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Preface

In this book, I share my fascination with the phenomenon of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This curiosity has driven me to delve deeper into the impact and complexity of PTSD. The reason for this is that I know people in my environment who are regularly hindered by it in their daily activities. This led me to start an independent investigation, which is not only a personal quest to understand the people around me but also an attempt to provide a broader insight into the nature of PTSD.

I want to show how this disorder can affect people's lives in various ways, and in doing so, I hope to contribute to a better understanding and a more effective approach to PTSD.

Although PTSD has been recognized for years, the topic has not yet had the impact on the medical world that it should have. By presenting the insights and findings in this book clearly and accessibly, I aim to contribute to greater awareness and better understanding of PTSD among medical professionals.

This book aims to bridge the gap between

personal experiences and scientific knowledge, in the hope that it will lead to improved treatment methods and more empathetic care for patients living with PTSD.

The Netherlands is a country with a rich diversity of population groups, where people from different cultural backgrounds often deny having PTSD, even when they do. This denial stems from the fact that PTSD is often not recognized or acknowledged within their community. This leads to the assumption that PTSD is not part of their culture, so they cannot suffer from it. As a result, finding the right support and treatment becomes difficult.

With this book, I want to spark a dialogue and raise awareness about PTSD in different cultures so that the people I know no longer have to suffer in silence.

I hope to contribute to a better understanding and adjustments in care that reflect the diversity of Dutch society.

The worst thing that can happen to someone is the loss of their self-confidence, which often occurs when someone has developed PTSD. Self-confidence is at the core of our ability to face

challenges and grow. It determines how we see ourselves and experience the world around us. When our self-confidence is shaken, even the simplest tasks become a challenge. It can be difficult to see our own worth and abilities. This loss of self-confidence often has profound consequences for our mental and emotional health, our relationships, and our overall well-being.

That is why it is crucial to find ways to maintain and strengthen our self-confidence, even in difficult times.

Developing strategies to restore and preserve our confidence can help reduce the negative effects of uncertainty and self-doubt, enabling us to lead a more balanced and resilient life.

How can the world ever become a safe place for you again if you can no longer trust your own perception?

When your perceptions and feelings no longer seem reliable, it becomes difficult to find a sense of safety and stability.

This uncertainty can lead to a constant state of fear and distrust, making it hard to experience your surroundings as safe.