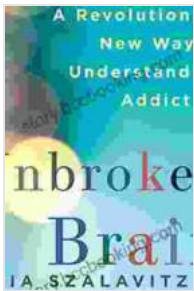


# Revolutionary New Way of Understanding Addiction

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However, a growing body of research is challenging the traditional understanding of addiction. This new research suggests that addiction is not simply a disease of the brain, but rather a complex condition that is influenced by a variety of factors, including genetics, environment, and trauma.

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underlying causes of their addiction and develop coping mechanisms to manage their cravings and triggers.

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MBRP is a relatively new treatment approach, but it has shown great promise in helping people to recover from addiction. In one study, people who participated in MBRP were more likely to abstain from drugs and alcohol than people who participated in a traditional treatment program.

MBRP is just one example of a new treatment approach that is based on the latest scientific research on addiction. These new approaches are offering hope to people who are struggling with addiction, and they are helping to change the way that we understand and treat this condition.

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The traditional understanding of addiction is that it is a disease of the brain that leads to compulsive drug-seeking and use. This view has been supported by a number of studies that have shown that people who are addicted to drugs and alcohol have changes in the brain that are associated with addiction.

However, the traditional understanding of addiction has also been criticized for being too narrow. This view focuses on the biological aspects of addiction, but it does not take into account the psychological and social factors that can also contribute to addiction.

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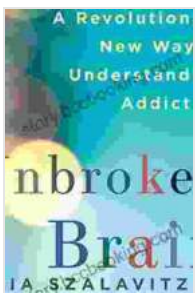
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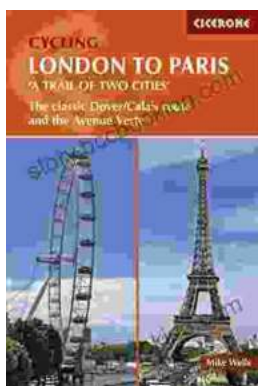
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