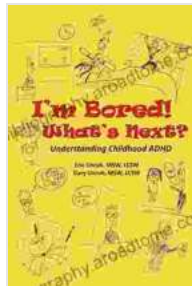


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What is ADHD?

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects children's ability to focus, control their impulses, and behave appropriately. It is one of the most common childhood disorders, affecting approximately 5% of children in the United States.



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What are the signs and symptoms of ADHD?

The symptoms of ADHD can vary from child to child, but some of the most common symptoms include:

- Difficulty paying attention
- Easily distracted

- Forgetful
- Impulsive
- Hyperactive
- Fidgety
- Talkative
- Difficulty following instructions
- Trouble staying organized
- Poor social skills

What causes ADHD?

The exact cause of ADHD is unknown, but it is believed to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Some of the risk factors for ADHD include:

- Premature birth
- Low birth weight
- Exposure to lead
- Family history of ADHD

How is ADHD diagnosed?

ADHD is diagnosed by a healthcare professional, such as a pediatrician or child psychiatrist. The diagnosis is based on a physical examination, a review of the child's medical history, and a series of tests and questionnaires.

How is ADHD treated?

There is no cure for ADHD, but there are a variety of treatments that can help to manage the symptoms. Some of the most common treatments include:

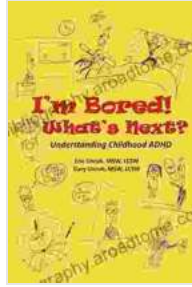
- Medication
- Therapy
- Behavioral therapy
- Lifestyle changes

What can parents do to help their child with ADHD?

There are a number of things that parents can do to help their child with ADHD. Some of the most helpful things include:

- Providing a structured environment
- Establishing clear rules and expectations
- Praising positive behavior
- Avoiding punishment
- Getting involved in their child's education
- Working with their child's healthcare professional

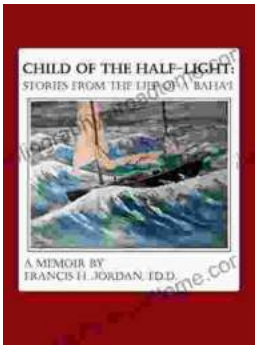
ADHD can be a challenging condition, but it is important to remember that it is manageable. With the right treatment and support, children with ADHD can live happy and fulfilling lives.



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