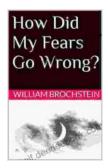
How Did My Fears Go Wrong: Overcoming the Shadow Side of Anxiety



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Fear is a natural human emotion that serves to protect us from danger. However, when fear becomes excessive or irrational, it can become a debilitating force in our lives.

If you find yourself constantly worrying, feeling anxious, or avoiding certain situations due to fear, then you may be experiencing the shadow side of anxiety.

The shadow side of anxiety is the part of us that is driven by fear and that can lead us to make poor choices or to engage in self-destructive behaviors.

There are a number of reasons why our fears can go wrong.

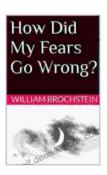
- We may have unrealistic expectations. When we have unrealistic
 expectations about what will happen if we face our fears, we are more
 likely to experience anxiety.
- We may not have the skills to cope with our fears. If we do not have the skills to cope with our fears, we are more likely to feel overwhelmed and anxious.
- We may be surrounded by negative people. If we are surrounded by negative people who are constantly telling us that we cannot do something or that we will fail, we are more likely to believe them and to give up on our dreams.

If you find yourself struggling with the shadow side of anxiety, there are a number of things you can do to overcome it.

- Challenge your negative thoughts. When you have negative thoughts about yourself or about your ability to face your fears, challenge them. Ask yourself if there is any evidence to support these thoughts. Are you really as incapable as you think you are? Are you really going to fail if you try?
- Develop coping skills. There are a number of coping skills that can help you to manage your anxiety. These skills include relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing and meditation, and cognitivebehavioral therapy, which helps you to change the way you think about your fears.
- Surround yourself with positive people. Surround yourself with people who support you and who believe in you. These people will help you to stay positive and to believe in yourself.

Take action. The best way to overcome your fears is to take action.
Face your fears head-on and prove to yourself that you can do it. The more you face your fears, the less power they will have over you.

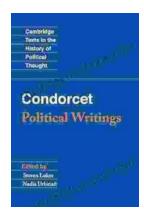
Overcoming the shadow side of anxiety is not easy, but it is possible. By challenging your negative thoughts, developing coping skills, surrounding yourself with positive people, and taking action, you can overcome your fears and live a more fulfilling life.



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