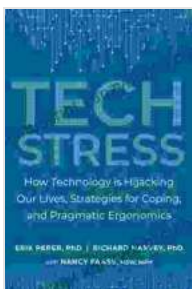


How Technology Is Hijacking Our Lives: Strategies for Coping and Pragmatic Solutions

Technology has become an indispensable part of our lives. It's how we stay connected with friends and family, access information, and get work done. But while technology can be a great tool, it can also be a source of stress, anxiety, and distraction.

In her book, **How Technology Is Hijacking Our Lives: Strategies for Coping and Pragmatic Solutions**, Dr. Emma Seppälä offers practical strategies for coping with the negative effects of technology and harnessing its potential for good.

Seppälä argues that technology is not inherently bad. In fact, it can be a powerful tool for good. It can help us stay connected with loved ones, learn new things, and be more productive. However, when we use technology excessively or in a way that is not aligned with our values, it can have negative consequences.



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Seppälä identifies four main ways that technology can hijack our lives:

1. **It can be addictive.** The constant stream of notifications and dopamine hits can make it hard to pull ourselves away from our devices.
2. **It can be distracting.** The constant temptation to check our phones or social media can make it difficult to focus on the task at hand.
3. **It can be isolating.** Spending too much time online can lead to us feeling isolated from the people and things around us.
4. **It can be damaging to our mental health.** Excessive use of technology has been linked to anxiety, depression, and sleep problems.

Seppälä offers a number of practical strategies for coping with the negative effects of technology. These strategies include:

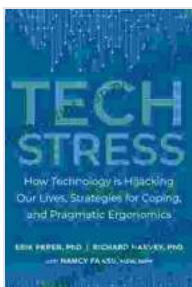
- **Set limits on your screen time.** Decide how much time you want to spend each day on your devices and stick to it.
- **Take breaks from technology.** Make sure to take regular breaks from your devices throughout the day, especially before bed.
- **Be mindful of your use of technology.** Pay attention to how you are feeling when you are using your devices. If you find yourself feeling stressed, anxious, or distracted, take a break.

- **Use technology for good.** Make sure to use your devices to do things that are meaningful to you and that align with your values.

Seppälä also offers a number of pragmatic solutions for addressing the challenges of technology. These solutions include:

- **Creating technology-free zones.** Set aside certain times and places where you are not allowed to use your devices.
- **Using technology to connect with others.** Make use of technology to stay connected with friends and family, but don't let it replace face-to-face interactions.
- **Using technology to learn and grow.** Take advantage of the wealth of information and resources available online to learn new things and develop your skills.
- **Using technology to be more productive.** Use technology to streamline your tasks and be more efficient.

How Technology Is Hijacking Our Lives is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand the impact of technology on our lives and learn how to use it wisely. Seppälä offers practical strategies and pragmatic solutions that can help us cope with the negative effects of technology and harness its potential for good.



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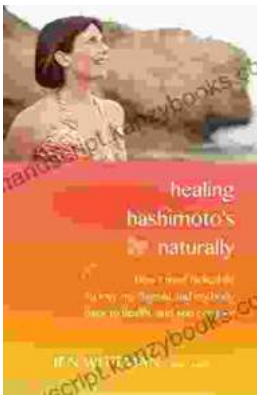
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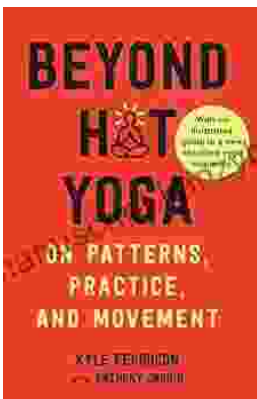
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