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A star writer for the brand new York Times Designs section captures the follies, frauds, and fanaticism that gas the American pursuit of youth and beauty in a wickedly revealing excursion into the burgeoning business of beauty enhancement. Americans are ageing faster and finding fatter than any other population on earth. In Beauty Junkies Alex Kuczynski, whose sly wit and fearless reporting in the days has won her fans across the country, delivers a fresh and irresistible appearance at America's increasingly desperate pursuit of ultimate beauty by any means necessary. photographs of magically rejuvenated individuals posing with wildlife, to a podiatrist's workplace in Manhattan in which a "feet face-lift" wrinkles, like handles, jiggling flesh or firmest? At the same time, our popular notions of perfect beauty have become so strict it seems even Barbie wouldn't Lively and enjoyable, thought-provoking and disturbing, Beauty Junkies can be destined to be one of the most talked-about books of the season. surgery safari" in South Africa complete with "after"t have a potential for making it in to the neighborhood beauty pageant. Aging could be an all natural fact of existence, but for a growing number of People in america its hallmarks provides women with the proper fit because of their \$700 Jimmy Choos, Kuczynski portrays the all-American search for self-transformation in every its extremes. In New York, attorneys become Botox junkies in an effort to remain poker-faced. In LA, females of an uncertain age group nip and tuck their most personal areas, so that every in . of their bodies is really as taut while their lifted faces. from their parents. In the united states, young ladies graduating from senior high school receive presents of breast implants As medicine and technology stretch the boundaries of biology, Kuczynski asks whether cosmetic surgery might even be part of human evolution, some sort of cosmetic survival of the fittest are seen as obstacles to end up being conquered in relation to lasting, flawless beauty. With incomparable portraits of obsessive individuals and the similarly obsessed doctors who focus on their dreams, Beauty Junkies examines the hype, the wish, and the questionable ethics encircling the advent of every fresh miraculous technique. From a group of high-maintenance NEW YORK women who devote themselves to preserving their appears twenty-four hours a day, to a "



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Good read, however the author is not very well served by her paperback publisher's re-brand I read the paperback version of Alex Kuczynski's reserve, so I'll stay my review here." Not merely is that a sales-flopping mouthful, it is also off-base. Initial, she hardly talks about toes. Girls - this is interesting - can make you think . Since time one, I was unhappy - not with the outcomes - but with myself and my choice. The subtitle of the hardcover was even more spot-on: "Inside Our \$15 Billion Obsession With Cosmetic Surgery. I read this reserve in all of three days and loved every page of it..." Well, not on my paperback, with its lame 'Barbie doll pieces in a surgery pan' photo that most likely got scooped off of iStockPhoto. She was more fortunate than I have been, but I still appreciated her honest depiction of beauty addiction. Plus, the cover concept of the hardcover version - 16 marked-up instances of the author's very attractive eye - is brilliant: it totally captures the spirit of the book, in which not only does Ms. Some Psychological Insight in to the World of PLASTIC SURGERY This is a personalized psychological study into the history of cosmetic surgery through its earliest beginnings with plastic and corrective surgery beginning back the 1400's to today, or at least the today of 2006. In fact, as her reporting unfolds, so too will her immersion as a patient.. To put yourself through something equal to chinese foot binding all for vanity is beyond my scope of pleasure. Thoroughly enjoyed I purchased this book when I was having a hard amount of time in regards to my body image. Although implantable procedures are technically reversible, the harm done to the body, along with the stretching of your skin layer, is not reversible. She discusses the realities of surgery, pains, errors, malpractice and quite literally, the poisons of surgery - mentally and physically. -Jamieson Dale, author [Back again to the paperback/hardcover matter: Also Amazon is confused here: none of the hardcover testimonials make it right here to the paperback (that alone should provide any publisher pause); and Amazon's "Better Collectively" pairing agent gets fooled into recommending that I buy the hardcover alongside the paperback.or, at least, her level of revelations. I came across this book helpful for me and I've since decided to reverse my decision and move on to a more comfortable place in my own life by lowering my implants for the present time. Second, the book does a 360 level consider the cosmetic surgery sector, not only the 'search' which sounds like it's purely a consumer-centric look. then ultimately removing them all together. I was looking for a publication in which I could relate with why this culture emphasizes body image so strongly. This reserve helped me observe that many women and men feel the same points, some fall pray to operation, while some cannot afford it, or choose never to. Alex Kuczynski has an empowered writing design." That's a better indication of what's inside. It was hard to put down. She discovers her personal decision to undergo plastic surgery and walks you through her trip. Prior to this publication, I underwent plastic surgery on my breasts with implants... I did so not feel like myself any more.. Since my own surgery, I have decided what is really important in my own life, and surgery did not make me happy.I came across humor, strength, answer to my queries, and more important, guidance with this book. In case you are thinking about surgery, read this book first. It could help you think about your decision and provide you more insight before getting into a irreversible trip of cosmetic surgery. We're told of her eyelid surgery treatment, botox remedies, regular dermabrasion classes, liposuction and Restylane lip shots. A few of these are effective (the eyelid surgery is cast that way), others possess innocuous and humorous endings (she's content with the liposuction until getting busted at the pool by an eight-year-old). You shouldn't be fooled, she actually is quite unbiased in this subject matter completely because she herself has received several procedures herself. Kuczynski report on the cosmetic sector, she participates in it. The historic parts were quite interesting without obtaining as technical and boring as a medical book would. The writer speaks from first hand connection with the mental and physical anguish that women [and it really is primarily women] go through to maintain an aura of youth and beauty, which are for all of us [men and females] a diminishing commodity whether we want to admit it or not really.] I came across the reserve to be quickly readable, funny at times, poignant in places, relatively sarcastic in others, and also a little lengthy winded as some other reviewers have noted. But all in all it was enjoyable to find the honesty

and pathos in reserve written for an viewers I assume relatively different from my own. Try it, I think you'll like it. Good book entertaining and incredibly readable Five Stars great read Five Stars Should anyone ever wondered about Cosmetic Surgery read this. Beauty Cults Good services, arrived quickly, and addresses the beauty cults who produce these doctors so very much money. Girls - that is interesting - can make you think twice the next time you are in a beauty counter at the department shop and the saleswoman is trying to make you buy products you didn't ask for. There's only a fleeting mention of them, no longer when compared to a paragraph... It was helpful and well researched. A war tale in one who survived Unlike myself, the author "becomes obsessed with cosmetic surgery at the age of 28 and [has] numerous procedures over the next ten years," that have been eventually successful. That text should have got changed for the paperback edition. However the Restylane treatment will go horribly wrong, and it's really that event that brings with it talk of addiction and a reconsideration of the quantity of risk she's taking on. I hardly understand why the publisher made a decision to muddle points up by re-launching the paperback as a new-ish piece of work with a brand new subtitle of "In Search of the Thinnest Thighs, Perkiest Breasts, Smoothest Faces, Whitest Tooth, and Skinniest, Most Ideal Toes in the us. On web page 215 of the paperback, the writer notes that "(t)he multiple eyes about the cover of this book are mine. The photos of the author on the coat and website present her to be a very attractive female herself, so that it is relatively heart-wrenching to believe she didn't see herself as such.



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