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A Washington Post Notable BookA Seattle Instances Best Book of the YearDrawing on his own longstanding struggle with anxiety, Scott Stossel presents a moving and revelatory account of a condition that affects some 40 million Americans. Stossel vividly depicts panic's human toll— Revealing anxiety's myriad manifestations and the anguish it causes, he also surveys a variety of psychotherapies, medications, and often outlandish treatments which have been developed to alleviate it. Stossel offers an intimate and authoritative history of efforts by scientists, philosophers, and authors to comprehend anxiety. We uncover the well-known who've struggled with the condition, along with the afflicted generations of Stossel's own family members.its crippling influence, its devastating capacity to paralyze. He also explores how individual sufferers—including himself—have managed and controlled symptoms. By turns erudite and compassionate, amusing and inspirational, My Age group of Anxiety is the essential accounts of a pervasive and too often misunderstood affliction.



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Fascinating and helpful That is a wonderfully written book on not merely the author's own struggle with high anxiety, but on anxiety itself. I do want him (and anyone with nervousness) a hopeful resolution to a horrible disease. The author is very brave in writing in such detail about his lifelong have a problem with anxiety. However, following background, I was longing for an answer of sorts. He lays bare his agonizing life-long history of anxiousness, and in the process, I'm sure he has helped countless victims who are either afraid, embarrassed or ashamed to admit to this disorder. Scott Stossel has done a wonderful job of describing his problems with anxiety and in addition interwoven a brief history about man's knowledge of anxiety and its own treatment. If you have had experience with anxiety, know somebody who does, or want to better understand this we live in, you will find this an excellent book. This author is " my-kind-a-guy"! Had potential, but too self-serving As you with a Master's in Counseling, and with panic I had high expectations.! He discusses in detail the countless meds out there looking forward to all of us whenever we possess a twinge of anxiousness, depression, fear and makes sense out of it, telling us there is absolutely no magic tablet. It's a matter of attempting one or all and wishing you find the combo that works. And since I experienced no idea there were people in our midst that are therefore struck down by panic every day of their lives, in the way he describes, I was relieved that my little bouts of it, (small by comparison) were all I acquired to tolerate. But that is the nature of what we realize about the mind. Great read. I had a really hard time getting this book down! Stossel's book is an exhaustive trip through the history and science associated with anxiety disorders. This is probably the most revealing and amazing books I've go through in an exceedingly long time. Brilliant.I doubt the book might have been nearly so convincing or educational had his amazingly personal, embarrassing and painful experience been overlooked and the data presented as a dispassionate survey of the literature.Stossel has done sufferers a great provider. I fast forwarded (audio version) through the majority of the latter accounts. An excellent book, and if you and/or someone you care about or friend are struggling with anxiety, become familiar with a lot.. The publication is thoroughly researched and discusses the historic views of stress and its treatment through the age range. One of the best aspects of the book is the detailed scientific explanation of the probable factors behind anxiety---in large part, heredity, and physical (mind) and neurochemical elements totally beyond the person's control. The anecdotes are not readable through, but in the event that you persevere past this launch you will see a well-researched study of anxiety although ages, viewed through the often-contradictory lenses of genetics, pharmacology, psychology, societal forces, and the impact of family. Stossel's reserve demonstrates that suffering panic will not mean you are poor, or a coward. The history is exciting, and the research far-ranging, but the important thing is usually that Stossel demonstrates both in his overview of recent technology and his own genealogy that anxiety disorders are genetic. Worthwhile and helpful information I've multiple people in my own life who suffer from anxiety and have been personally thankful not to have this affliction. It was not an easy read due to all the medical analysis and explanation nonetheless it certainly provides one deeper insight into a very complicated condition. Incredible Read! As someone who is usually visited by panic and depression on a regular basis, I found this book to be fascinating. He's to be commended for striving to greatly help himself and others meet up with the challenges of chemical substance imbalance. Great Survey and Reference on theTopic of Anxiety In the first couple chapters the author establishes his bon fides by bravely sharing some stories of exacly how his anxieties and phobias have affected his life. Mr. The publication is actually a textbook about them written for a favorite audience. Honest, frank, clear. Terrific book for all of: the personal story, the wealthy history of research of anxiety, and the possibility of

transcendence! Thank you Scott Stossel! Together, this produces an interesting go through for all those of us interested in your brain, neuroscience, psychology, philosophy and even more. If you suffer from anxiety disorder, this book will be both entertaining - plenty of history and scientific facts - and a mirror to see that you will be not alone. The skill that the writer brings to the story is normally his light handed, comical, tongue-in-cheek presentation which allows the reader to walk with him hand in hand without having to be dismayed and depressed about the futility of everything. It really is obvious that Scott "gets this," and has achieved a "working acceptance" and therefore achieves a level of transcendence that delivers profound meaning to Scott's life. I wish him the most effective! The rest is fascinating filler. Staggeringly well researched and written with wit and compassion. An achievement certainly, and as someone with an panic and multiple degrees, I recommend it wholeheartedly. The depth of study into early psychological studies, treatments, and theories combined with tales detailing Stossel's personal struggle (along with tales about many well-known people's struggles) with stress and anxiety/depression make this a must browse for anyone who provides, lives with someone who has, or who is simply interested in the subject. He writes about nervousness with deep understanding and compassion, and even with humor.. The name-dropping of celebrities didn't help endear him if you ask me either.! Extremely refreshing! The first many descriptions of the authors very own fight with stress and anxiety helped build rapport with visitors. BUT following the 99th explicit, lengthy, and drawn out description of some strike or other the author experienced, I stopped caring. An astonishing look at a terrifying condition, by a brave author This author is an extremely brave individual. The end left me sense like I discovered a bit about the annals of stress and anxiety, and "TMI" about the author's own experiences. I suppose this an excellent book to greatly help one understand the cause of their nervousness, but I wanted a deeper dive into treatment and perhaps even some anecdotes about experiences with medications and psychotherapy. I came across this reserve to be very useful and encouraging, and very interesting. Gave me a nice intro to this issue of anxiety A witty and entertaining go through. He provides great insight and displays significant courage in relating this very personal story. Honest Brutally honest but might have been a few pages shorter. For those suffering panic and. Learning that nervousness has plagued folks from extremely early on and not a primary product of today's society (although most likely exacerbated by) was oddly comforting..For those that are looking for a "pat" closing, this book will not offer such. I held saying "I've been generally there!" while reading it. For those who don't have problems with the disorder but live with somebody who does, Go through IT. You will understand better. Great insight and shows substantial courage Stossel's account is usually honest and very well written. On the plus aspect, the historical specifics of therapy and psychopharmacology had been interesting. Gave me a good intro to the topic of panic. I am saddened we don't know more about our thoughts and how to relieve them and that regardless of all the research we can not scientifically prove trigger and effect. A monumental and courageous work of self-revelation and scholarship. Scott's willingness to share his intimate experiences is a help to others to know they aren't alone and should not be looked at any differently than someone who has an illness like high blood circulation pressure or cancer. Fascinating history and research on the subject of anxiety BUT I really enjoyed the review of the history, pharmacology and progression of stress as a mental disease. I drove my poor hubby crazy in the few hours it required me to learn it (like I stated, I had trouble placing it down) because I kept saying, 'Listen to this!' then reading whole passages to him. I highly recommend this book!



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