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Ready to Heal E-Book - Kelly McDaniel 2012-08-05

It's no surprise that our culture is addicted to "love." The sappy love songs, the enticing ads for romantic getaways and the desire to be cherished by a special someone will never lose their appeal. But for some women, this poses a significant problem. Because of their insatiable desire for love, they will do anything to find it and ultimately land in destructive addictive relationships over and over again causing incredible harm. This newly revised and expanded edition of Ready to Heal provides an opportunity for women to break free from painful addictive relationships. Kelly McDaniel provides the reader with the tools they will need to move along the path to living a life where intimacy is possible. Readers have an opportunity to begin to "connect the dots" in their own relationship patterns by following the stories of four brave women. A newly added chapter on "Mother Hunger" explores the role of the mother in infancy and how she ultimately impacts a daughter's ability to have healthy intimate relationships later in life. Break free from the chains of addictive relationships that sabotage happiness and self-respect.

The New Codependency - Melody Beattie 2008-12-30

In Codependent No More, Melody Beattie introduced the world to the term codependency. Now a modern classic, this book established Beattie as a pioneer in self-help literature and endeared her to millions of readers who longed for healthier relationships. Twenty-five years later concepts such as self-care and setting boundaries have become entrenched in mainstream culture. Now Beattie has written a followup volume, *The New Codependency*, which clears up misconceptions about codependency, identifies how codependent behavior has changed, and provides a new generation with a road map to wellness. The question remains: What is and what is not codependency? Beattie here reminds us that much of codependency is normal behavior. It's about crossing lines. There are times we do too much, care too much, feel too little, or overly engage. Feeling resentment after giving is not the same as heartfelt generosity. Narcissism and self-love, enabling and nurturing, and controlling and setting boundaries are not interchangeable terms. In *The New Codependency*, Beattie explores these differences, effectively invoking her own inspiring story and those of others, to empower us to step out of the victim role forever. Codependency, she shows, is not an illness but rather a series of behaviors that once broken down and analyzed can be successfully combated. Each section offers an overview of and a series of activities pertaining to a particular behavior -- caretaking, controlling, manipulation, denial, repression, etc. -- enabling us to personalize our own step-by-step guide to wellness. These sections, in conjunction with a series of tests allowing us to assess the level of our codependent behavior, demonstrate that while it may not seem possible now, we have the power to take care of ourselves, no matter what we are experiencing. Punctuated with Beattie's renowned candor and intuitive wisdom, *The New Codependency* is an owner's manual to learning to be who we are and gives us the tools necessary to reclaim our lives by renouncing unhealthy practices.

Hinds Feet on High Places - Hannah Hurnard 2013-03-21

Much-Afraid had been in the service of the Chief Shepherd, whose great flocks were pastured down in the Valley of Humiliation. She lived with her friends and fellow workers Mercy and Peace in a tranquil little white cottage in the village of Much-Trembling. She loved her work and desired intensely to please the Chief Shepherd, but happy as she was in most ways, she was conscious of several things which hindered her in her work and caused her much secret distress and shame. Here is the allegorical tale of Much-Afraid, an every-woman searching for guidance from God to lead her to a higher place.

Is it Love Or is it Addiction? - Brenda Schaeffer 1997

This groundbreaking book, with more than 150,000 copies sold, is back by popular demand. Updated with new data and examples, *Is It Love or Is It Addiction?* helps the reader distinguish between healthy love and destructive relationships. Brenda Schaeffer provides a seven-step plan for breaking free from dysfunctional, co-dependent patterns.

