painkillers, possibly accidental.

Jean-Michel Basquiat-painter, heroin overdose.

Scotty Beckett-American former child actor, suicide, barbiturate overdose.

Bix Beiderbecke-jazz musician, alcoholism.

Steve Bechler-Major League Baseball pitcher, after using the drug ephedra.

John Belushi-of the Blues Brothers, actor, and comedian, heroin and cocaine overdose (speedball).

Bunny Berigan-musician, trumpet, liver cirrhosis from alcoholism.

Wes Berggren-musician, Tripping Daisy.

George Best-ex-footballer with Manchester United, multiple organ failure exacerbated by chronic long-standing alcoholism.
Leah Betts- schoolgirl, ecstasy related.

Len Bias- basketball star; died of cocaine overdose before ever playing in the NBA.

Dave Bidwell- musician, the Pink Fairies, Chicken Shack, Savoy Brown, Mungo Jerry.

Bam Bam Bigelow- professional wrestler, toxic levels of cocaine and temazepam.

Count Gottfried von Bismarck- Aristocrat, suspected drug overdose.

Matty Blagg (real name Matthew Roberts)- musician, Blaggers I.T.A., heart attack due to ketamine / ecstasy OD.

Mike Bloomfield- blues guitarist, heroin overdose.

Tommy Bolin- musician, Deep Purple, drugs overdose and/or alcohol poisoning.

John Bonham- musician Led Zeppelin, alcohol related asphyxiation caused by choking on his own vomit.

James Booker- musician, liver failure.

Christopher Bowman- former professional ice skater, possible prescription drug overdose.

Elisa Bridges- model, acute intoxication - combined effects of heroin, methamphetamine, meperidine and alprazolam.

Erik Brodreskift- musician, Borknagar, Gorgoroth, and Immortal, suicide - pill overdose.

Herman Brood- musician, suicide after long-term substance abuse issues.

Dennis Brown- musician, Reggae singer, believed to be AIDS related but strong rumours of chronic drug abuse.

Lenny Bruce- comedian, morphine overdose.

Rob Buck- musician, 10,000 Maniacs, liver disease.

Tim Buckley- rock and roll musician, heroin overdose.

Chad Butler (aka "Pimp C") - rap musician, accidental overdose of Promethazine/Codeine "syrup" mixed with a pre-existing medical condition, sleep apnea.

Paul Butterfield- musician, drug and alcohol overdose.

C

Andrés Caicedo- writer, drugs overdose, and other things (suicide).

Toy Caldwell- musician, Marshall Tucker Band.
Casey Calvert-guitarist of Hawthorne Heights, accidental drug overdose through mixture of opiates, citalopram, and clonazepam.

Ken Caminiti-former Major League Baseball player; acute cocaine and opiates intoxication.

Skip Candelori- musician, Turning Point.

Max Cantor-journalist, actor, heroin overdose, he became an addict while researching addicts in New York.

Truman Capote-writer, liver disease complicated by phlebitis and multiple drug intoxication.

Gia Carangi-supermodel, heroin abuse led to a death from AIDS.

Leroy Carr-blues musician, cirrhosis of the liver as a result of alcoholism.

Gene Clark-musician, the Byrds, bleeding ulcer due to long term alcohol abuse.

Sonny Clark-musician, hard bop pianist, heroin overdose.

Steve Clark-musician, Def Leppard, accidental death (anti-depressants, painkillers and alcohol).

Michael Clarke-musician, the Byrds, liver failure due to long term alcoholism.

Will Clay - musician, The Toys.

Montgomery Clift-actor, heart attack due to severe alcoholism and drug abuse.

Kurt Cobain-musician, Nirvana, heroin overdose and a shotgun wound in head. Also theories for murder.

Natasha Collins- actress - cocaine overdose.

Brian Cole -musician, the Association, heroin overdose.

Brian Connolly- musician, Sweet, liver damage caused by long-term substance abuse and chronic alcoholism.

Megan Connolly- actress, heroin overdose.

