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For anybody who has ever puzzled over the mysterious and often infuriating behavior of a teenager comes a groundbreaking look at the teenage brain compiled by the medical science and wellness editor for The New York Times. Using plain language, Strauch draws upon the latest scientific discoveries to make the case that the changes the brain undergoes during adolescence are as dramatic and essential as those that take place in the first 2 yrs of existence, and that teenagers aren't entirely responsible for their sullen, rebellious, and moody ways. While many people of the scientific community have lengthy held that the developing pains of adolescence are primarily mental, Barbara Strauch highlights the physical nature of the transformation, providing parents and educators a fresh perspective on erratic teenage behavior. Offering interviews with scientists, teens, parents, and teachers, The Primal Teen explores common challenges—“why teens go from articulate and mature one day to morose and unreachable the next, why they take part in risky behavior”—and will be offering practical ways of help manage these formative and often difficult years.



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still essential read for youth employees and parents there aren't many books i read more than once. but that is my third go through of barbara strauch's must-read reserve for all youth employees and parents. this one book has lead me into even more youth ministry conversations during the past 5 years than any other single reserve. A book to learn, re-read, and try parenting groups. a massive synaptic re-firm.0 (which i'm reading at this time), counter-punches against many of the underpinnings of the primal teen. True to life anecdotes many can relate to with their own teens. If everyone, teachers, police officers, . in other words, we've created them. Informative. Informative. epstein's contention -- which he builds very convincingly -- is definitely that the issues and implications of new findings in adolescent mind development certainly are a "nurture" concern. Easy reading but lots of great info. Barbara's work is amazing, humorous, timely, and full of rich meaningful content material. i still think strauch's publication is a book every youth worker must read, but i'm right now looking at it from a far more essential place. (Some parents may have already done this for themselves." This is very much like what happens at birth through past due childhood, but scientist didn't recognize that it happens once again in adolescence. MRI studies of brain component size and activity document that adolescents' brains are unfinished, are chock full of neurological and hormone changes, and work differently than the brains of adults. The author isn't a researcher but a journalist putting together what they've learned about the topic. It's okay, but I wouldn't bother unless you need a publication for the plane ride to Grandma's house.." That is accompanied by "pruning." As adolescence progresses, "there is an enormous loss of gray matter. Simultaneously, consider it easy..I take advantage of this publication as a mental framework for understanding teens, not that I subscribe to the mind development as the just explanation of teen behavior. synapses... however now, as we write this review, i'm in a fresh quandry: robert epstein's publication, teen 2. Adolescent Angst via MRI Why do teen-agers shoplift, vandalize, argue illogically, indulge in high-risk actions, pierce their bodies, and exude obnoxious behavior (feel free to add what to this list)?"The frontal lobes, the very area that helps teen-agers help to make the right decisions, are the extremely last areas to attain stability...When shown fear producing pictures, teen-age brains 'lit up' in the amygdala, an integral area for instinctual reactions such as fight or trip, anger, or 'I hate you, Mom.' When adults had been shown the same stimulus, they 'lit up' in the frontal lobes. In brain thickening, small branches of cells bloom madly, a process called "exuberance..What can we expect if that inhibition machinery, the pre-frontal cortex, isn't yet fully formed?"This reserve tells us to keep up vigilance, appropriate consequences for behavior, and some influence over that all-important peer group.. "The previous instinctual understanding familiar to our grandparents 'They'll grow out of it,' now has a modern scientific foundation." Helps understand teenagers This is helpful research. I've shared this book with a friend of mine as well as our son who's working with several first and second season college students. Great insight from study and scientists. A must go through for teen advisors and parents I have referred this books to many other parents, our school advisors, and other experts..a wholesale slashing of cell branches & i've hosted multiple multi-time retreats with youth employees focused solely on the results reported on these pages (including one a couple months back again, which is what caused me to learn it again).Vastly sage, articulate, and informative.) It isn't as detailed as someone well-read on the topic may hope, but also for someone just becoming interested, perhaps someone experiencing shocking episodes in their own house with their very own primal teen, it's a good starter reserve! While giving several types of teen behavior, it really is a basic book of what teens do.. In early adolescence, the brain's gray matter - its outer coating - thickens, then dramatically thins out. Great Read for Parents, Not Neurologists This was a good read for parents of teens or pre-adolescents who aren't in the medical field or some related field. In 1997, neuroscience produced a unexpected discovery. If everyone, teachers, cops, doctors and parents comprehended the info in this reserve there would be less violence inside our country. Five Stars the book is in an excellent condition Not great, not terrible This book is not very insightful. I gained understanding and sympathy for the options teenagers makes every day. Hopefully there's even more to include more

neurological detail. Must Read! If you have a kid approaching or already an adolescent, this book is crucial read!! Worth the time A very well crafted of the incredibly complex teenage mind. I really believe the reading of this book, would be helpful for people planning for a family, or in the midst of raising children. epstein doesn't buy the "nature" assumption that appears an implied foundation to the book (and, more accurately, the study and discoveries of jay giedd and various other adolescent brain expert that the primal teen reports on). Glad she put it together. Best book ever for parents of teenagers ready to draw .. I wouldn't be able to fully recommend it - unless you certainly are a new teacher that never got a developmental or unusual psych course. Best publication ever for parents of teens prepared to pull your hair out..



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