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“An important antidote to the dogmatic ‘kale and vitamins’ tone of most ‘self-help’ literature.” —Alexa Tsoulis-Reay, senior writer, New York magazine Popular blogger Ilana Jacqueline offers smart and savvy advice, humor, and practical tips for living with an invisible chronic illness. Do you live with a chronic, debilitating, yet invisible condition? You may feel isolated, out of step, judged, lonely, or misunderstood—and that’s on top of dealing with the symptoms of your actual illness. Take heart. You are not alone, although sometimes it can feel that way. Written by a blogger who suffers from an invisible chronic illness, *Surviving and Thriving with an Invisible Chronic Illness* offers peer-to-peer support to help you stay sane, be your own advocate, and get back to living your life. This compelling guide is written for anyone suffering with an illness no one can see—such as postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), fibromyalgia, multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS), Lyme disease, lupus, dysautonomia, or even multiple sclerosis (MP). This book will tell you everything you need to know about living with a complicated, invisible condition—from how to balance sex, dating, and relationships to handling work and school with unavoidable absences. You’ll also learn to navigate judgmental or skeptical relatives and strangers and—most importantly—manage your medi-

cal care. Suffering from a chronic illness doesn’t mean you can’t live an active, engaged life. This book will show you how.

Maybe your mother-in-law snoops but "doesn't judge." Perhaps grandpa hogs the bathroom, or your cousin frequently "just needs a place to crash." Whatever the specifics, it's hard to grin and bear it. From the trenches of these anxiety-inducing and guilt-ridden occasions, here are true stories of inspiration and humor about coping with family personality traits, group dynamics, bad habits, and irritating mannerisms that can drive a sane person crazy. Misery loves company and sometimes the only advice we'll take is from someone who has already stood in our shoes. Whether it is about giving up smoking, trying to lose weight, or having in-laws move in for a month, the *Staying Sane* series provides readers with just this kind of been-there, done-that commiseration. Each *Staying Sane* volume is filled with sometimes humorous (laughter is the best medicine, after all!), sometimes inspiring but always sanity-saving success stories of how other people have overcome obstacles or have risen above the situations in question. Practical tips and coping strategies lighten the reader's load throughout. Bibliotherapy of the first order, the *Staying Sane* guides will support beleaguered readers as they strive to persevere through the duration of their particular challenge.

What we forget in the search for our own happiness and emotional wellbeing is actually the biggest weapon in our armoury - the one thing that we ALL have - our own, independent, singular, individual, extremely resourceful and very flexible and resilient mind. Unfortunately, what should be our best friend, is all too often our worst enemy - particularly when its control is given over to those who think they know better than we do ourselves what is good for

it! To be have failings and flaws is to be human. To go through periods of deep depression is to be human. To be scared is human. To love is to be human. To experience jealousy, resentment, excitement, trepidation, joy, calm, agitation, blessings, vindication... they are all perfectly normal human emotions that pepper the roller coaster that defines the everyday lives of millions of people across the globe. To compound these emotions over a period time within an environment which attempts to control, belittle and invalidate you, exerts the type of pressure that leads people to seek help from the very institutions that perpetuates that overall sense of powerlessness, rather than gives us back that power. 'Staying Sane in and Insane World' highlights 10 areas in your life in which you can start to take back control and agency over your own thoughts and emotions and feelings. No matter your background, gender, marital status, age, religion, nationality - that mind is your and yours alone.

The summary of How to Stay Sane - Simple ways to keep a lid on your stress presented here include a short review of the book at the start followed by quick overview of main points and a list of important take-aways at the end of the summary. The Summary of Philippa Perry, a British psychotherapist and author, shows you how to better nurture relationships while using self-observation, "positive" stress, and the power of stories to achieve and maintain your mental health in her book How to Stay Sane . This book was published in 2012. How to Stay Sane summary includes the key points and important takeaways from the book How to Stay Sane by Philippa Perry. Disclaimer: 1. This summary is meant to preview and not to substitute the original book. 2. We recom-

mend, for in-depth study purchase the excellent original book. 3. In this summary key points are rewritten and recreated and no part/text is directly taken or copied from original book. 4. If original author/publisher wants us to remove this summary, please contact us at support@mocktime.com.

