How Lyme Disease Stole My Childhood, Made Me Crazy, and Almost Killed Me

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I was only seven years old when I was bitten by a tick. I didn't think much of it at the time, but a few weeks later, I started to feel sick. I had a fever, chills, and fatigue. I also had a headache and muscle aches. My parents took me to the doctor, but he couldn't figure out what was wrong with me.



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Over the next few months, my symptoms got worse. I started to have joint pain and swelling. I also had trouble sleeping and concentrating. I was so tired all the time that I couldn't even go to school.

My parents took me to several different doctors, but no one could figure out what was wrong with me. I was eventually diagnosed with Lyme disease, but by that time, the disease had already progressed to the chronic stage.

Lyme disease is a serious bacterial infection that can cause a wide range of symptoms, including fever, chills, fatigue, headache, and muscle aches. If left untreated, Lyme disease can lead to serious health problems, including arthritis, heart disease, and neurological problems.

In my case, Lyme disease stole my childhood. I was forced to give up all of the activities that I loved, including playing with my friends, going to school, and playing sports. I was also constantly in pain and discomfort.

Lyme disease also made me crazy. I started to have mood swings and anxiety. I also had trouble sleeping and concentrating. I was so depressed that I didn't want to live anymore.

At one point, I was so desperate that I tried to commit suicide. I was hospitalized for several weeks and then sent to a psychiatric hospital. I was finally diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disFree Download (PTSD) and depression.

I spent the next several years in and out of hospitals and treatment centers. I was on a variety of medications, and I saw a therapist several times a week. Slowly but surely, I started to get better.

Today, I am a survivor of Lyme disease and PTSD. I am still dealing with the effects of the disease, but I am no longer suicidal. I am grateful for the help that I received, and I am determined to help others who are struggling with Lyme disease.

I wrote this book to share my story and to raise awareness about Lyme disease. I want people to know that Lyme disease is a serious illness that can have a devastating impact on your life. I also want people to know that

there is hope. If you are struggling with Lyme disease, please don't give up. There is help available.

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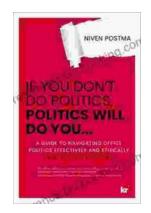
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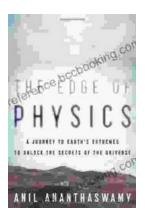
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