Daily Wisdom for Why Does He Do That? - Lundy Bancroft 2015-04-07

Lundy Bancroft expands on his bestseller *Why Does He Do That?* in this daily guide that empowers women who are suffering in abusive relationships. Even if you've read *Why Does He Do That?*, it may be hard to see the truth of what is happening to you. You may feel overwhelmed by confusion, loss, and fear, and find yourself looking away from the truth and falling back into traumatic patterns. What you need is something that is there for you every day—to help you make a long series of little changes that will ultimately add up to a big one. Like a constant friend, this collection of meditations is a source of strength and reassurance designed to speak to women like you, women in relationships with angry and controlling men. It is a tool you can use to learn how to value and respect yourself—even when your partner makes it very clear that he does not. With seven themes designed to encourage and inspire, *Daily Wisdom for Why Does He Do That?* will help you digest what is happening one day at a time, so that you can gain clarity, safety, and freedom. You will see the truth in your destructive relationship. You and your children will survive. And—with these encouragements—even tomorrow will be a better day than today.

Conquering Shame and Codependency - Darlene Lancer 2014-05-16

A nationally recognized author and codependency expert examines the roots of shame and its connection with codependent relationships. Learn how to heal from their destructive hold by implementing eight steps that will empower the real you, and lead to healthier relationships. Shame: the torment you feel when you're exposed, humiliated, or rejected; the feeling of not being good enough. It's a deeply painful and universal emotion, yet is not frequently discussed. For some, shame lurks in the unconscious, undermining self-esteem, destroying confidence, and leading to codependency. These codependent relationships—where we overlook our own needs and desires as we try to care for, protect, or please another—often cover up abuse, addiction, or other harmful behaviors. Shame and codependency feed off one another, making us feel stuck, never able to let go, move on, and become the true self we were meant to be. In *Conquering Shame and Codependency*, Darlene Lancer sheds new light on shame: how codependents' feelings and beliefs about shame affect their identity, their behavior, and how shame can corrode relationships, destroying trust and love. She then provides eight steps to heal from shame, learn to love yourself, and develop healthy relationships.

How To Quit Porn - HowExpert 2011-03-13

If you're currently experiencing porn addiction and you really wanted to deviate from this evil activity then, check out this "How To Quit Porn" guide. In this step-by-step guide you will be able to get the following benefits: - Understand why people are getting addicted to porn. - Find inspirational real life experiences in overcoming such addiction. - Discover the 5 stages of porn addiction and realize what stage you're in. - Realize the harmful effects of use of pornography. - Learn effective strategies to cure pornography addiction. - Learn how to win the battle against pornography addiction. - Get guides in preventing a porn relapse. - Discover where to get help in overcoming porn addiction. - And much more. HowExpert publishes quick 'how to' guides on all topics from A to Z by everyday experts.

The Love Addiction Workbook - Howard C. Samuels 2021-07-20

Heal from love addiction with exercises for finding real love and self-worth Love addiction is a pattern of obsessive behavior in your romantic

relationships that can wreak havoc on your happiness and your connections with others--but you can find healthy relationships again. This workbook is full of compassionate advice and insight to help you understand how the cycle of love addiction works and begin to break the habits that are holding you back. With guidance from a psychologist, you'll assess your past relationships to identify the root of your struggles. Then, explore proven techniques to help you build the healthy, rewarding, and enduring relationships that you deserve. Dive deep--Make room for self-reflection with everything from writing prompts and quizzes to guidance for setting goals and building your support system. Stories from others--Discover hope and reassurance with anecdotes and case studies about other people who've overcome love addiction. Simple exercises--These brief activities can be done right on the page so you can begin your road to recovery right away. This encouraging guide goes beyond other love addiction recovery books and shows you the way to healing.

Adolescent Sex and Love Addicts - Eric Griffin-Shelley 1994

A discussion of how teenagers can become addicted to sex and love just as they can be addicted to chemicals.

Overcoming Sex Addiction - Thaddeus Birchard 2017-04-21

Overcoming Sex Addiction is an accessible self-help guide which uses the principles of cognitive behaviour therapy to help those with problematic or unwanted patterns of sexual behaviour. It is designed for those who are not yet ready to seek professional help or who live in a place where little help is available and can be used in conjunction with general psychotherapy. Written by a leading expert in the field, the book offers an insight into the origins of sex addiction, before going on to explain the cycle of addiction and how to break it. The book has a do-it yourself week-by-week programme of action to tackle compulsive sexual behaviour, and provides extensive advice on relapse prevention to help the reader move forward in recovery. Overcoming Sex Addiction will provide clear, informed guidance for sex addicts and those professionals working with them.

