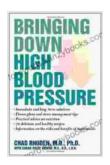
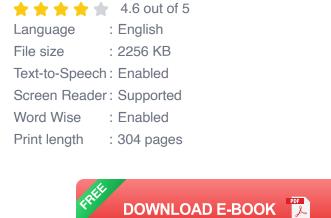
### **Bringing Down High Blood Pressure**

#### What is high blood pressure?

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is a condition in which the blood pressure in the arteries is too high. Blood pressure is measured in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg). A normal blood pressure reading is less than 120/80 mm Hg. High blood pressure is defined as a blood pressure reading of 130/80 mm Hg or higher.



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#### What causes high blood pressure?

The exact cause of high blood pressure is unknown, but it is thought to be caused by a combination of factors, including:

\* Genetics \* Age \* Race \* Obesity \* Lack of physical activity \* Smoking \* Excessive alcohol intake \* High sodium intake \* Low potassium intake \* Stress

#### What are the symptoms of high blood pressure?

High blood pressure often has no symptoms. However, some people may experience:

\* Headaches \* Blurred vision \* Dizziness \* Fatigue \* Chest pain \* Shortness of breath \* Nausea \* Vomiting

#### What are the risks of high blood pressure?

High blood pressure is a major risk factor for:

\* Heart disease \* Stroke \* Kidney disease \* Eye damage \* Sexual dysfunction

#### How is high blood pressure treated?

High blood pressure can be treated with medication and lifestyle changes.

\*\*Medication\*\*

There are a number of different medications that can be used to treat high blood pressure. These medications work by:

\* Relaxing the blood vessels \* Reducing the heart rate \* Blocking the effects of hormones that raise blood pressure

\*\*Lifestyle changes\*\*

There are a number of lifestyle changes that can help to lower blood pressure, including:

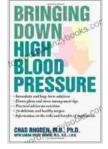
\* Losing weight \* Eating a healthy diet \* Getting regular exercise \* Quitting smoking \* Limiting alcohol intake \* Reducing stress

#### How can I prevent high blood pressure?

There are a number of things you can do to help prevent high blood pressure, including:

\* Eating a healthy diet \* Getting regular exercise \* Maintaining a healthy weight \* Quitting smoking \* Limiting alcohol intake \* Reducing stress

High blood pressure is a serious condition, but it can be controlled with medication and lifestyle changes. If you have high blood pressure, it is important to work with your doctor to develop a treatment plan that is right for you.



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