Pamela Courson- common law wife of Jim Morrison of The Doors, heroin overdose.

Cowboy(real name Keith Wiggins)-musician, Grandmaster Flash & the Furious Five, drug overdose.

Carl Crack-musician, Atari Teenage Riot, drug overdose.

Darby Crash-punk musician, of The Germs, suicide by heroin overdose.

Robbin Crosby-musician, ex-Ratt, contracted HIV as a result of long-time heroin addiction and died of a heroin overdose.
Dalida-singer, suicide, barbiturates overdose (sleeping pills).
Dorothy Dandridge-actress, singer, anti-depressant overdose.
Eileen Davies-alternative rock singer/songwriter, heroin overdose.
Jesse Ed Davis-guitarist, session musician, drug overdose.
Paul Demayo-professional bodybuilder, heroin overdose.
Ted Demme-film director, heart attack, small amount of cocaine taken may have contributed.
Rick Dey-musician, the Vejtables, February Sunshine, the Wilde Knights and the Merry-Go-Round.
Kiki Djan-musician, Osibisa, drug addiction and AIDS.
DJ Screw-musician, heart attack thought to be result of codeine overdose.
Desmond Donnelly-politician/businessman/journalist, suicide under influence of alcohol/overdose of barbiturates.
Tommy Dorsey-jazz musician and bandleader, choked to death while sleeping with the aid of drugs.
John Dougherty-musician, Flipper, heroin overdose.
Eric Douglas-stand-up comedian, "acute intoxication" by the effects of alcohol, tranquilizers and painkillers.
Nick Drake-musician, anti-depressant overdose, disputed suicide.
Michael Dransfield-poet, heroin overdose.
Bobby Driscoll-actor, heart failure, long term drug abuse.
Kevin DuBrow-rock vocalist, cocaine overdose.
Bobby Duncum, Jr.-professional wrestler, prescription drug overdose.
Anthony Durante-professional wrestler, drugs overdose.
Jeanne Eagels-actress, alcohol and/or heroin abuse.
Tommy Edwards-musician, liner notes for greatest hits album claim death due to alcoholism.
John Entwistle- musician, bassist for the Who, died from heart failure brought upon by cocaine use.

Brian Epstein- Manager of The Beatles, drug overdose.

Howie Epstein- musician, ex-bassist with Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, heroin overdose[3].

Rick Evers - musician, drummer and songwriter, was married to Carole King, heroin overdose.

F

Chris Farley- comedian who rose to fame on Saturday Night Live, cocaine and morphine overdose (speedball).

Pete Farndon- musician, the Pretenders, drowned/ heroin overdose.

Rainer Werner Fassbinder-playwright, director, cocaine overdose (possible suicide).

Brenda Fassie- singer, cocaine overdose.

W.C. Fields- performer and actor, complications of alcoholism.

Keith Ferguson- musician, the Fabulous Thunderbirds.

Aaron Flahavan- professional football goalkeeper, died driving drunk in 2001.

Althea Flynt- co-publisher of Hustler magazine, drowned after passing out after drug overdose.

Zac Foley- musician, EMF, heroin, cocaine, ecstasy, temazepam, barbiturates and alcohol in bloodstream.

Katy French- supermodel and socialite, cocaine use.

Sigmund Freud- neurologist, long-term cocaine use, physician assisted morphine overdose (euthanasia).

Rory Gallagher- musician, Taste, died of pneumonia and a liver failure, caused by side effects of a combination of doctor-prescribed drugs.

Paul Gardiner- musician, Tubeway Army, drug overdose.

Judy Garland- singer and actress, disputed drug overdose as cause of death.


Talitha Getty- actress (Barbarella) and socialite (Wife of John Paul Getty Jr), heroin overdose in Rome 1971.

Andy Gibb- singer, younger brother of the Bee Gees; cardiac damage strongly exacerbated by cocaine and alcohol abuse.