Addicted to "love" - Stephen Arterburn 1992-04

What do these people have in common? Carol cannot free herself from the abusive relationship she has endured for ten miserable years. Ben is driven to secret sexual liaisons with one woman after another. Ginny spends every free moment of her day absorbed in romance novels. Carol, Ben, and Ginny suffer from the same problem. Psychologists call it the disease of the '90's--love addiction. Addicted to Love describes the many forms this addiction can take--from romance novels and relationships to spouse abuse and sexual acting-out. Like drug addicts or alcoholics, love addicts get high from sex and romance, develop a tolerance for it, and need ever-greater doses to keep going. Stephen Arterburn examines why this addiction is on the rise, what it looks like, who it afflicts, and what you can do if you suspect that your spouse, friend, or family member may be suffering from it. With compassion and wisdom, Arterburn points the way to psychological and spiritual healing, to enable men and women to enjoy real and lasting intimacy.

Intimate Treason - Claudia Black 2012-09-18

Partners affected by sex addiction learn to develop healthy boundaries and make positive changes for themselves and their partners.

Love Addict - Ethlie Ann Vare 2011-09

Neuroscience now shows us--in living color, thanks to PET scans and fMRI technology--that falling in love affects our brains precisely the same way as snorting cocaine. Award-winning author and screenwriter Ethlie Ann Vare already knew that; she's been addicted to both. She survived to tell the tale . . . with humor, honesty, and hope. Just because something is addictive doesn't mean that you will get addicted to it. But . . . if your stomach ties up in knots while you count the seconds waiting for a phone call from that special someone . . . if you hear a loud buzzing in your ears when you see a certain person's car (or one just like it) . . . if your eyes burn when you hear a random love song or see a couple holding hands . . . if you suffer the twin agonies of craving for and withdrawing from a series of unrequited crushes or toxic relationships . . . if you always feel like you're clutching at someone's ankle and dragged across the floor as they try to leave the room . . . welcome to the club. With a light touch and a sharp wit, Ethlie has enlisted some famous love junkies--including supermodel Amber Smith, movie star William McNamara, and comedienne Margaret Cho--and the top therapists and researchers in the field to help lead you from the dark of despair into the dawn of recovery.

A Woman's Way through the Twelve Steps - Stephanie S Covington 2009-06-03

Geared specifically to women, this book brings a feminine perspective to the Twelve Step program, searching out the healing messages beneath

the male-oriented words. Recovery is not a man's world, and yet to a woman it can sometimes seem that way. Geared specifically to that woman, this book brings a feminine perspective to the Twelve Step program, searching out the healing messages beneath the male-oriented words. Based on an open exploration and a flexible interpretation of the Twelve Steps, this new perspective takes into account the psychological development of women as it relates to addiction and recovery, as well as the social and cultural factors that affect women in particular. Acknowledging that recovery raises special issues for women--from questions about sexuality, relationships, and everyday life to anxieties about speaking up at mixed-gender meetings--A Woman's Way through the Twelve Steps focuses directly on the feminine experience of addiction and healing. The author explores the Twelve Steps one by one, reiterating each in its traditional language, then explaining and illustrating it in a way that highlights a woman's experience--empowering the reader to take ownership of her own recovery process as well as her growth as a woman.

The Essential Guide to Overcoming Obsessive Love - Eileen Bailey 2011-06-07

When does love become an obsession? What are the warning signs? What does it take to guard against it and prevent it from taking over one's life? A psychotherapist who specializes in this condition and a survivor of obsessive love team up to answer these questions and many others in the most current and important book on this phenomenon. With fascinating and helpful advice drawn from real-life case studies and personal experience, this expert team discusses: ? The difference between healthy love and obsessive love. ? The psychological and societal causes of obsessive love. ? Obsessive love from both the obsessor's and the obsessee's points of view. ? Proven techniques to avoid falling into the obsessive love cycle. ? Concrete steps to break the cycle.

