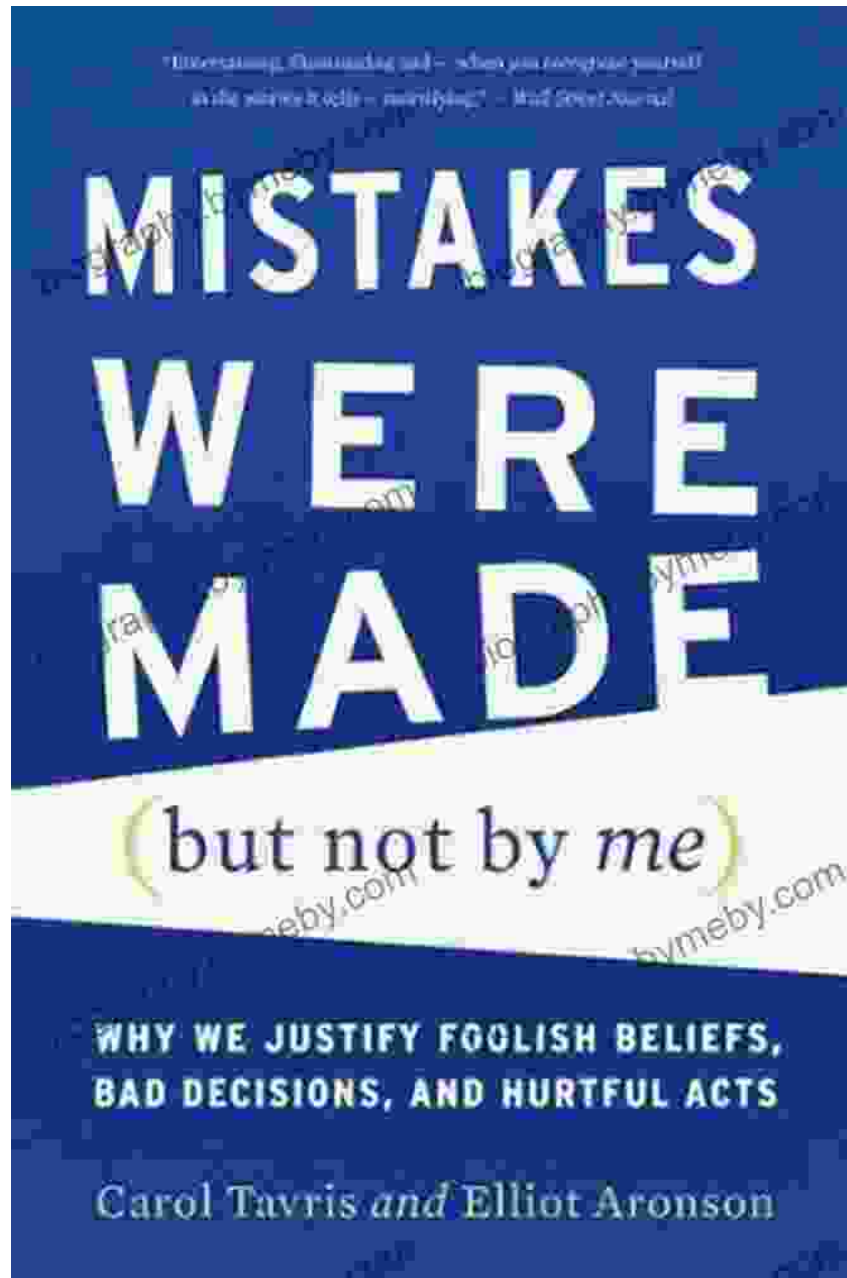
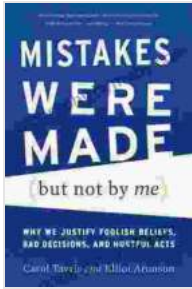


Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts: A Book Review



Mistakes Were Made (but Not By Me) Third Edition: Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts by Elliot Aronson

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In his book **Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts**, author David McRaney takes us on a fascinating journey into the world of cognitive biases, those pesky little mental shortcuts that can lead us astray.

McRaney argues that we are all prone to cognitive biases, and that they can have a profound impact on our thoughts, actions, and relationships. He provides numerous examples of how cognitive biases can lead us to make foolish beliefs, bad decisions, and hurtful acts.

For example, McRaney discusses the ****confirmation bias****, which is our tendency to seek out information that confirms our existing beliefs and to ignore information that contradicts them. This bias can lead us to make bad decisions, such as continuing to invest in a stock that is losing value because we are convinced that it will eventually rebound.

Another cognitive bias that McRaney discusses is the ****hindsight bias****, which is our tendency to believe that we could have predicted an event after it has already happened. This bias can lead us to overestimate our own abilities and to make poor decisions in the future.

McRaney also explores the role of cognitive biases in our relationships. He argues that cognitive biases can lead us to misinterpret our partner's intentions, to overreact to minor disagreements, and to stay in unhealthy relationships.

While McRaney's book is full of fascinating insights into the world of cognitive biases, it is also a practical guide to overcoming them. He provides a number of strategies that we can use to reduce the impact of cognitive biases on our lives.

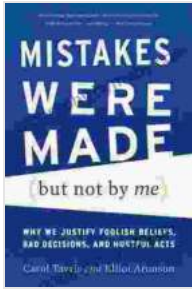
For example, McRaney recommends that we ****seek out information that contradicts our existing beliefs****. This can help us to avoid the confirmation bias and to make more informed decisions.

McRaney also recommends that we ****be aware of our own cognitive biases****. Once we are aware of our biases, we can take steps to avoid them. For example, if we know that we are prone to the hindsight bias, we can be more cautious about making predictions.

Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts is a thought-provoking and informative book that will help you to understand the role of cognitive biases in your life. By understanding these biases, you can take steps to overcome them and to make better decisions.

If you are interested in learning more about cognitive biases and how they can impact your life, I highly recommend reading **Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts** by David McRaney.

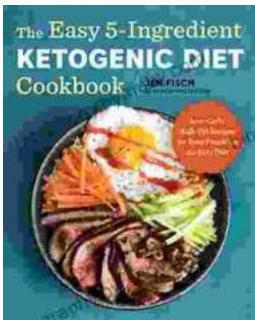
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