Simon Gipps- Kent-actor, morphine poisoning, suspected drugs overdose.
Candy Givens—musician, Zephyr, drowned in jacuzzi after passing out from a mix of alcohol and quaaludes.

Trevor Goddard—former professional boxer turned actor, cocaine, heroin, hydrocodone, and diazepam overdose.

Alexander Godunov—actor, died of alcoholism.

Dwayne Goettel—musician, Skinny Puppy, heroin overdose.

Paul Gonsalves—jazz tenor saxophonist, Duke Ellington, narcotics overdose.

Lucy Grealy—poet, presumed accidental drug overdose.

Sean Greenway—indie musician, member of GOD, heroin overdose.

Gribouille—singer, drugs overdose.

Eddie Guerrero—professional wrestler, previous drug use led to heart attack.

Stacy Guess—musician, the Squirrel Nut Zippers, heroin overdose.

H

Clinton Haines—noted computer hacker, heroin overdose on 21st birthday.

Paul Hammond—musician, Atomic Rooster, drug overdose (suicide).

Bobby Hatfield—musician, The Righteous Brothers, heart attack triggered by cocaine overdose.

Tim Hardin—folk musician, heroin and morphine overdose.

Brynn Hartman—wife and murderer of comedian Phil Hartman, suicide after cocaine and alcohol.

Alex Harvey—musician, The Sensational Alex Harvey Band, liver damage caused by alcohol abuse.

Phyllis Haver—actress, intentional barbiturate overdose.

James Hayden—actor, heroin overdose.

Joey Hawthorne—professional poker player, drug overdose.

Eddie Hazel—musician, guitarist, of the P-funk collective, liver failure.

Mitch Hedberg—comedian, multiple drug toxicity (cocaine and heroin).

Helno (real name Noel Rota)—musician, Les Negresses Vertes, died trying to overcome serious drug addiction.

Tim Hemensley—indie musician, member of GOD, heroin overdose.
Margaux Hemingway-actress, disputed suicide, overdose of phenobarbital.

Jimi Hendrix-rock and roll musician, respiratory arrest caused by alcohol and barbiturate overdose and vomit inhalation.

Curt Hennig-professional wrestler, cocaine overdose.

Gregory Herbet- musician, Blood, Sweat & Tears.

Gino Hernandez- wrestler, cocaine overdose.

Bob Hite- musician, Canned Heat, heart attack.

Randy Jo Hobbs - musician.

Abbie Hoffman-self-identified communo-anarchist, social and political activist in the United States, suicide by overdose of Phenobarbital pills.

El Duce Hoke-musician, drummer and singer in the Mentors, hit by train when alcohol intoxicated (disputed murder theories).

Billie Holiday-jazz singer died from cirrhosis of the liver attributed to longtime alcohol and heroin abuse.

Hollywood Fats- musician, heroin overdose.

Gary Holton-actor, Auf Wiedersehen, Pet, alcohol and morphine overdose.

James Honeyman-Scott-musician, the Pretenders, cocaine overdose.

Shannon Hoon-musician, singer in Blind Melon, cocaine overdose.

Howard Hughes-aviator, engineer, industrialist, movie producer, playboy, liver failure - autopsy showed lethal amount of codeine and also valium in body.

Gertrude Hullett-died of barbiturate overdose while being treated by suspected serial killer John Bodkin Adams.

Elizabeth Hulette-professional wrestling manager, accidental overdose of alcohol, alprazolam, temazepam, oxycodone, hydrocodone, and anabolic steroids.

Harold Hunter-professional skateboarder and actor, apparent cocaine overdose.

Phyllis Hyman-singer, suicide involving lethal amounts of alcohol and temazepam.

J

Julio Jaramillo-singer, liver damage caused by alcohol.

Steven Ronald "Stevo" Jensen-musician, The Vandals, prescription drug overdose.
Joëlle, American born French singer-drug overdose.

Anissa Jones- actress (played "Buffy" on American TV series Family Affair), accidental overdose of cocaine, angel dust, Quaaludes and Seconal.

