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A groundbreaking method of transforming traumatic legacies passed on in family members over generations, by an acclaimed professional in the field. Depression. Focus on You builds on the task of leading experts in post-traumatic tension, including Mount Sinai College of Medicine neuroscientist Rachel Yehuda and psychiatrist Bessel van der Kolk, writer of YOUR BODY Keeps the Rating. Chronic Pain. Phobias. Obsessive thoughts. It Didn't but in the lives of our parents, grandparents, and also great-grandparents. As a pioneer in neuro-scientific inherited family trauma, Mark Wolynn spent some time working with individuals and groupings on a therapeutic level for over two decades. that traumatic experience can be passed on through generations. Approaches for developing a genogram or extended family members tree create a map of encounters going back through the generations. Anxiety. These emotional legacies tend to be hidden, encoded in from gene expression to everyday language, and they play a lot better role in our emotional and physical health than has ever before been understood. Actually if the individual who suffered the initial trauma has died, or the story provides been forgotten or silenced, memory and emotions can go on. The latest scientific research, now making headlines, supports what many have long intuited— It Didn't Start with You offers a pragmatic and prescriptive instruction to his technique, the Core Language Approach. Diagnostic self-inventories give a way to discover the fears and anxieties conveyed through everyday phrases, behaviors, and physical symptoms. It Didn't And visualization, active creativity, and direct dialogue develop pathways to reconnection, integration, and reclaiming existence and health. The data can be compelling: the roots of the difficulties may not reside in our immediate existence experience or in chemical substance imbalances inside our brains—t Start With You is a transformative approach to resolving longstanding difficulties that oftentimes, traditional therapy, medications, or other interventions have not really had the capability to touch. From the Hardcover edition.



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Important Book BUT Not For Abused or Traumatized Adult Children This book is an important one which I'm glad that the author took the time and effort to create. I recommend this volume to therapists and to steady, seasoned therapy sufferers without reservation. Like another reviewer who wrote "avoid if you've conquer a toxic family members", I think this book does not serve them well or anyone who was abused or severely neglected by major caregivers, at least not initially in their healing process (and perhaps never). I think a point not emphasized enough in the reserve is that the author himself spent 24 months on a spiritual journey BEFORE arriving at the realization that emotional disconnectedness with his family members was at the main of his very own health problems (quite simply, he did a lot of self-healing before trying to connect with his parents). It makes perfect sense for him that re-establishing the emotional connection with his parents would be the logical option to his own recovery. Assuming his story is usually accurate about how his family was simply emotionally disconnected due to a mother trapped in grief and a dad who experienced from low self-confidence and there was not much in the way of psychological, verbal or physical misuse, this an ideal and beautiful situation where re-establishment of psychological connection may be the answer. I feel much lighter and even more empowered since working through the many of the exercises recommended by Wolynn. Abused and traumatized children have serious boundary issues, self-worth issues, problems forming healthy relationships, etc., that need to be handled initial and foremost before attempting to revive relations with very unhealthy and toxic individuals who perpetrated the abuse. Mark is a wonderful article writer and trainer in this field. Because I didn't understand it as connected to childhood or family trauma, I didn't understand that I had a need to trace some elements back through my family collection that hadn't been grappled with. I don't. Plus this kind of therapy can place an intense internal conflict on the abused child to "make best" what the parents do incorrect to them by trying to reconnect with them. I believe that's where this type of therapy can perform some psychological damage if the facilitator/therapist isn't careful. When there is a method to use this kind of therapy with abused children, this book did not cover it, at least not in very much depth and didn't recommend resources for people who result from those types of families and situations. Creationist woo