Disorder: Understanding Our Obsession with Technology and Overcoming Its Hold on Us - Larry D. Rosen, Ph.D. 2012-03-27

An internationally recognized research psychologist and computer educator analyzes the stresses associated with today's perpetually connected world, counseling readers on how to make positive use of technology while avoiding related disorders. 40,000 first printing.

The Biology of Desire - Marc Lewis 2015-07-14

Through the vivid, true stories of five people who journeyed into and out of addiction, a renowned neuroscientist explains why the "disease model" of addiction is wrong and illuminates the path to recovery. The psychiatric establishment and rehab industry in the Western world have branded addiction a brain disease. But in *The Biology of Desire*, cognitive neuroscientist and former addict Marc Lewis makes a convincing case that addiction is not a disease, and shows why the disease model has become an obstacle to healing. Lewis reveals addiction as an unintended consequence of the brain doing what it's supposed to do--seek pleasure and relief--in a world that's not cooperating. As a result, most treatment based on the disease model fails. Lewis shows how treatment can be retooled to achieve lasting recovery. This is enlightening and optimistic reading for anyone who has wrestled with addiction either personally or professionally.

Facing Love Addiction - reissue - Pia Mellody 2011-11-22

A brilliant new guide to understanding the origins of codependence and the path to recovery by a nationally recognized authority on dependency and addiction. In this fresh new look at codependence, Pia Mellody traces the origins of this illness back to childhood, describing a whole range of emotional, spiritual, intellectual, physical, and sexual abuses. Because of these earlier experiences, codependent adults often lack the skills necessary to lead mature lives and have satisfying relationships. Recovery from codependence comes from clearing up the toxic feelings left over from childhood and learning to re-parent oneself by intervening on the adult symptoms of codependence. Central to Mellody's concept is the idea of the "precious child" that needs healing within each adult. She creates a framework for identifying codependent behavior and describes an effective approach to recovery that includes both therapy and self-help processes. Designed to be used with her new workbook for codependents, *Breaking Free*, this is a powerful tool for understanding the nature of codependence.

Codependent No More - Melody Beattie 2009-06-10

In a crisis, it's easy to revert to old patterns. Caring for your well-being during the coronavirus pandemic includes maintaining healthy boundaries and saying no to unhealthy relationships. The healing touchstone of millions, this modern classic by one of America's best-loved and most inspirational authors holds the key to understanding codependency and to unlocking its stultifying hold on your life. Is

someone else's problem your problem? If, like so many others, you've lost sight of your own life in the drama of tending to someone else's, you may be codependent--and you may find yourself in this book--Codependent No More. The healing touchstone of millions, this modern classic by one of America's best-loved and most inspirational authors holds the key to understanding codependency and to unlocking its stultifying hold on your life. With instructive life stories, personal reflections, exercises, and self-tests, Codependent No More is a simple, straightforward, readable map of the perplexing world of codependency--charting the path to freedom and a lifetime of healing, hope, and happiness. Melody Beattie is the author of Beyond Codependency, The Language of Letting Go, Stop Being Mean to Yourself, The Codependent No More Workbook and Playing It by Heart.

Creating Love - John Bradshaw 1994-01-01

"Why are so many of us at times completely baffled by a relationship? How can we think we know someone so well and admit in the end that we hardly knew that person at all? Why do many people who work diligently and strenuously to gain wholeness and balance still feel so frustrated about having a fulfilling relationship? Why have so many people given up on love?"—from the Prologue John Bradshaw's bestselling books and compelling PBS series have touched and changed millions of lives. Now, in *Creating Love*, he offers us a new way to understand our most crucial relationships—with our romantic partners and spouses, with our parents and children, with friends and co-workers, with ourselves, and with God. Bradshaw's compassionate approach shows that many of us have been literally "entranced" by past experiences of counterfeit love, so we unknowingly re-create patterns that can never fulfill us. Here he provides both the insights and the precise tools we need to keep those destructive patterns from repeating in the present. And then he shows how we can open ourselves to the soul-building work of real love—and create healthy, loving relationships where we can be fully ourselves in every part of our lives.