Bethany Jones-photographer and makeup artist, complications of muscular dystrophy coupled with injection of methamphetamine.

Brian Jones-musician, the Rolling Stones, drowned, very likely due to alcohol and barbiturate intoxication.


Russell Jones (a.k.a. Ol' Dirty Bastard)-hip hop musician, accidental overdose, cocaine and prescription painkiller.

Janis Joplin-rock and roll and blues musician, heroin overdose.

K

John Kahn-musician, Jerry Garcia Band, complications of heart disease, heroin, cocaine, and antidepressants found in his body.

Wells Kelly-musician, Orleans, heroin overdose.

David Kennedy - fourth child of Robert F. Kennedy, cocaine and Demerol overdose.

Jack Kerouac-writer/poet, complications due to alcoholism.

Bernard Kettlewell-lepidopterist and medical doctor, drug overdose.

Dorothy Kilgallen-Irish-American journalist and television game show panelist, fatal combination of alcohol and Seconal, perhaps concurrent with a heart attack.

John Kordic-hockey player, died during struggle with police after cocaine overdose.

Paul Kossoff-musician, Free, drug-related heart problems.

Eddie Kurdziel-musician, Redd Kross, drug overdose.

L

Alan Ladd-actor, acute overdose of alcohol and hypnotic barbiturates, probable suicide.

Barbara La Marr-actress, drug-related death in Hollywood.

Carole Landis-actress, overdose of barbiturates (suicide).
Peter Laughner-musician, Pere Ubu, acute pancreatitis.

Heath Ledger-actor, accidental death Combined Drug Intoxication of various prescription drugs, including oxycodone, hydrocodone, temazepam, and others.

Rudy Lewis- musician, the Drifters.

Gerald Levert-R&B singer, son of O'Jays singer Eddie Levert - accidental combination of prescription medications.

Frank X. Leyendecker-illustrator, drug overdose.

Debbie Linden-glamour model & actress, heroin overdose.

Ruan Lingyu-silent film actress, overdose of barbiturates.

Eugene Lipscomb-American football player, heroin overdose.

Mike Lockwood-professional wrestler, choked on his own vomit after overdose of painkillers and alcohol.

Bela Lugosi- actor, drug-related heart attack.

Zoe Tamerlis Lund-former child musical prodigy turned model, actress, and writer, heart failure due to heroin use.

Donyale Luna-first notable African American supermodel & actress, drug overdose.

Frankie Lymon-musician, doo wop singer, heroin overdose.

Aaron Lynch-writer on memetics, opiate-based painkiller overdose (coroner ruled accidental death.)

Phil Lynott-musician, Thin Lizzy, health breakdown caused by a heroin overdose. (speedball.)

M

Billy Mackenzie-musician, the Associates, overdosed on temazepam, amitriptyline, and paracetamol (suicide).

Chris Mainwaring-Australian Footballer, alleged accidental overdose.

Bibek Maitra- politician, drug overdose.

Steve Marriott-musician, The Small Faces and Humble Pie, drug related fire.

Sherri Martel-professional wrestler, accidental overdose with multiple drugs in her system, including high amounts of oxycodone.

Billy Martin-Major League Baseball player and manager, alcohol-related auto accident.
James McCallum Bronson—stepson of actor Charles Bronson, drug overdose.

David McComb—musician, The Triffids, heroin overdose.

Jimmy McCulloch—musician with Wings, guitarist, heroin overdose.

Ron "Pigpen" McKernan—musician, the Grateful Dead, gastrointestinal hemorrhage linked to alcohol abuse.

Robbie McIntosh—musician, Average White Band, heroin overdose.

Clyde McPhatter—singer.

Aimee Semple McPherson—Canadian-born evangelist and media sensation in the 1920s and 1930s, overdose of prescription barbiturates.

Jonathan Melvoin—touring keyboardist for the Smashing Pumpkins, heroin overdose.

Big Maceo Merriweather—blues pianist, chronic alcoholism.

