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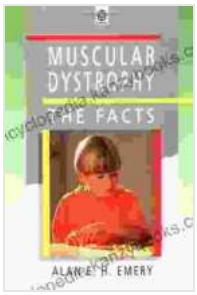

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Muscular dystrophy is a group of genetic disFree Downloads that affect the muscles. It is characterized by progressive muscle weakness and wasting. Muscular dystrophy can affect people of all ages, but it is most commonly diagnosed in children.

There are many different types of muscular dystrophy, each with its own unique symptoms and progression. The most common type of muscular dystrophy is Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). DMD is an X-linked disFree Download, which means that it is more common in boys than girls. Symptoms of DMD typically appear in early childhood and include muscle weakness in the legs, arms, and trunk. As the disease progresses, muscle weakness can lead to difficulty walking, breathing, and swallowing.

Other types of muscular dystrophy include:

- Becker muscular dystrophy (BMD): BMD is a milder form of DMD that is also X-linked. Symptoms of BMD typically appear later in childhood than DMD and are less severe.
- Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy (FSHD): FSHD is an autosomal dominant disFree Download, which means that it can be inherited from either parent. Symptoms of FSHD typically appear in adolescence or early adulthood and include muscle weakness in the face, shoulders, and upper arms.
- Myotonic dystrophy (DM): DM is an autosomal dominant disFree Download that can affect people of all ages. Symptoms of DM include muscle weakness, myotonia (difficulty relaxing muscles after contraction),and cataracts.

There is no cure for muscular dystrophy, but there are treatments that can help to manage the symptoms and improve quality of life. Treatment options for muscular dystrophy include:

- Physical therapy: Physical therapy can help to strengthen muscles and improve range of motion.
- Occupational therapy: Occupational therapy can help people with muscular dystrophy to learn how to perform everyday activities.
- Speech therapy: Speech therapy can help people with muscular dystrophy to improve their speech and swallowing.
- Medication: There are a number of medications that can be used to treat the symptoms of muscular dystrophy, including corticosteroids, muscle relaxants, and pain relievers.

Muscular dystrophy is a challenging condition, but there are a number of resources available to help people with muscular dystrophy and their families. The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is a nonprofit organization that provides support and services to people with muscular dystrophy and their families. The MDA also funds research into muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases.

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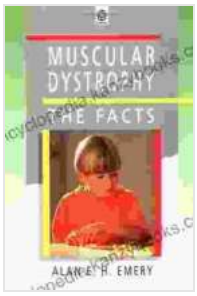

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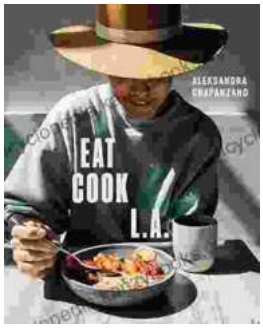

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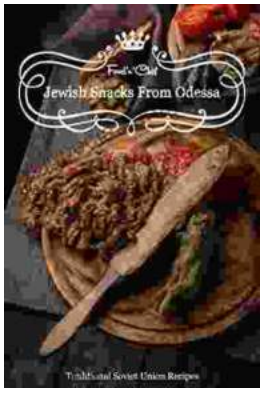

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