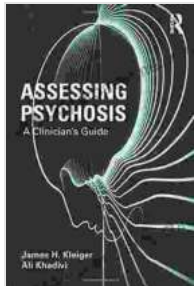


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What is Psychosis?

Psychosis is a mental state in which a person loses touch with reality. They may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disorganized thinking. Hallucinations are sensory experiences that occur in the absence of any external stimuli. Delusions are false beliefs that are not based in reality. Disorganized thinking can make it difficult for a person to communicate or understand what is happening around them.

Psychosis can be caused by a variety of factors, including:

- Mental illness, such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder
- Substance abuse
- Medical conditions, such as brain tumors or infections

Symptoms of Psychosis

The symptoms of psychosis can vary depending on the underlying cause. However, some common symptoms include:

- Hallucinations
- Delusions
- Disorganized thinking
- Disorganized speech
- Inappropriate behavior
- Flattened affect
- Avolition
- Anhedonia

Diagnosing Psychosis

Diagnosing psychosis can be challenging, as there is no single test that can definitively confirm a diagnosis. Instead, a clinician will typically rely on a combination of factors, including:

- A patient's symptoms
- A patient's history

- A physical examination
- Laboratory tests
- Imaging tests

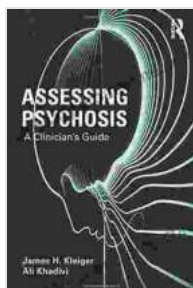
Treating Psychosis

The treatment for psychosis will depend on the underlying cause. However, some common treatments include:

- Medication
- Therapy
- Hospitalization

Medication can be used to manage the symptoms of psychosis, such as hallucinations, delusions, and disorganized thinking. Therapy can help a person to learn how to cope with their symptoms and to improve their quality of life. Hospitalization may be necessary if a person is at risk of harming themselves or others.

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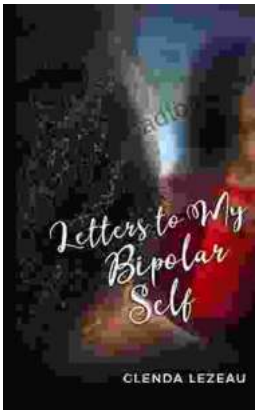
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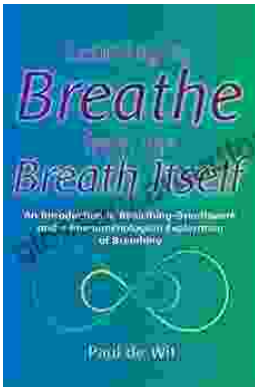
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