Mighty Spoiler—calypso music singer, alcohol-related illness.

Miss Christine—musician, The GTOs, heroin overdose.

Amedeo Modigliani—painter, tubercular meningitis - exacerbated by poverty, overworking, and excessive use of alcohol and narcotics.

Joëlle Mogensen—singer, drug overdose.

Marilyn Monroe—actress, overdose of barbiturate-based sleeping pills.

Ken Montgomery—musician, D.O.A.

Keith Moon—musician, the Who, overdosed on anti-seizure medication prescribed for alcoholism.

Edith Alice Morrell—died of morphine overdose while being treated by suspected serial killer John Bodkin Adams.

Chester Morris—actor, drug overdose.

Jim Morrison—musician, The Doors, heart failure, alcohol abuse (cause and fact of death disputed).

Billy Murcia—musician, the New York Dolls, accidental suffocation after drugs and alcohol.

Brent Mydland—musician, keyboardist, of the Grateful Dead, cocaine/morphine overdose.

Modest Mussorgsky—classical composer, alcohol.

Joachim Nielsen - rock musician in the band Jokke & Valentinerne, drug overdose.

Bradley Nowell - musician, Sublime, heroin overdose.

Jack Nance - actor, alcohol addiction.

Hugh O'Connor - actor, of In the Heat of the Night TV series, suicide under influence of cocaine.

Lani O'Grady - actress, of Eight Is Enough - multiple drug intoxication.

Johnny O'Keefe - musician/ singer, heart attack after prescription drugs addiction.

Christina Onassis - daughter of the billionaire Aristotle Onassis, pulmonary edema, caused by constant drug abuse and dramatic weight changes.

Charlie Ondras - musician, Unsane.

Bryan Ottoson - musician, American Head Charge, accidental prescription-drug overdose.

Malcolm Owen - singer, lyricist of the Ruts, heroin overdose.

John Panozzo - musician, drummer, Styx, complications of alcohol abuse.

Marco Pantani - cyclist, Tour de France winner; acute cocaine intoxication.

Charlie Parker - jazz musician; the official cause of death was (lobar) pneumonia and a bleeding ulcer, his death was hastened by his drug and alcohol abuse.

Robert Pastorelli - television actor, heroin overdose.

Gram Parsons - country musician, of the Byrds and the Flying Burrito Brothers, overdose, purportedly of morphine and tequila.

Jon-Jon Paulos - musician, the Buckinghams.

Chris Penn - actor (Reservoir Dogs), brother of Sean Penn, heart disease and prescription drugs.

Art Pepper - jazz musician.

John Pulcine - Painter, drug overdose.

Jack Pickford - actor, syphilis & alcohol and drug abuse.

Kristen Pfaff - musician, ex-member of Hole, heroin overdose.
Esther Phillips-musician, singer, liver and kidney failure due to alcohol and heroin dependency.

John Phillips-musician, of the Mamas and the Papas, heart failure due to lifetime of alcohol and narcotics abuse.

River Phoenix-actor, overdose of heroin and cocaine (speedball).

Jeffrey Lee Pierce- musician, the Gun Club.

Rob Pilatus-"musician", Milli Vanilli, drug overdose.

Dana Plato-actress, of Diff'rent Strokes, suicide - overdose of muscle relaxant Vanadom (carisoprodol) and Vicodin.


Jackson Pollock-painter; killed in a single-car accident while driving drunk.

Darrell Porter-professional baseball catcher (Kansas City Royals and St. Louis Cardinals) turned broadcaster, cocaine overdose.

Elvis Presley-singer, heart attack brought on by overdose of barbiturates.

Freddie Prinze-comic, actor (Chico and the Man), self-inflicted gunshot wound while under the influence of Quaaludes.

Q

Robert Quine-musician, suicide by heroin overdose.

Glenn Quinn- actor, heroin overdose.

R

Carl Radle-bass guitarist, Derek and the Dominos, Eric Clapton, kidney disease due to long term narcotics and alcohol abuse.

