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Editorial Review

Review

“Without denying the difficulty of the terrain, Dodes’s program is a call to a clear-eyed, coherent approach. This groundbreaking work should become the ‘go to’ handbook for anyone suffering with addiction. Its easy-to-read style takes sophisticated ideas and turns them into memorable examples. I highly recommend it.” (Edward Hallowell, M.D., author of *Answers to Distraction* and *Superparenting for ADD*)

From the Back Cover

Finally—a road map to recovery from the nation's most original thinker on addiction

In his revolutionary book *The Heart of Addiction*, Dr. Lance Dodes examined the underlying emotions that drive addictive behaviors—whether drinking, gambling, sex, or eating. Now, in *Breaking Addiction*, Dodes presents a comprehensive guide outlining seven critical steps to overcome addiction, based on his findings.

Through his practice and research, Dodes has found that virtually every addictive act is preceded by feelings of helplessness. In his refreshingly clear style, Dodes incorporates case stories to illustrate exactly how these feelings set addiction in motion, how to recognize the path toward addiction—and then how to take back control.

Many people, discouraged by current treatments, have been hungry for an approach that digs addiction up by its roots. Since the publication of *The Heart of Addiction*, Dodes's ideas have been incorporated by therapists and treatment centers around the country, and are taught by universities and training centers for clinicians.

With special sections for both families and health-care professionals, *Breaking Addiction* is poised to be the handbook for a new, comprehensive, and in-depth understanding of addiction.

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