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The Basic
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Transactional
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We think we's as powerful and eye-opening while ever. The Stocking Game" It'Forty years ago, Games People Play revolutionized our understanding of what really goes on during our most basic social interactions. Uproar," Eric Berne's since it was on the day it was first published. s You and Him Combat,"s common is as astonishing— and " James R.s brilliant Existence magazine review from 1965. Allen, president of the International Transactional Evaluation Association, and Kurt Vonnegut' We play video games all the time—sexual games, marital games, power online games with our bosses, and competitive games with this friends. Detailing status contests like "Martini" (I understand a better way), to lethal couples combat like "If It Weren't For You" Let' A lot more than five million copies later on, Dr. to flirtation favorites like "but in fact we' This anniversary edition features a new launch by Dr. and "and revealing— Dr. Berne exposes the trick plays and unconscious maneuvers that rule our intimate lives. Explosive when it 1st appeared, Games People Play is now widely identified as the most original and influential popular psychology book of our time. re all doing offers. re associated with other people—



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An extremely powerful (and dangerous) book. This "bible" of transactional analysis can be incredibly helpful to those people who are dealing with people who play damaging games 24 hours a day. It's slightly outdated, plus some of the things it calls "games" we now call "illness", nonetheless it is still overwhelmingly useful (even innovative) for individuals who want to manage their life and personal interactions. It describes abusive video games people play like "Let's pull a fast one about Jimmy" or "Broken leg" and tells you exactly how to end your role in them. When you have to deal with people who always make excuses, can not be trusted, continuously criticize you, etc, this is actually the book to read. The only thing you should be alert to, and it's really important, is that ending "games", or even just your role in games others keep trying to cause you to play, can destroy relationships for a while (and sometimes in the long term). When you have someone actually toxic in your life who plays extremely destructive games, they'll be FURIOUS and THREATENED when you terminate your component in the game. Human being interactions follows predictable patterns. The bad: the psychoanalytical language is a bit annoying (trying to relate everything back again to sexuality). . . I've bought copies to give out to friends when they are in unhealthy situations and relationships. Not very attractive to read. Whatever advice you give is dismissed as unfeasible. Offshoots are "Scripts People Live" and others. While the study is dated and the illustrations are no more politically correct, this book offers a basis for naming many elephants in the area of individual interactions. The example that struck me was the brilliantly called "Today I got you, you boy of a bitch". And that's Eric Berne's approach to psychology--psychological break throughs aren't about having a revelatory knowledge after 7 years of discussing yourself and your unconscious motives.. It was recommended that I revisit it, and I did. Games are types of dishonest communication. Classic Must-Read GPP places labels and descriptions to numerous of our troublesome behaviors. You can google for therapists that make use of TA as a method and it's worth doing. The point is that complaining to you can be an excuse to speak to you, not actually an effort to elicit your advice. And the complaining allows the person to connect to you without needing to expose anything personal about themselves, without having to expose themselves emotionally for you. This reserve has a couple of page scenarios with tactics on how to counter the overall game. In the example above it most likely advises to avoid offering so that they can fix their circumstance. The examples are explained in such simple and humorous language, you will laugh (or cringe with a little bit of embarrassment) as you identify others or yourself as having performed certain games. And you may recall specific video games or variations of games very quickly when they occur. Fast Service Replaced one loaned away from personal library.. Rather, it is all about understanding and recognizing surface area patterns of harmful behavior and interactions. Totally awesome concept. There may be the explicit level and there is the implicit background interaction - for instance when a spouse asks his wife if she desires a therapeutic massage, sometimes he's really asking for sex, so when you ask somebody how their time is going, you're really stating "I acknowledge that you exist and we're on good conditions". In that instance, you need to be dealing with a therapist who specializes in using transactional analysis within therapy. For them, playing the overall game may seem just like a matter of existence and loss of life . Wow! The nice: it highlights some common, sometimes destructive patterns of human interaction. Sometimes they are shockingly accurate for how complete they are - it's as if he was summarizing differing of my life. The essential premise is that humans go through interpersonal interactions at different amounts. This publication is a traditional in its genre, it's very informative with actionable guidance, enticingly readable, and very highly recommended. But these concealed interactions can take on a lot more complex forms that people aren't even alert to, so when people can't address the backdrop causes behind disputes and patterns of behavior it could lead to unhealthy human relationships and perpetuate more harmful behavior. These hidden

interactions are known as social "video games" hence the title of book. This is one of the best books you can read in order to handle people . It is best described by example: husband forgets to take out the trash - wife flies into a 20 minute fit of rage about how he doesn't enjoy anything she does, doesn't care about her, just cares about himself and shirks away from responsibility whenever possible. So it is not that the patient is an idiot. It originates from a desire for validation and allows the players in order to avoid coping with the undying issues causing the dissatisfaction. Discover the how and why of people Great book for anyone to read Five Stars have bought this book often to give to others. Don't go home without it! I first read this book in 1965. This is one of the best books you can read in order to handle people who seem to drain your energy. That is a very important book and has exposed a whole new approach to psychiatry. At the very least, this is a powerful book. A most useful proposition can be that if the therapist continues to be seeing the patient, the therapist has failed to cure the individual. Also its clinically oriented, so just a few of the "games" are applicable to the average person. To place it in more simple language than the reserve uses, the actual center point of the interaction is definitely irrelevant, its a scapegoat that allows the aggressor to justify their rage and talk about all of their other grievances. And the recognition is not like seeing God come out of the sky, it just becoming alert to the fact that a fly provides been buzzing around the area, swatting it, and throwing it in the trash so that you can go back to speaking with someone or completing whatever you were focusing on. Love it. Excellent condition Thank you the book was in flawless state! Advice to all or any: BUY It all! I am so happy with the buy! Good read This is an excellent read So so Interesting book but not easy to understand so gets boring very quickly. If you've hardly ever witnessed NIGYSOB being performed, I envy you and wish I lived your life in which people always handled long position conflict in an adult manner. For instance, there is someone who always complains about their job or their relationship. I hope you love reading it. You wind up putting a stop to other peoples video games and also have a harder time playing games of your own with a straight encounter after reading this book. One Star Old, small print. In fact, that's pretty much always good guidance if you want to create big changes in your loved ones, personal, and professional relationships.



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