The author provides ten steps which answer such fundamental questions as "What is happiness?" "What does it mean to be ethical in a world that is less than ethical?" and "How can I find the strength I need to cope with the problems of my life?"

Top tips for keeping calm in a chaotic world. Have you ever said, "I feel like I'm losing my mind!" or "This is driving me crazy!" If you have, you're in good company! The conflicting pressures of our careers and personal lives often leave us feeling too overwhelmed to pay attention to our mental and physical health. But if you're tired of feeling like you're about to come unglued, How to Stay Sane (2012) is your personalized pocket guide! Crafted through the professional insights of British psychologist Philippa Perry, this book is perfect for anyone who wants to invest in their mental health. Do you want more free book summaries like this? Download our app for free at <https://www.QuickRead.com/App> and get access to hundreds of free book and audiobook summaries. DISCLAIMER: This book summary is meant as a summary and an analysis and not a replacement for the original work. If you like this summary please consider purchasing the original book to get the full experience as the original author intended it to be. If you are the original author of any book published on QuickRead and want us to remove it, please contact us at hello@quickread.com.

Parenting teens includes many challenges as well as joys. A focus

should be on the positive side of parenting teens. This focus will help the parent to feel more competent and actually be able to enjoy their teen and the ups and downs they face. Sometimes parents tend to overemphasize the negatives and annoyances of parenting their teens. In its second edition, this book will help you have a great relationship with your tween and teen children as you guide them to be well-mannered, responsible adults. C. Lynn Williams

When did you last go back to bed on a Sunday morning with magazines and some tea and cake? Or sink into a bubble bath by candlelight and listen to soothing music? When was your last massage or vacation? If you can't remember the last time you took care of yourself like this, this book is for you. There was a time when Sophia Stuart needed this book, too. She lived a crazy life with no true relaxation, and soon enough she found herself in front of a surgeon who told her that she had three tumors in her throat and that she needed a five-and-a-half hour surgery—plus almost a month of medical leave to recover. And that's when she fell apart. But the kindness of strangers helped her through it all. Her anonymous blog teamgloria.com gave her an outlet to express everything she was feeling—her fear of the pain, her anxiety about the operation, her frustration about being stuck at home, and anything else that came up. Her writing also focused on all the glorious people, places, and things that make life delicious; and slowly, it helped her realize that she wanted to live differently. On teamgloria.com, Sophia wasn't an executive or a media specialist; she was just another person sharing her thoughts and creativity. And through this she forged deep virtual

friendships with people who cheered her on and taught her how to stay sane in a crazy world. This book brings together what she learned. It's full of practical ideas and sweet inspirations (and even a few shopping lists at the back) to guide you to a more serene place. Because sometimes the world just looks better after a stroll or reading a novel in the park or making a kindness kit for yourself or a long nap on a summer's afternoon. So grab this book, with its gentle suggestions and peaceful images, and use it as your own little slice of tranquility.

Strategies for when things don't go as expected in business. *Going Broke Staying Sane* is the succinct guide for those facing the loss of their business and offers support to journey forward through this adversity and emerge intact using seven principles to adopt as you start over.

