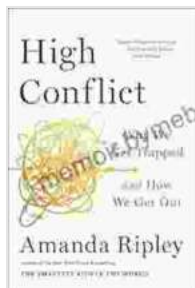


# Escape the Trap: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out



## High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get

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## Why We Get Trapped

We all experience negative thoughts and feelings from time to time. But for some people, these thoughts and feelings can become so overwhelming that they feel trapped. They may feel like they can't escape their negative thoughts, and they may start to engage in unhelpful behaviors that only make things worse.

Dr. David Burns, renowned psychiatrist and founder of cognitive behavioral therapy, has spent decades studying why people become trapped in negative thought patterns and behaviors. In his new book, *Why We Get Trapped And How We Get Out*, Dr. Burns explains the science behind this phenomenon and offers practical strategies for breaking free.

According to Dr. Burns, there are a number of factors that can contribute to getting trapped in negative thought patterns and behaviors. These include:

- **Cognitive distortions:** These are irrational thoughts that we believe about ourselves, the world, and the future.
- **Unhelpful beliefs:** These are beliefs that we hold about ourselves that are negative and self-limiting.
- **Negative emotions:** These are emotions that we experience when we think negative thoughts.
- **Unhelpful behaviors:** These are behaviors that we engage in that only make our negative thoughts and feelings worse.

When these factors interact with each other, they can create a vicious cycle that makes it difficult to break free from negative thought patterns and behaviors.

## How We Get Out

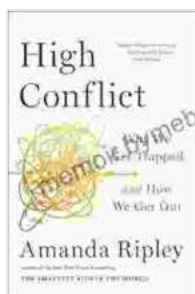
If you find yourself trapped in negative thought patterns and behaviors, there is hope. Dr. Burns offers a number of practical strategies for breaking free, including:

- **Identifying your cognitive distortions:** The first step to breaking free from negative thought patterns is to identify the cognitive distortions that you are using.
- **Challenging your unhelpful beliefs:** Once you have identified your cognitive distortions, you can start to challenge your unhelpful beliefs.

- **Managing your negative emotions:** There are a number of techniques that you can use to manage your negative emotions, such as mindfulness and relaxation techniques.
- **Changing your unhelpful behaviors:** Once you have identified your unhelpful behaviors, you can start to change them.

Breaking free from negative thought patterns and behaviors can take time and effort, but it is possible. With the right strategies, you can escape the trap and create a more positive and fulfilling life.

*Why We Get Trapped And How We Get Out* is an essential guide for anyone who is struggling with negative thought patterns and behaviors. Dr. Burns offers a wealth of practical strategies for breaking free from these patterns and creating a more positive and fulfilling life.



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