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Sexual Anorexia - Patrick J Carnes 2009-08-07

A first-time examination of sexual anorexia, an extreme fear of sexual intimacy and obsessive avoidance of sex, by the acknowledged leader in the treatment of compulsive sexual behavior and recovery. A first-time examination of sexual anorexia, an extreme fear of sexual intimacy and obsessive avoidance of sex, by the acknowledged leader in the treatment of compulsive sexual behavior and recovery. Author Dr. Patrick Carnes begins by defining sexual anorexia and demonstrating how it and its parallel disorder, sexual addiction and compulsivity, often arise from a background of childhood sexual trauma, neglect, and other forms of abuse, Carnes explores the numerous dimensions of sexual health, examining key issues which must be addressed and resolved for recovery to proceed. Utilizing extensive research and elucidating case studies, Carnes develops concrete tasks and plans for restoring nurturing and sensuality, building fulfilling relationships, exploring intimacy, and creating healthy sexuality. Woven throughout the book are stories of

recovery which illustrate sexual healing principles, model new behavior, and support motivation for change. Sexual Anorexia enables those suffering from this disorder to recognize that sex need not be a furtive enemy to be fought and defeated but, instead, a deeply sensual, passionate, fulfilling, and spiritual experience that all human beings are innately entitled to.

Out of the Shadows - Patrick J Carnes 2009-06-21

Unhooked from regular routines and healthy relationships by the coronavirus pandemic or other traumas, even our most basic human impulses and inputs can become addictive and destructive. An essential resource for those struggling with sexual addiction and compulsions, and those who love them. With the revised information and up-to-date research, *Out of the Shadows* is the premier work on sex addiction, written by a pioneer in its treatment. Sex is at the core of our identities. And when it becomes a compulsion, it can unravel our lives. *Out of the Shadows* is the premier work on this disorder, written by a pioneer in its treatment. Revised and updated to include the latest research—and to address the exploding phenomenon of cybersex addiction—this third edition identifies the danger signs, explains the dynamics, and describes the consequences of sexual addiction and dependency. With practical wisdom and spiritual clarity, it points the way out of the shadows of sexual compulsion and back into the light and fullness of life.

Obsessive Love - Susan Forward 2002-01-02

Is it impossible to let go — despite the pain? • Do you yearn for someone who is not physically or emotionally available to you? • Do you believe that if you love him enough he will have to love you? • When you feel insecure, does it drive you only to want her more? • Do you find yourself phoning repeatedly or waiting long hours for the phone to ring? Do you wish someone would let go of you? • Does an ex-lover or ex-spouse refuse to believe that it's over? • Do you receive unwanted phone calls, letters, presents, or visits? • Is this pursuit of you creating so much anxiety that it affects your physical or emotional well-being? In this invaluable self-help guide, Dr. Susan Forward presents vivid case histories as well as the real-life voices of men and women caught in the grip of obsessive passion. Whether you're an obsessive lover or the target of such an obsession, here is a proven, step-by-step program that shows you how to recognize the "connection compulsion," what causes it, and how to break its hold on your life so that you can go on to build healthy, lasting, and pain-free relationships.