From hormones to stretch marks, labor pains to diaper changes, motherhood is an adventure like none other. The rapid changes in your body, your lifestyle, and your very identity call for a certain mental agility. Mindfulness can help you meet the challenge and approach every experience with your new baby with open eyes and an open heart. Easy ten-minute meditation exercises and yoga poses throughout this book will help you cultivate greater flexibility and mindful awareness during pregnancy, childbirth, and your baby's first year. Whenever you have a moment to spare, open *Mindful Motherhood* and discover a skill that will help you find balance and fulfillment during those times when you feel most overwhelmed. Co-published with the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS). *Mindful Motherhood* contains what so many other parenting books omit: the consoling information that each mother has the ability to know, deep within, how to care for

her child. Mindful Motherhood is a gem. -Christiane Northrup, MD, author of Women's Bodies, Women's Wisdom Wise, soothing, and helpful-this is really good stuff for new mothers. -Jack Kornfield, author of The Wise Heart

Staying true to yourself is essential when looking for a life partner. By identifying exactly who we are and what we are seeking, we can attract the perfect partner. Take your first step toward self-discovery as author Bonnie Bruderer guides you to unlock the secrets in helping you find what you want most in your relationship. You'll embark on a journey of soul-searching while enjoying others' tales to find their match. Bruderer stresses the importance of an open mind and being true to yourself-without which, there is no chance for a successful relationship. Through learning experiences, heartbreak, blind dates, interviews, and hilarious dating encounters, Bruderer shares situations that run the gamut from laughter to tears. Staying "The One" While Finding "The One" teaches you what you need to find your soul mate. Bruderer is a leading innovator and creator of "The One" coaching-a program to guide you through the necessary steps to create abundance in your life. With a holistic background, skill as a coach and mentor, and life experiences, she has created an easy-to-read book with powerful exercises that can guide any woman toward her true desires.

This book is a unique and valuable resource for parents and guardians who wish to give their children the best start in life. The author has drawn on her years of experience facilitating parenting groups and working as a family therapist to present these techniques clearly, illustrated by a wealth of real-life examples. She

explains how to help your child become confident, capable, caring, and able to reach their full potential. She gives parents and guardians simple skills for developing healthier relationships with their children of all ages. These include: acknowledging feelings, clear communication, descriptive praise, assertiveness, child-led play, describing behavior instead of labeling the child, problem solving, and discipline strategies. She also has advice on balancing parents'/guardians' stress with self-care.

When stress has the "survival brain" on overdrive, what happens to the "thinking brain"? How can teens learn to use the mind-body connection to stay cool and make smart choices when the pressure's on? This book is packed with practical information and stress-lessening tools teens can use every day. Dozens of realistic scenarios describe stressful situations teen readers can relate to. Each scenario is followed by a clear, understandable process for reducing or stopping the stress and making decisions that won't leave a teen lamenting, "What was I thinking?" Throughout, quotes from real teens remind readers that they're not alone—that stress affects everyone, but it doesn't have to ruin your life. Includes resources.

Vieten, a psychologist specializing in mood disorders as well as a mom herself, presents a mindfulness training program developed to help new mothers parent their children and manage changes in mood, stress levels, and behavior.

Watsamatta U guides the reader through the author's own neurotic and chaotic experience with the college admission process. Like so many Baby-Boomers, Kasdin falls into the trap of allowing college reputation to supersede the long-term benefits of finding the "right" school for her son Dan. With a healthy dose of humor,

Kasdin unveils invaluable tips for avoiding this competitive neurosis and finding the best match between college and child.

"How often do we hear ourselves say, I can't cope', I'm going mad', I'm losing my mind'? Despite the wall-to-wall advice on offer to us today, how often do we struggle to maintain a healthy mental attitude in the face of seemingly endless pressure? Now, in this groundbreaking work, the eminent psychiatrist and broadcaster, Dr Raj Persaud, confronts crucial issues - such as emotional intelligence and the meaning of happiness - and offers proven strategies for achieving and maintaining a healthy, positive mental attitude, regardless of the stresses and strains of daily life. Packed with case histories, questionnaires and fascinating scientific research, this is an invaluable, twenty-first century survival handbook - the ultimate self-help guide to staying sane. He is the most eminent psychiatrist of the age he guru of common sense' Spectator He can do what most consultants can't - translate med-speak into plain English' r Phil Hammond, Independent"