Dee Dee Ramone-musician, the Ramones, heroin overdose.

James Ray- singer, drug overdose.

Johnnie Ray-musician, liver failure caused by alcoholism.

Michael Reeves-film director, barbiturate overdose.

Wallace Reid-actor, flu caused by morphine addiction.

Jimmy Reilly-musician, Watertower West and Tony And The Tigers, heroin and alcohol overdose.
Elis Regina - singer, fatal alcohol and temazepam interaction.
Brad Renfro - actor, overdose of heroin and morphine.
Rob Graves Ritter - musician, Thelonius Monster, Gun Club, the Bags, 45 Grave.
Rachel Roberts - actress - barbiturate overdose (suicide).
Andy Rogers - musician, bassist with Johnny Cash, heroin overdose.
Don Rogers - American football player, cocaine overdose.
Peter Rosen - musician, War.
Alma Rubens - actress, flu caused by heroin addiction.
Michael Rudetsky - musician, keyboardist, Culture Club, heroin overdose.
David Ruffin - musician, the Temptations, drug overdose.
S
George Sanders - actor, barbiturates overdose (suicide).
Catya Sassoon - model and actress, overdose of hydromorphone and cocaine.
Joe Schermie - musician, Three Dog Night, heart attack resulting from long-term drug abuse.
Bon Scott - musician, AC/DC, aspiration brought on by alcohol intoxication.
Ronnie Scott - jazz tenor saxophonist and jazz-club owner, died accidentally from a mixture of brandy and temazepam.
Jean Seberg - actress, barbiturate and alcohol overdose (suicide).
Jason Sears - musician, Rich Kids on LSD, treatment with natural drugs.
Rod Scurry - Major League Baseball relief pitcher, cocaine-induced heart attack.
Edie Sedgwick - actress.
Nerine Shatner - wife of actor William Shatner, drowned in swimming pool while intoxicated and with traces of diazepam in bloodstream.
Will Shatter - musician, Fliper, heroin overdose.
Bobby Sheehan - musician, Blues Traveler, drug overdose.
Eric Show - baseball player, cocaine and heroin overdose (speedball).
Pavlos Sidiropoulos-rock musician, heroin overdose.

Judee Sill- folk musician, heroin overdose.

Don Simpson-film producer, heart attack, reports of 20 drugs in his body at time of death.

Tom Simpson-road racing cyclist, dehydration and exhaustion while cycling, amphetamines and alcohol usage.

Hillel Slovak-musician, Red Hot Chili Peppers, heroin overdose.

Anna Nicole Smith-Playmate playmate, actress, reality show star, lethal combination of chloral hydrate and various benzodiazepines.

Davey Boy Smith-professional wrestler, heart attack - steroid abuse may have contributed.

Robert "Snoopy" Smith-Saxophonist and husband of jazz and blues singer, Fritzi Presley, died in Biloxi, MS of heart attack after a lifetime of alcohol abuse.

Freddy Soto-comedian, writer and actor, mixture of alcohol, alprazolam, and fentanyl.

Epic Soundtracks - musician, Swell Maps.

Louie Spicolli-professional wrestler, choked on vomit after drugs and alcohol overdose.

Layne Staley-musician, Alice in Chains, cocaine and heroin overdose (speedball).

Inger Stevens-actress, suicide - overdose of sleeping pills.

Rory Storm-musician, suicide - sleeping pills overdose.

Margaret Sullavan-actress, deliberate barbiturate overdose.

Screaming Lord Sutch- singer and politician, suicide following Prozac overdose.

Zoë Tamerlis Lund-musician turned model, heart failure after sustained heroin and cocaine abuse.

Warren Tartaglia (Walid al-Taha)-jazz musician & one of six founders of Moorish Orthodox Church of America, heroin overdose.

Chase Tatum-former wrestler for the now-defunct World Championship Wrestling organization, apparent drug overdose.

Vinnie Taylor-musician, Sha Na Na, heroin overdose.

