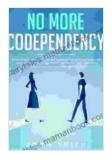
# Discover How To Stop Struggling With Codependent Relationships Obsessively

### **Understanding Codependent Relationships**

Codependency is a complex and destructive pattern of behavior that can develop in relationships between two people. It is characterized by an unhealthy level of dependence on one another, where one person (the codependent) sacrifices their own needs and well-being to meet the needs of the other person (the dependent).

Codependent relationships are often formed between people who have experienced trauma or abuse in their past. The codependent person may feel a need to take care of the dependent person in order to feel needed and loved. The dependent person, on the other hand, may become reliant on the codependent person for emotional and practical support.



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#### Signs and Symptoms of Codependency

Codependency can manifest in a variety of ways, but some common signs and symptoms include:

- **Excessive caretaking:** The codependent person may spend an excessive amount of time and energy taking care of the dependent person,

even when it is not necessary. This can lead to the codependent person neglecting their own needs and responsibilities. - Enabling: The codependent person may enable the dependent person's unhealthy behaviors, such as substance abuse or gambling. This can lead to the dependent person continuing their destructive behavior and preventing them from getting the help they need. - **Control:** The codependent person may try to control the dependent person's behavior in order to feel secure and in control. This can lead to the dependent person feeling resentful and trapped. - Low self-esteem: The codependent person may have low selfesteem and feel like they are only worthy of love if they are taking care of someone else. This can lead to the codependent person feeling guilty and ashamed if they try to put their own needs first. - Anxiety and depression: Codependency can lead to anxiety and depression in both the codependent and the dependent person. The codependent person may worry excessively about the dependent person and feel like they are constantly on edge. The dependent person may feel hopeless and worthless if they believe they cannot take care of themselves.

#### The Impact of Codependency

Codependent relationships can have a devastating impact on both the codependent and the dependent person. The codependent person may experience:

- **Burnout:** The codependent person may become exhausted and resentful from constantly taking care of the dependent person. This can lead to physical and emotional health problems. - **Damaged relationships:** Codependency can damage the codependent person's relationships with family and friends. The codependent person may become isolated and withdrawn as they focus all of their energy on the dependent person. -

**Financial problems:** The codependent person may spend excessive amounts of money on the dependent person, which can lead to financial problems. - **Legal problems:** The codependent person may become involved in legal problems if they enable the dependent person's illegal activities.

The dependent person may also experience negative consequences from codependency. They may become:

Dependent: The dependent person may become reliant on the codependent person for emotional and practical support. This can prevent them from developing healthy relationships with other people.
Irresponsible: The dependent person may become irresponsible and fail to take care of themselves. This can lead to problems with work, school, and relationships.
Exploited: The dependent person may use the dependent person's vulnerability to manipulate them or take advantage of them.

#### **Breaking the Cycle of Codependency**

Breaking the cycle of codependency is not easy, but it is possible. If you are in a codependent relationship, there are a few things you can do to start the healing process:

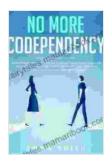
Set boundaries: The first step to breaking the cycle of codependency is to set boundaries. This means learning to say no to the dependent person when they ask you to do something that is not in your best interests.
 Focus on your own needs: It is important to focus on your own needs and well-being. This means taking time for yourself to do things that you enjoy and that make you feel good.

struggling to break the cycle of codependency on your own, you may want to seek professional help. A therapist can help you to understand the dynamics of codependency and develop strategies for coping with it.

Breaking the cycle of codependency can be a challenging journey, but it is one that is worth taking. If you are struggling with codependency, know that you are not alone. There is help available, and you can recover from this destructive pattern of behavior.

### **Additional Resources**

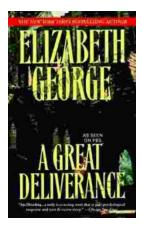
- [Codependency Anonymous](https://www.codependentsanonymous.org/)
- [The National Domestic Violence Hotline](1-800-799-SAFE) [The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](1-800-273-TALK)



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