The sweetest lies are the most seductive... Eleven years ago, I fell in love with Alex Thorne. He was beautiful, charming, sexy, and the best lover I'd ever had. He's also a bloody liar. Every word that comes out of his mouth is a half-truth, a con, or an evasion. Now I find out my dream job at a university in America is his way of pulling me back into his world. I will never, never fall under the spell of the British Bastard again. Catriona MacTaggart is the one that got away. The Scottish lass has fire in her soul and in her eyes, especially when she punches me. I can handle that. Maybe the truth and I do have a different sort of relationship, but I've never lied about my feelings for Cat. I'll do whatever it takes

to get her back, even if it means deceiving her. Alex still knows exactly how to get under my skin, and despite all my intentions, I still can't resist that body and that smile. Maybe it's time I turn the tables and seduce the seducer, to finally solve the mystery he doesn't want me to unravel. Who is Alex Thorne?

Cable and Carol Withers were vacationing in the mountains of western North Carolina when they happened upon a little girl sitting alone in a canoe on the banks of a river in the southern part of the Cherokee Reservation. Taking her to the nearest law office in Birdtown they turned her over to Sheriff Conners. After an extensive search for her parents or relatives they were allowed to adopt her and take her home to Durham where she grew into a beautiful young woman. After the tragic death of her adopted parents Celine Withers, along with her fiancé Marsh and best friends Irene and Mark, returns to the Great Smokey Mountains for a much needed vacation only to find something more sinister lurking in the shadows. Looking for answers to her haunting dreams she finds that she is now running for her life. As she begins to remember the past, finds comfort in her new found heritage and long lost family she is brought to the edge of losing it all again.

"The disease afflicting the modern world," wrote Jacques Maritain, "is above all a disease of the intellect." How serious is this disease? Scripture has adequately warned us: "If your eye is worthless, your whole body will be in darkness" (Matt. 6:23; Luke 11:34). The mind provides light so that we can see where we are going and know what we are doing. Who would drive an automobile with his eyes shut? Driving while under the influence of alcohol is a criminal offense, underscoring the importance of a clear head and a sound mind. Yet, it is all too common for people in our

generation to live under the influence of a culture that disdains clear thinking and sound judgment, a culture that puts appetite before understanding, desire ahead of thinking, and impulse over reason. A certain primacy naturally belongs to the intellect according to the common sense maxim that we should think before we act. Reason's place of primacy must be re-instated. David Hume, a philosopher known for his intractable skepticism, stated in his Treatise on Human Nature, that "Reason is, and only ought to be the slave of the passions, and can never pretend to any other office than to serve and obey them." He saw reason as primarily an effective way of securing pleasure. Thus, he made pleasure paramount. Hume passed away in the year 1776, a year better remembered for the birth of a nation. Did Hume bequeath to America his skepticism together with his inversion of the natural order of reason and will? It is a tempting thought. Nonetheless, if passions are in the driver's seat, how can we avoid catastrophe? The sane man cherishes the blessings of reason. He utilizes language, thought, and common sense to his advantage. He honors the great institutions of marriage and the Church. He refuses to be at the mercy of his biology. At the same time, his life is not devoid of pleasure. "Nobody," St. Thomas Aquinas comments, following Aristotle, "can do without delectation for long." But pleasure should not cause dissipation, a condition that is hardly beneficial to the human being. Reason accepts pleasure in its rightful place and safeguards it from crossing over into pain. A little wine is fine, but too much can create a problem. The reasonable use of pleasure helps to ensure the enjoyment of additional pleasures. It is better to be sane than to be mad. This is an incontrovertible truism. It is preposterous (prae + posterius), in the

original meaning of the word, to place appetite before reason. It is akin to putting the cart before the horse, or trying to put one's shoes on prior to putting on one's socks. We should take care to avoid putting first what should come second, or putting what is "posterior" before what should be "prior". It belongs to the wise man to place things in their proper order. The light of reason illuminates the path of life. This modest work is one man's plea for restoring reason to its place of primacy.