Betrayal Bond, Revised - Patrick J. Carnes, PhD 2018-08-17

Some really great books just keep getting better! For seventeen years *The Betrayal Bond* has been the primary source for therapists and patients wrestling the effects of emotional pain and harm caused by exploitation from someone they trusted. Divorce, litigation, incest and child abuse, domestic violence, kidnapping, professional exploitation and religious abuse are all areas of trauma bonding. These are situations and relationships of incredible intensity or importance lend themselves more easily to an exploitation of trust or power. In *The Betrayal Bond*, Dr. Carnes presents an in-depth study of these relationships; why they form, who is most susceptible, and how they become so powerful. Dr. Carnes also gives a clear explanation of the bond that compels people to tolerate the intolerable, and for the first time, maps out the brain connection that makes being with hurtful people comparable to 'a drug of choice.' Most importantly, Carnes provides practical steps to identify compulsive attachment patterns and ultimately to change or end them for good. This new edition includes: New science for understanding how our brains can make a prison of bad relationships New assessments and insights based on 50,000 research participants A new section utilizing the latest findings in attachment research and narrative therapy to concretely rewrite and rescript bad experiences A redefinition of the factors contributing to addictive relationships

The Intimacy Factor - Pia Mellody 2009-10-13

In her first book in over 10 years, Pia Mellody—author of the groundbreaking bestsellers *Facing Codependence* and *Facing Love Addiction*—shares her profound wisdom on what it takes to sustain true intimacy and trusting love in our most vital relationships. Drawing on more than 20 years' experience as a counsellor at the renowned Meadows Treatment Centre in Arizona, Mellody now shares what she has learned about why intimate relationships falter—and what makes them work. Using the most up-to-date research and real-life examples, including her own compelling personal journey, Mellody provides readers with profoundly insightful and practical ground rules for relationships that achieve and maintain joyous intimacy. This invaluable resource helps diagnose the causes of faulty relationships—many of them rooted in childhood—and provides tools for readers to heal themselves, enabling

them to establish and maintain healthy relationships.

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Recovery Workbook for Love Addicts and Love Avoidants - Susan Peabody 2013-04-15

Finally Getting it Right - Howard Marvin Halpern 1994

Shares wise and compassionate advice on how to find and maintain a healthy, loving relationship without sacrificing passion

Love Addiction - Martha R. Bireda 1990

Love addicts are so obsessed with romance & with meeting the expectations of their partners that they completely lose their sense of self and their own legitimate needs. This book is unique because it teaches the skills you need to identify and change the circular, illogical and obsessive thoughts that fuel your addiction.

Insatiable - Shary Hauer 2015-05-20

In her professional life, Shary Hauer was a confident, successful, high-caliber executive coach who advised big-time corporate leaders around the globe—but her personal life was an entirely different matter. When it came to love, she was insecure, clingy, desperate, willing to do anything and everything to win and keep a man. Because without a man by her side, what good was she? In **Insatiable**, Hauer fearlessly chronicles her emotional journey from despair to hope, rejection to redemption, and self-hate to self-love, one man at a time. In candid detail, she relates what it is like to be trapped in the torturous cycle of love addiction—what it's like to be forever searching, needing, obsessing, scheming, and agonizing for love, suffering from a hunger that never ceases—and what it takes to break free of that cycle. An intimate, soul-baring tale that sheds much-needed light on one of the least understood and talked about addictions, **Insatiable** is the story of one woman's journey through the hellish, the humiliating, and the humbling in her single-minded pursuit of the most addictive drug of all: love.

Mending a Shattered Heart - Stefanie Carnes 2012-07-10

When your partner betrays, what are the first steps to picking up the pieces of your shattered heart? Many unsuspecting people wake up every day to discover their loved one, the one person whom they are supposed to trust completely, has been living a life of lies and deceit because they suffer from a disease—sex addiction. This is a disease shrouded in secrecy and shame. This is your go-to-guide for what to do when you discover your partner is a sex addict. Each chapter is based on frequently asked questions by partners such as: Should I Stay or Should I Go? Is This Going to Get Better? How Do I Set Boundaries and Keep Myself Safe? and What Should I Tell the Kids?