Regardless of the great reviews, the moment I began reading, this book began brushing me personally the wrong way. Brilliant Book-- But, For Some, Perhaps Best Accessed in Therapy The thesis of Tag Wolynn's "It Didn't Start With You", is that children absorb and act out intergenerational traumas within their groups of origin, even and especially traumatic events which have been suppressed. Exercises are supplied to help readers uncover these traumas and to defuse their power. Could be so beneficial for relationships. However, in the case of abused and traumatized kids by their caregivers, that is generally NOT the solution, and specifically NOT the first step in the healing process. That said, I've extensively explored my children background in therapy, and was therefore able to make use of Wolynn's exercises to construct missing pieces. Without this prior therapy, I am not sure that I would have already been able to make use of Wolynn's exercises constructively: the information might have been too explosive to handle by myself. While I endorse Wolynn's method, I would recommend that it be utilized under a therapist's assistance for those just beginning a program of self-examination. Uncovering trauma, including intergenerational trauma, could be a wrenching encounter and must be undertaken in a safe setting. Better to undertake this process with a therapist, rather than independently. Bottom line: It Didn't FOCUS ON You is a superb book, and We suspect that Mark Wolynn's therapeutic techniques can help many. However, because it falls beneath the "personal help" genre, I feel its also important to make some distinctions about

the target audience this book best serves. To those who find themselves not used to therapy and/or in an unsettled condition, I'd suggest undertaking the exercises under a therapist's guidance. I am hoping that will be rectified in a new edition or simply another book. What a waste of \$5.24. As early as page 1, the writer makes claims about the "latest scientific research" and will be offering no citation. On web page 10 he claims a miraculous recovery of his eyesight. Are we to trust he ever had any eyesight loss at all? It may be possible in some cases, but it is going to take a large amount of energy and work for the abused child (now an adult) to create it happen plus they could even put themselves in danger by doing therefore. The writer proceeds to open up Chapter 3 with a Bible passage. This reserve came to me synchronistically as I have been searching for a primary wound to heal my romantic relationship with my elderly mom and it had been Mark's clear path throughout his book, his vulnerability sharing his personal struggles and the questions and healing statements he shared, which gifted me not merely the clarity of the wound that I have been looking for for a long time, but also the various tools to heal it. In this manner, this chapter is full of non- peer-examined quoting, such as for example "Yehuda *claims*", "Yehuda *believes*".! Actually helpful guide to working through family histories While reading another reserve, I became acquainted with the notion of anxious attachment. Chapter 2 can be inundated with internet content as his "scientific" sources. This is where to me, it is extremely clear this is all unscientific speculation based on confirmation bias and where I throw this book in the trash can. I highly recommend this book to those attempting to heal, willing to do the task and looking forward to a more fulfilling life I actually am deeply touched by Mark's book and happy to highly recommend it. Easy to understand This book is fantastic. I've been working with clients for the past decade and have experienced a number of growth possibilities of my very own. On page 29 he makes a unusual state about junk DNA becoming influenced by feelings that can't be falsified by a straightforward web search at all. Family constellations A great read about the systemic influences of your parents and grandparents. Life changing If you are ready to change your life, go through this. The caregivers are actually the reason for the trauma and the problems and it is definitely not simply a case of emotional disconnectedness with them. Very interesting Very interesting book Unscientific tangent, not ideal for individuals who have experienced real trauma I tried so hard to like this book. I quote verbatim "Uncannily, the Bible, in Numbers 14:15, appears to corroborate the claims of modern research - or vice versa - that the sins, iniquities, or consequences (depending on which translation you read) of the parents make a difference the children up to the third and fourth generations". In other words, how can you emotionally connect with a person who is so emotionally shut down and disconnected that they abused their personal children? Both reading this book and the examples from others who have had romantic relationship patterns they couldn't explain until they worked through their trauma, combined with the really helpful writing exercises were tremendously useful in giving me beneficial insight into stubborn romantic relationship patterns in order to change them once and for all. Saying yes completely to your parents is equivalent to saying yes fully to your life and all of your potential. It's like 600\$ for a program with this guy but in the event that you read this publication you could have close to the same results Great but hard to sit and read for some time It's great, but hard to check out and stick through the book. He has discovered an inspiring way to talk about his personal life's encounters, those of clients he has worked with in the last twenty years and scientific research to create a even read, easy to follow exercises and a format, which does work to greatly help one shine light into one's own life and that of one's family members to bring forth subconscious patterns, which were blocking one's curing

and forward movement. Everyone should read it. This is an excellent book that immediately helped me to forge a hitherto undiscovered connection between a pressing life concern and areas of my family history. Can't say enough about it! Web page 39 revealed why all of this seemed weak at best. Must read book Powerful, thoughtful, and the catalyst for most revelations.



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