There are thousands of books which try to turn you into a web developer. This is not one of them! Most business operators couldn't care less about browser compliance, XHTML, and cascading stylesheets. They don't want to become web developers: they're too busy getting on with business. How To Build A Website And Stay Sane is a plain-talking survival guide for business operators who want to find a good developer and not get ripped off. It explains the strategies behind many highly successful websites. It shows you how to find a good developer; balance short versus long term costs; streamline site maintenance; and make informed decisions when creating or redesigning your site. Jonathan Oser has been instrumental in the development of hundreds of websites and in this book he speaks from over a decade of experience, guiding you through the process used to develop some of the most successful sites on the Internet. This book will save you time and money - and help make your online venture a success. Seeking sanity even though the haze of craziness? Ready to discover and fulfill your mighty purpose? For many people, there are four things that get in the way of being in the place where they want to be despite being in crazy times. People are stopped cold

by the combination of not knowing where they want to be, handling fear, seeing opportunities, and taking action. Are you ready to find your place of calm despite the crazy times? Are you ready to take the journey to the place where you want to be mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually? This book is a great place to start. Through the messages within *Staying Sane in Crazy Times*, you develop your own personal action plans to CLARIFY the place where you want to be, ACCEPT where you are, DECIDE among possibilities and opportunities, and ACT so that you move forward. Unlike other books, this one also helps the reader with self-accountability so that plans actually result in action. Theresa Rich's inspiring messages about making the choices that help you get to the place where you want to be are enjoyed by tens of thousands of people in over 20 countries. If you are ready to move from the haze of craziness in your life, *Staying Sane in Crazy Times* is the right book for you. Choose to take the first step today! Maybe you cannot control the craziness around you. What you can control is what you will do about it. You can choose to live your purpose, to get yourself in the place where you want to be. Start today!

Do your kids sometimes make you feel your head is going to explode? Ever yelled at them until you were hoarse? Do you have days when you feel like making a run for the airport? For harassed parents struggling to understand why they end up screaming at their kids and tearing their hair out trying to make them understand that bad behaviour has inevitable consequences, this is the perfect book to help your family make it through the crucial first decade or so and still enjoy each other's company. Practical commonsense answers and real life exam-

ples, logical and realistic strategies, and innovative behaviour modification tools that work in the real world - all from a parent and family therapist who's seen almost everything there is to see and offers some hard - won battlefield wisdom. Written in down - to - earth language, this book needs to be handed out at birth, an essential guide for the struggling parent who knows family life can and should be better.

Short, simple and refreshingly practical, *Living Simply* offers 21 Earth Warrior practices to help us live more consciously and to cope with the ever increasing pace of modern life. Bob Hillary shares the lessons he learned living off the grid, exploring his 'wild edges' and practicing a slower, more attuned way of life. How can we live more simply, learn to appreciate what we have and root our way of being in the Earth we have inherited? By living simply and becoming an Earth Warrior. As life keeps urging us to go faster, many of us are moving in the opposite direction... we are looking for SLOWNESS, for stillness, to live more natural, less complex lives. Bob Hillary spent a year living off grid, this experience taught him how to live simply. It meant; downscaling, re-wilding, un-teching and finding and doing things that are free. These philosophies provided a framework for the 21 practices he shares in this book. Each one covers the key idea, contains exercises and provides practical ways that will help you become an Earth Warrior. By living this way you will learn how to live in a more joyful, positive, simple and meaningfully way. Earth Warriors give, share and care. This is a manual for modern times, a guide to creating positive action, walking the right path and making the right choices.

Discusses how to live with difficult persons.