Never Enough - Judith Grisel 2020-01-14

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER From a renowned behavioral neuroscientist and recovering addict, a rare page-turning work of science that draws on personal insights to reveal how drugs work, the dangerous hold they can take on the brain, and the surprising way to combat today's epidemic of addiction. Judith Grisel was a daily drug user and college dropout when she began to consider that her addiction might

have a cure, one that she herself could perhaps discover by studying the brain. Now, after twenty-five years as a neuroscientist, she shares what she and other scientists have learned about addiction, enriched by captivating glimpses of her personal journey. In **Never Enough**, Grisel reveals the unfortunate bottom line of all regular drug use: there is no such thing as a free lunch. All drugs act on the brain in a way that diminishes their enjoyable effects and creates unpleasant ones with repeated use. Yet they have their appeal, and Grisel draws on anecdotes both comic and tragic from her own days of using as she limns the science behind the love of various drugs, from marijuana to alcohol, opiates to psychedelics, speed to spice. With more than one in five people over the age of fourteen addicted, drug abuse has been called the most formidable health problem worldwide, and Grisel delves with compassion into the science of this scourge. She points to what is different about the brains of addicts even before they first pick up a drink or drug, highlights the changes that take place in the brain and behavior as a result of chronic using, and shares the surprising hidden gifts of personality that addiction can expose. She describes what drove her to addiction, what helped her recover, and her belief that a "cure" for addiction will not be found in our individual brains but in the way we interact with our communities. Set apart by its color, candor, and bell-clear writing, **Never Enough** is a revelatory look at the roles drugs play in all of our lives and offers crucial new insight into how we can solve the epidemic of abuse.

Exaholics - Lisa Bobby 2015-11-03

Severing a relationship is one of life's most painful experiences and cutting those ties can feel like ending an addiction. "Exaholics" offers meaningful support to anyone trapped in the obsessive pain of a broken attachment. She helps the brokenhearted heal, showing them how to understand the emotional processes at work inside themselves, find the path to recovery, and free themselves of shame, injured ego, and remorse."

Where Love Abides - Susan Peabody

A Gentle Path Through the Twelve Steps - Patrick Carnes 2012-04-13

A Gentle Path through the Twelve Steps Updated and Expanded

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Love addiction manifests in many forms, from Fatal Attraction-type obsessive lust to less extreme but nonetheless psychologically and emotionally harmful forms. The most common of these is staying in a bad relationship because of a fear of being alone—the "I hate you but don't leave me" relationship. In **ADDICTION TO LOVE**, recovering love addict Susan Peabody explains the variety of ways this disorder plays out, from the obsessively doting love addict to the addict who can't disentangle from an unfulfilling, dead-end relationship. Peabody provides an in-depth and easy-to-follow recovery program for those suffering from this unhealthy and often dangerous addiction and explains how to create a loving, safe, and fulfilling relationship. A seminal work on unhealthy and obsessive behaviors in love, and how to change behavior to have a positive relationship. This third edition includes a new introduction and revisions to the text throughout. Some symptoms of love addiction include love at first sight, excessive fantasizing, abnormal jealousy, nagging, and accepting dishonesty. Even relationships with parents, children, siblings, or friends may be addictive—dependency is not always related to romantic love. Previous editions have sold more than 40,000 copies. "Love addiction is a three-headed serpent" that Susan Peabody adeptly slays. This is the quintessential book for any love addict or counselor needing to fully understand this highly prevalent and complex disorder. Susan detects and dissects aspects of this condition not comprehended in other books of its kind. Recovery is possible. This book makes it possible to take the succinct steps necessary toward a loving and reciprocal long-term intimate relationship."—Sudi Scull, M.F.T., C.N., psychotherapist and nutritionist

