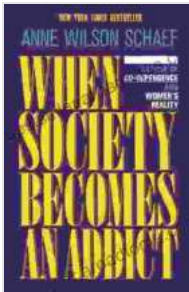


# When Society Becomes An Addict: Uncovering the Hidden Epidemic



**When Society Becomes an Addict** by Anne Wilson Schaeff

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Addiction is a disease that has plagued humanity for centuries. It is a disease that can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status. And it is a disease that can have devastating consequences for individuals, families, and communities.

But what happens when addiction becomes a societal problem? What happens when it is no longer just a few isolated cases, but a widespread epidemic that affects millions of people?

This is the question that Dr. Gabor Maté explores in his groundbreaking book, *When Society Becomes An Addict*. Maté is a renowned physician and addiction specialist who has spent decades working with people who are struggling with addiction. He has seen firsthand the devastating effects that addiction can have on individuals and families. And he has also seen how addiction can become a societal problem that affects us all.

## **The Hidden Epidemic**

Maté argues that addiction is a hidden epidemic that is slowly destroying our society. He points to the fact that addiction is now one of the leading causes of death in the United States. He also points to the fact that addiction is a major contributing factor to crime, homelessness, and poverty.

But the most insidious effect of addiction, according to Maté, is the way it erodes our social fabric. Addiction isolates people from their families and friends. It makes them less productive at work. And it makes them more likely to engage in risky behaviors that can harm themselves and others.

The result is a society that is becoming increasingly fragmented and isolated. A society where people are less trusting of each other and less willing to help those in need.

## **The Causes of Addiction**

Maté believes that the causes of addiction are complex and multifaceted. He argues that addiction is not simply a moral failing or a lack of willpower. Rather, it is a disease that is caused by a combination of genetic, environmental, and social factors.

Maté points to the fact that people who are addicted to drugs or alcohol often have a family history of addiction. He also points to the fact that people who are exposed to trauma or abuse are more likely to develop an addiction.

But Maté also argues that social factors play a major role in the development of addiction. He points to the fact that addiction is more

common in societies that are characterized by poverty, inequality, and social isolation.

## **The Solution**

Maté believes that we can overcome the hidden epidemic of addiction. But he argues that it will require a fundamental change in the way we think about addiction. We need to stop thinking about addiction as a moral failing and start thinking about it as a disease that can be treated.

We also need to change the way we treat people who are struggling with addiction. We need to stop stigmatizing them and start offering them the help and support they need to recover.

Finally, we need to address the social factors that contribute to addiction. We need to create a more just and equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy and productive life.

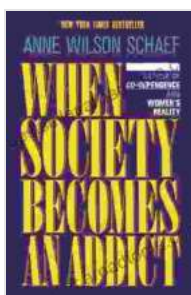
*When Society Becomes An Addict* is a powerful and thought-provoking book that shines a light on the hidden epidemic of addiction in our society. Maté offers a compassionate and evidence-based approach to understanding and treating addiction. He also provides a roadmap for creating a more just and equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy and productive life.

If you are struggling with addiction, or if you know someone who is, please seek help. There are many resources available to help you get on the path to recovery.

And if you are not struggling with addiction, please educate yourself about the disease. The more we know about addiction, the better we can understand and help those who are struggling with it.

Together, we can overcome the hidden epidemic of addiction and create a more just and equitable society for all.

Free Download your copy of *When Society Becomes An Addict* today!



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