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They don't wish to be Barbie dolls but, like generations of women before them, are told they need to look like them. Today's young women face a bewildering group of contradictions when it comes to beauty. An award-winning Northwestern University psychology professor reveals the way the cultural obsession with women's appearance can be an epidemic that harms women's ability to get ahead also to live happy, meaningful lives, in this powerful, eye-opening function in the vein of Naomi Wolf, Peggy Orenstein, and Sheryl Sandberg. They're angry about the media's treatment of women but hungrily consume the very outlets that belittle them. They mock modern culture's absurd beauty ideal and make movies exposing Photoshopping methods but experience pressured to emulate the same pictures they criticize by posing with a "skinny arm". They recognize that what they find isn't real but still download apps to airbrush their selfies. Yet these same young ladies are fierce fighters for the issues they care about. In Beauty Sick, Dr. They're ready to fight against their beauty-sick tradition and create a different world for themselves, however they need a way ahead. She provides motivation and workable answers to help young ladies and women overcome harmful attitudes and embrace their entire selves, to transform their lives, state the futures they are worthy of, and, ultimately, switch their globe. Combining scientific studies with the voices of actual women of most ages, she makes very clear that to seriously fulfill their potential, we should liberate from cultural forces that feed destructive wishes, attitudes, and terms - from fat-shaming to denigrating commentary about various other females. Renee Engeln, whose TEDx chat on beauty sickness offers received more than 250,000 sights, reveals the shocking consequences of our obsession with young ladies' appearance on the psychological and physical health and their wallets and ambitions, including despair, eating disorders, disruptions in cognitive processing, and lost money and time.



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(My own body scares me, easily allow myself to take into account it.... Since I've browse the book I am remembering so many instances when concern about my appearance overshadowed even more important ideas. If you are a woman you should read this, if you're a man you should read this, when you have a girl, a son, if you teach, when you have contact with other humans, you need to read this publication.why are looks so valued for women, however, not so much for men? Just how our cities were created makes exercise impossible. Great reserve. Engeln does a good job of explaining her points and using complete descriptions of her studies/research to back up her claims. That is a topic that needs to be addressed for all the young ladies of the world, and I really believe she does a good job of getting the conversation started. She gives you a new method of looking at seemingly innocent feedback on appearance that we all make to the women inside our lives and she starkly highlights the damage the the obsession with looks and beauty does indeed on young girls and women. It really is so relevant and current! Culture is starting to shift, but still has a long way to go whenever we still have employers requiring females to use things such as make up and high heel shoes within a "uniform" to work. Great Read for All Women Every woman or anyone raising a woman should read this book. I must say i felt for the women in her publication who all underwent numerous examples of stress and lifestyle dissatisfaction due to these issues (even the ones who WERE beautiful by cultural requirements.) Well crafted and a straightforward read. She is no outrageous feminist by any means, so if you are slightly conservative this publication will still teach you a lot about culture and gender roles. Thinking about what my body may - and CAN'T - perform doesn't help. At all. Must read This book is crucial read. We have to transformation that ideology. One thing that was brought up throughout the book particularly pestered me after and during reading it - the idea that if women were taught to worth our anatomies for what they could perform instead of what they looked like, we would like our bodies more. The federal government has enacted plans that drive weight problems. Sure, if we're alive, our bodies are performing *something*. But that is not heading to help too many women to understand their bodies quite definitely - "your body reaches least keeping you alive for the moment!" is simply not very inspirational.For the "average" girl or girl, switching their focus to what their body is able to do instead of their physical appearance probably does do wonders for their happiness, confidence, etc. But let's quit for another right there. What about those of us who were born without sight, without hearing?. I discover everything Dr. Can't hear the things they used to hear, get sick easier, know that our bodies are closer and closer to finally offering on us? The "average girl or woman" component. What about those of us who have been born with center defects, genetic abnormalities, several diseases that we deal with everyday? So that we have to fight in order to do the things that the "typical girl or female" doesn't even consider, if we can actually do it at all, ever? This list continues on and on. It's a page-turner. If it at least acknowledges it and attempted to offer some solutions (as well as other resources) for how exactly to have an improved image of your body when it ISN'T with the capacity of a lot of things, that would have already been far better.Good read. This is a danger to my life because of chronic illness. I'm not really deeply in love with what my own body can perform, or what it can't do.) A wonderful eye opener I am not finished with this book yet, but I can't put it straight down. She describes how it truly is a double standard that females are valued so extremely for looks, while males are valued for capability, bravery, etc. I must say i valued how many scientific tests are . One is 15, and things are getting beyond control with be worried about her face, and body. I observe her going through what I still proceed through. How about those folks who are already thinking - a whole lot - about what our anatomies are able to do, and as a result what our bodies AREN'T able to do, and that feeds quite a bit into our sights of ourselves? this book holds a mirror up to ladies who are fighting body image/personal esteem, and self worth based on their looks, once we make an effort to reject that, and understand its wrong to take action. As far as women's bodies are concerned Renee Engeln presents an extremely biased, simplistic, naive and unrealistic perspective that I doubt will influence the majority of women. I