Codependency For Dummies - Darlene Lancer 2012-04-06

Codependency is much more widespread than originally thought. You don't even have to be in a relationship. Codependents have trouble accepting themselves, so they hide who they are to be accepted by someone else. **Codependency for Dummies** is the most comprehensive book on the topic to date. It describes the history, symptoms, causes, and relationship dynamics of codependency and provides self-assessment questionnaires. The majority of the book is devoted to healing and lays out a clear plan for recovery with exercises, practical advice, and helpful daily reminders to help you know, honor, protect, and express yourself. It clarifies deep psychological dynamics that underlie codependency, yet is written in a conversational style that's easily understandable by everyone. You will learn: How to raise your self-esteem The difference

between care-giving and codependent care-taking The difference between healthy and dysfunctional families How to set boundaries How to separate responsibility for yourself and for others How to overcome guilt and resentment

Love and Addiction - Stanton Peele 2014-05

In *Love and Addiction*, published 40 years ago and sold as a mass-market paperback on love, Stanton Peele and Archie Brodsky laid out every major issue confronting the addiction field today. This pioneering classic, which was excerpted in *Cosmopolitan* and spawned the codependence movement, is the first-and still the definitive-book on addictive love. But it is much more than that; it is the book that explains why addiction is not what we think it is. *Love and Addiction* focuses on dependent love relationships to explore what both love and addiction really are- psychologically, socially, and culturally. Addiction is an overgrown, dependent, destructive relationship. Love is the opposite, a sharing, growth-inspiring one. The authors' analysis makes clear that an addiction is an experience that takes on meaning and power in light of a person's needs, desires, beliefs, expectations, and fears. By showing how addiction grows out of ordinary human experience, Peele and Brodsky offer a liberating understanding of all addictions-to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, food, gambling, shopping, electronic media, sex, or love. In 1975, *Love and Addiction* boldly proposed ideas whose truth is only now being recognized: Addiction is not limited to drugs, and drugs are not necessarily addictive. AA's 12 steps are not the last word in addiction treatment. On the contrary, practically oriented addiction treatments are more effective. The goal of addiction treatment and recovery is not abstinence to the exclusion of all else, but to build a life that rules out addiction. Love is the opposite of the self-protective constriction of addiction; it is the expansion of your spirit with another human being. Remarkably, all of these issues-the widespread application of the addiction diagnosis, the limited value of AA and its disease theory, the possibility that people can continue using but still eliminate addiction

(harm reduction)-are as hotly debated today as when Peele and Brodsky first analyzed addiction forty years ago. Most remarkably of all, the answers Peele and Brodsky arrived at in *Love and Addiction* are only now being embraced by progressive thinkers in the field. "Destined to become a classic " *Psychology Today* proclaimed in 1975. Rereading *Love and Addiction* 35 years later, addiction researcher Rowdy Yates wrote that the book "still reads absolutely true as an understanding of addictive behavior." Reading today this clairvoyant analysis of the most challenging issues we face in the twenty-first century-the meaning of love and the cure for addiction-you will recognize both the current relevance and enduring value of *Love and Addiction*, now reissued with a new (2015) Authors' Preface, the Authors' Preface written for the 1991 paperback reissue, and a brief new introduction to each chapter. Otherwise, nothing has been changed in the original book.

Addicted to Love - Lacy Alajna Bentley 2019-05-07

Addicted to Love is a roadmap to recovery and healthy relationships for female sex and love addicts. It's hard to imagine love without the pain. Women who live with love addiction are a unique breed having learned to cope in a sex-driven world by finding their worth in sexuality and being wanted. The human need for lasting, meaningful relationships is constantly sabotaged by these women's own behaviors on top of events outside their control. In *Addicted to Love*, Lacy A. Bentley—a woman who has been there—introduces her own recovery journey with courageous honesty to guide other women on their paths to recovery. Each chapter focuses on a different trait of emotional health and teaches women to integrate that trait in a workbook-style format. Lacy shows them how to secure their romantic heart, love like they were meant to, and break free from compulsive patterns, while presenting new ways of seeing day-to-day patterns. Every word guides brave women into the relationships they truly want and deserve—without excuses, compulsions, or addiction in the recovery roadmap of the future.