THE SCHOOL OF LIFE IS DEDICATED TO EXPLORING LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS IN HIGHLY-PORTABLE PAPERBACKS, FEATURING FRENCH FLAPS AND DECKLE EDGES, THAT THE NEW YORK TIMES CALLS "DAMNABLY CUTE." WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS, BUT WE WILL DIRECT YOU TOWARDS A VARIETY OF USEFUL IDEAS THAT ARE GUARANTEED TO STIMULATE, PROVOKE, AND CONSOLE. An Economist Best Book of the Year Everyone accepts the importance of physical health; isn't it just as important to aim for the mental equivalent? Philippa Perry has come to the rescue with *How to Stay Sane* -- a maintenance manual for the mind. Years of working as a psychotherapist showed Philippa Perry what approaches produced positive change in her clients and how best to maintain good mental health. In *How to Stay Sane*, she has taken these principles and applied them to self-help. Using ideas from neuroscience and sound psychological theory, she shows us how to better understand ourselves. Her idea is that if we know how our minds form and develop, we are less at the mercy of unknown unconscious processes. In this way, we can learn to be the master of our feelings and not their slave. This is a smart, pithy, readable book that everyone with even a passing interest in their psychological health will find useful.

Booklet, arranged in question and answer format, which presents clear answers to the questions most commonly asked when an individual or company goes broke. The author is a practising accountant who has assisted businesses and their proprietors for more than 16 years.

In this drama filled fictional novel two sisters struggle to find and keep their place in the world after the tragic death of their par-

ents. Dana Lynn struggles to find her way through life after being exposed to an event that changed her life forever. Dana Lynn finds herself untrusting and consumed with avoiding her own demons. Her sister Mae Ocean struggles with being loved by the right man. Although two men confess their love for her, there can only be one. Follow these sisters as they take us on a journey of how the managed *Staying Sane*.

Practical, accessible, authoritative, this book does exactly what it says on the cover - it helps the reader to keep their sanity, to succeed at work, and to enjoy the whole process. Written by two professionals in psychology, coaching and psychotherapy, with a long and distinguished background in leadership training, *Staying Sane in Business* starts from the premise that sanity is simply being happy, fulfilled and productive. The authors know that people in business are always short of time, and sometimes short of patience so this book goes straight to the heart of the matter, with clear explanations, helpful exercises and invaluable tips at the end of every chapter.

You have faced struggles, setbacks, shortcomings, failures, and losses in life. The way you deal with those issues becomes the ultimate test of your mental stability. Because life can be chaotic at times, it is important to pay attention to your mental health and adopt regular mental health practices that help you stay sane. In this informative and practical guide, you will gain tips, skills, and knowledge that you can begin implementing today to achieve optimal mental health. The goal of this book is simple: to help you navigate through life's difficulties more effectively and achieve an optimal state of mental health.

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Bernadette Andrews, married at twenty-two and in excellent health, was looking forward to becoming a young mum. But the years went by and baby wasn't showing up, so she decided to take matters into her own hands. In these pages, Bernadette

reflects on the ups and downs of her fertility journey: the unusual diets, the IVF cycles, the disappointment, the gut-wrenching comparisonitis and the unexpected positives. In sharing her story, Bernadette hopes to help others experiencing infertility know they're far from alone, and that there is light at the end of the tunnel, baby or no baby. Written with honesty and humour, *How to Stay Sane on the Baby Making Train* pulls the back curtain on an experience one in six couples encounter, making it a must-read if you're trying to conceive or supporting a friend or family member on their fertility journey.

"Don't You Know Who I Am?" has become the mantra of the famous and infamous, the entitled and the insecure. It's the tagline of the modern narcissist. Health and wellness campaigns preach avoidance of unhealthy foods, sedentary lifestyles, tobacco, drugs, and alcohol, but rarely preach avoidance of unhealthy, difficult or toxic people. Yet the health benefits of removing toxic people from your life may have far greater benefits to both physical and psychological health. We need to learn to be better gatekeepers for our minds, bodies, and souls. Narcissism, entitlement, and incivility have become the new world order, and we are all in trouble. They are not only normalized but also increasingly incentivized. They are manifestations of pathological insecurity—insecurities that are experienced at both the individual and societal level. The paradox is that we value these patterns. We venerate them through social media, mainstream media, and consumerism, and they are endemic in political, corporate, academic, and media leaders. There are few lives untouched by narcissists. These relationships infect those who are in them with self-

doubt, despair, confusion, anxiety, depression, and the chronic feeling of being “not enough,” all of which make it so difficult to step away and set boundaries. The illusion of hope and the fantasy of redemption can result in years of second chances, and dependency when change never comes. It’s time for a wake-up call. It’s time to stem the tide of narcissism, entitlement, and antagonism, and take our lives back.