enjoyed that she utilized anecdotal stories along with her qualitative research studies to driver her point home.. I will be certain to refer clients and students to this book. Or when I hesitated to apply for a corporate job for fear I wouldn't have the ability to "dress corporate" enough. I've read several books upon this topic, which was by far one of the best. Ms. This book addresses the issue of society's obsession with women's looks especially their bodies. Engeln's exploration of this issue and true stories make this a very readable book, even a satisfying one as she provides wish and suggestions for doing things differently. I actually thought this was generally an extremely insightful and thought-provoking publication, and it struck me to be an accurate portrayal of current reality. Perhaps as we've gotten older, our anatomies can't move like they utilized to, can't get us from spot to place, and harm. Engeln is discussing EVERYWHERE.. It is very well crafted, a pleasure to learn, and profoundly eye-opening.. Incredibly important topic for everybody to comprehend and want to combat This is such an important issue that each single person should be exposed to! Dr. And, while I consent 100% that the media and society over emphasize a woman's appearance to be of utmost importance, I totally disagree that females today should embrace their bodies and like them for what they can do rather than how they appear. As a young ladies I've experienced overwhelmed by the ways our society focuses on and over-ideals appearance and beauty, but scanning this book provided me with reasonable actions that I can take in my very own personal life to greatly help combat this issue. Furthermore, I was amazed by how deep this problem runs in our society in ways I didn't also realize, and I've now caught myself spending closer attention to how certain messages regarding beauty pervade in my own life. Beauty Sickness Explains Section of Womens' Difficulties Enjoying Sex I believe that Dr. Engeln knocked it out of the park with this reserve. As a sex therapist, I know every day of how profoundly womens' body image affects sexuality. Bodies of each size and shape are capable of experiencing sexual joy. But a lot of women cannot. Loved the book and message, not the language. I so appreciate her literature review.. I discuss how households affect body picture in my own book SexSmart, but the cultural forces Engeln describes could be a stronger, even more toxic influence on women nowadays. When my parochial school forbade young ladies from wearing pants so we weren't allowed to hold on the monkey pubs or slide down the sledding hill for dread we'd show our underwear and become "unladylike". Absolutely fantastic book!. Her description of evolutionary psychology and the reasons why we want to scale back our absorption in and exposure to amazing physical beauty, her analogy to our unhealthy consumption of glucose, is amazing. Dr. The author makes some very good points that are bang on. Ladies are trained from an early age their looks matter most. I didn't see any practical solutions on offer, but that didn't really seem to be the goal or reason for the book (and probably would take another publication altogether to perform). Engeln writes in that compelling and accessible way that I possibly could not end reading it. A wonderful eyes opener, to how exactly we view ourselves, among others, actually if we don't understand it! We are amid an obesity epidemic that is sweeping the globe. The common American woman is 5 feet 4 and weighs 165 lbs. Diabetes is also at epidemic amounts. She does not address the factors that are generating these disturbing statistics. Engeln's TED talk and she actually inspired me and got me attempting to hear more. The type of a lifestyle do they will have? Well, what if our bodies can't do very much?? People don't have time to cook healthy foods. Imagine what we'd attain if we didn't spend all that money and energy attempting to be different things. Sadly, I wasn't a fan of the language, therefore i stop reading about halfway through. Why are ladies so far off from the ideal? and this was by far among the best. I will proceed through it chapter by chapter with both of my daughters!.. The impossible specifications stare us in the face on every red floor covering, on magazine addresses and in anchorwoman chair on the nightly information. I really valued how many scientific tests are referenced along with the author's clear suggestions on what our next measures should be in fighting Beauty Sickness. Every woman. Everyone should go through this book!. actually every person should read this reserve. Study after study

consistently shows that negative body image correlates with lowered sexual desire, arousal, orgasm, and enjoyment/satisfaction. I actually really liked this book, despite the fact that I'm not really a feminist. I noticed Dr. What exactly are people eating? I could relate to a lot of what her and the other women in the publication were discussing. Engeln totally ignores these problems. I understand it's "actual" and "gritty", but it's just a personal preference. We totally disagree that women today should embrace their bodies and love them for what they are able to do rather than how. This book completely ignores and glosses over this reality, doesn't touch onto it at all...I go through it from cover to cover in a day! Beauty Sick would be a wonderful baby shower celebration gift since it is important for parents to be aware of Beauty Sickness (and what they can do to avoid it) right away. It would also be considered a great book for publication clubs! Everyone should go through it!



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