Gary Thain-musician, Uriah Heep, drug overdose.
Jason Thirsk-musician, Pennywise, suicide after depression and alcoholism treatment.

Jotie T'Hooft- poet, drug overdose, suicide.

Johnny Thunders-musician, the New York Dolls, alcohol and methadone poisoning.

Dylan Thomas- poet, chronic alcoholism.

John Thompson-poet, "a brutal mix of barbiturates and liquor."

Georg Trakl- playwright, cocaine overdose.

D. M. Turner-author/psychonaut, drowned in a bathtub while on ketamine.

Ike Turner-musician/producer, died from cocaine overdose with high blood pressure and emphysema as contributing factors.

Dick Twardzik-bebop jazz pianist, heroin overdose.

U

Stu Ungar-Three-time World Series of Poker Main Event winner, heart condition caused by long-term cocaine abuse.

Enrique Urquijo- singer, drug overdose.

V

Paul Vaessen-former professional footballer with Arsenal, post mortem found he had a high levels of methadone, heroin, temazepam, diazepam, and alcohol in his bloodstream.

Lupe Vélez-actress, secobarbital overdose (suicide).

Michael VerMeulen-magazine editor, drug overdose.

Sid Vicious-musician, the Sex Pistols, heroin overdose, disputed suicide.

Gene Vincent-rock and roll musician, liver damage caused by alcohol.

W

Robert Hudson Walker actor, died suddenly after being administered sodium amytal by his doctor.

Shelby Walker-female boxer and Martial arts fighter, apparent medicine overdose.


Dinah Washington-musician, singer, overdose of diet pills and alcohol.

Dave Waymer-American football defensive-back, cocaine-induced heart attack.
Michael Weber-lead guitarist of The Seminal Rats, heroin overdose.

Rachel Whitear-student, heroin overdose led to large-scale anti-drugs press campaign in Britain.

Brett Whiteley-artist, heroin and temazepam overdose.


Chris Whitley-guitarist, songwriter, complications from lung cancer caused by excessive cigarette smoking.

Keith Whitley-country musician, alcohol poisoning.

Danny Whitten-musician, Crazy Horse, drug overdose or drugs with alcohol (disputed).

Dale Whittington-racecar driver, drug overdose.


Dennis Wilson-musician, The Beach Boys, alcohol-related drowning.

Hank Williams-musician, drugs and probably alcohol.

Kenneth Williams-actor, author and comedian of Carry On fame, overdose of barbiturates (accidental or suicide).

Andrew Wood-musician, lead singer Mother Love Bone, Malfunkshun, heroin overdose.

Anna Wood-Australian schoolgirl, cerebral edema, caused by water intoxication and resultant hyponatremia after taking ecstasy.

Natalie Wood-actress, drowned when intoxicated.

Paula Yates-British TV presenter & author, partner of deceased INXS star, Michael Hutchence, heroin overdose.

Honoré de Balzac -Substance of choice: Coffee

Lord Byron -Substance of choice: Sex

Elizabeth Barrett Browning -Substance of choice: Opium

Paul Verlaine - Substance of choice: Absinthe

Fyodor Dostoevsky- Substance of choice: Gambling

Ayn Rand -Substance of choice: Amphetamines

James Joyce -Substance of choice: Flatulence
William S. Burroughs - Substance of choice: Heroin

Charles Dickens - Substance of choice: The morgue

Ernest Hemingway - Substance of choice: Alcohol

Johnny Cash

Books about drug addiction

Finding God in a Crack House

Crystal Clean: A mother's struggle with meth addiction and recovery by Kimberly Wollenburg

Thin Wire by Christine Lewry

Hammered: Memoir of an Addict by G.N. Braun

The Addiction of Mary Todd Lincoln

Facing the Dragon: How a Desperate Act Pulled One Addict Out of Methamphetamine Hell by David Parnell and Amy Hammond Hagberg (Nov 10, 2010)

Long day's journey into night

Iggy Pop: open up and bleed by Paul Trynka.