Have you ever told yourself that bingeing after 10 p.m. doesn't really count? You're not alone. Good intentions and logic fly out the window when you're hungry. Now, from the front lines of dieting hell, here are true stories to get you over dieting hurdles large and small. Funny, encouraging, and motivating, this book satisfies the dieter's appetite for distraction until they've reached their weight goal. Misery loves company and sometimes the only advice we'll take is from someone who has already stood in our shoes. Whether it is about giving up smoking, trying to lose weight, or having in-laws move in for a month, the Staying Sane series provides readers with just this kind of been-there, done-that commiseration. Each Staying Sane volume is filled with sometimes humorous (laughter is the best medicine, after all!), sometimes inspiring but always sanity-saving success stories of how other people have overcome obstacles or have risen above the situations in question. Practical tips and coping strategies lighten the reader's load throughout. Bibliotherapy of the first order, the Staying Sane guides will support beleaguered readers as they strive to persevere through the duration of their particular challenge.

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'Best Books to Inspire Compassion' One of Independent's Books of the Month A Cosmopolitan 'Revolutionary Read' Ours is the age of contagious anxiety. We feel overwhelmed by the events around us, by injustice, by suffering, by an endless feeling of crisis. So, how can we nurture the parts of ourselves that hope, trust and believe in something better? And how can we stay sane in this age of division? In this powerful, uplifting plea for conscious optimism, Booker Prize-nominated novelist and activist Elif Shafak draws on her own memories and delves into the power of stories to bring us together. In the process, she reveals how listening to each other can nurture democracy, empathy and our faith in a kinder and wiser future.

They took away hormone replacement therapy and now hot flashes are back with a vengeance. What's a menopausal gal to do? If you're tired of fanning yourself in meetings or in line at the grocery store, cool your heels and take pleasure in these stories that provide inspiration and humor from those who have gone to the front lines of the battle--and survived. Here's how other savvy, sexy women have tamed the mid-life demons and stayed lean, even keeled, and in charge of "the change"!

An inspiring series of essays, reflections and thought-starters which challenge our preconceptions of how work, leadership and life are, and what they should be. Cairnes is an international leadership strategist.

You've probably heard the advice "put on your own oxygen mask before assisting others." This is true both in airplanes and in classrooms—you have to take care of yourself before you can help someone else. If teachers are stressed out and exhausted, how

can they have the patience, positive energy, and enthusiasm to provide the best instruction for students? Author Mike Anderson asked that question as a teacher himself, and the answers he found form the basis of *The Well-Balanced Teacher*. He found that teachers need to take care of themselves in five key areas to keep themselves in shape to care for their students. In addition to paying proper attention to their basic needs for nutrition, hydration, sleep, exercise, and emotional and spiritual refreshment, teachers also need Belonging: Teachers need to feel positive connections with other people, both in school and outside school. Significance: Teachers want to know that they make a positive differ-

ence through the work they do. Positive engagement: When teachers enjoy their work, they have great energy and passion for their teaching. Balance: Healthy teachers set boundaries and create routines so that they can have rich lives both in the classroom and at home. Anderson devotes a chapter to each of these needs, describing in frank detail his own struggles and offering a multitude of practical tips to help readers find solutions that will work for them. When teachers find ways to take care of their own needs, they will be healthier and happier, and they will have the positive energy and stamina needed to help their students learn and grow into healthy adults themselves.