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**LIVE A LONGER, LEANER, HEALTHIER LIFE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ZONE!**

- Eat to stop weight gain and strip away unwanted fat.
- Reverse diabetes and protect yourself from Alzheimer's.
- Free yourself from inflammation, allergies, and hormonal chaos.
- Enjoy the most delicious, nutritious foods from the world's most beloved cuisine.
- Break out of the diet-and-exercise trap for good!

The Mediterranean diet is the most universally accepted healthy eating regimen around. But what, exactly, is it? If you think it's pasta with red sauce, Italian bread drizzled in olive oil, and plenty of fresh fruit and cheese, you're wrong—dead wrong. *The Mediterranean Zone* is here to set you right.

Barry Sears, Ph.D., revolutionized dieting with his 1995 bestseller *The Zone*. In the two decades since its publication, its principles of eating for optimal hormonal balance have become the standard by which diets are measured. Now, in *The Mediterranean Zone*, you'll learn how our modern American diet changes the inflammatory response inside our bodies—and how that increased inflammation puts you at risk for Alzheimer's, diabetes, cancer, and more. You'll learn which Mediterranean diet foods help put out the fire, reducing your risk of disease while stripping away pounds, boosting your energy, and even lightening your mood! And you'll learn how to turbocharge the Mediterranean diet to make it even more effective!

Live your best life, in your best body, with *The Mediterranean Zone*.

## **Praise for *The Mediterranean Zone***

"I consider Dr. Barry Sears a mentor, innovator, and wise teacher. *The Mediterranean Zone* is a powerful new book that will help change your health quickly and permanently. It is not a fad, but a program that will get and keep you well for a very long time."—**Daniel G. Amen, M.D., founder, Amen Clinics, Inc., and bestselling author of *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life***

"*The Mediterranean Zone* is very readable for the layman, but it also contains some significant new science, particularly in the appendix, for those who really want to learn about the biochemistry of omega-3 fatty acids, polyphenols, and epigenetics. Dr. Sears has clarified many aspects for me regarding the resolution of inflammation. His discussion of eicosanoids and gene transcription factors remains the best I have read. Finally, the dietary circle of anti-inflammatory nutrition is completed by his superb discussion of the value of polyphenols in any diet, and in particular an anti-inflammatory diet. I remain extremely admiring of his ability to take such complicated science and put it in an understandable and useful form."—**Joseph C. Maroon, M.D., professor and vice chairman, Department of Neurological Surgery, Heindl Scholar in Neuroscience, University of Pittsburgh, and team neurosurgeon, Pittsburgh Steelers**

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## **The Mediterranean Zone: Unleash the Power of the World's Healthiest Diet for Superior Weight Loss, Health, and Longevity Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Mediterranean Zone: Unleash the Power of the World's Healthiest Diet for Superior Weight Loss, Health, and Longevity for online ebook**

### **Mary Louise says**

Dr. Sears discusses his research on inflammation and how to best avoid this occurrence with a Mediterranean diet. The Mediterranean Zone is not a fad diet but a guide to better nutrition for one's lifetime.

I appreciated the information I learned but would have liked more menus in this book to help me plan meals better.

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### **Chris G. Murphy says**

#### **Inspiring and informative**

The zone diet is the only one that I've lost weight using...This is even easier and healthier. You still have to eat less, but by following the zone plan you have a better chance.

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### **Beverley says**

This is not a typical diet book, in fact it is not a diet book at all. It involves your diet, but in the terms of "a way of eating". A diet generally is a temporary thing seeking an immediate goal, that you try out, give up and then forget. Been there, done that. This is not that. This is about taking care of the most valuable possession that we each have been given, our body, and taking care of it. This is like a science book to me. Dr. Sears has been fighting heart disease and diabetes for 20 years. He's also been talking about inflammation and how it affects our health in so many ways. He incorporates health, science, society, and industrialization to explain not only how we get inflammation, but how critical it is to be aware of the way all foods affect our body. I'm a believer.

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### **Frances says**

Excellent book. We're making the choice to eat more healthily this year, and this is easy to follow.

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### **Lori says**

Our personal trainer recommended the Zone diet and, having read dozens of books on diet & nutrition, I was highly skeptical of yet another "plan." Well, it turns out, so many of those medical studies and recent research are based on the concepts detailed here. Nothing fancy. No special meals to buy or fancy clubs to join. Nothing that difficult, just sound nutritional advice that we've all been reading (or maybe not) but might not be on how to implement if you, like me, have been following through the years the advice of so many

experts on the best way to eat and stay healthy..."low fat, count your fat grams," "high carb, whole grain," "high fat, no carb," "no salt, no dairy," "nothing but fresh fruit before noon," "no eggs, no beef," "calories are irrelevant," "don't count calories, count points," blah, blah, blah!

I read his first Zone book earlier this year and became overwhelmed at how long it would take me to figure out the "system" which, evidently, Dr. Sears heard from more than just me. The original book is about 20 years old. This is the newer, updated version with very recent studies and data included, as well as much more simplified directions of how to follow the Zone plan and live a healthy live "in the zone." While the first one has many excellent nutritional info, this is the updated, cut-to-the-chase essential version with the most recent medical data to back it up.

Basically, Dr. Sears contention is that most of our modern disease and obesity issues stem from inflammation, aggravated and caused by our modern diet. Limit the foods that cause inflammation, eat regularly so that your blood sugar is maintained at a constant level, eat so that you don't spike your blood sugar (always include lean protein and a bit of healthy fat with EVERY meal/snack) and you too can live in "the Zone."

The proof, as they say, is in the pudding. Six months into eating this way, my husband is down 50+ pounds. My teenage son is down 20+ pounds and I'm...well, we won't talk about that right now. Let's just say that evidently, there are medicines that can and do prevent weight loss, no matter how often and diligently you work out or how healthy you eat.:( My doc says all that is about to change & after seeing my family's outstanding results, is pulling me off the offending meds so that I can join them in their new fitness/wellness journey.

All that aside, we are eating healthier and feeling great. My husband says that this is the "easiest" and most sustainable healthy eating we've ever done. It doesn't feel like a "diet" but a lifestyle choice. Weening ourselves off of sugar (well, mostly) and white flour has been the biggest challenge, but learning to control the blood sugar and actually enjoying the healthier options has been rewarding.

If you're looking for a quick fix, this isn't it. If you're looking for a sound, nutritional plan to help reduce inflammation and the host of diseases that accompany that - diabetes, arthritis, alzheimer's to name a few, this is a great place to start.

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### **Alan says**

Excellent; it gets another reading or three!

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### **Sandy Sopko says**

Sometimes a little technical for me, but it emphasizes some key ideas I'd already known -- cut back on carbs, eat tons and tons of veggies (especially low-starch ones), a little fruit, and lean protein, no white foods, instead lots of deeply colored and bright foods! The key is to reduce inflammation.

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### **Noreen says**

This was very interesting. I've read several books within the past year that talked about reducing dairy and grain intake. This one takes it a step further and makes vegetables the main course at all three meals, with only 1 serving of fruit for women. Heck, I've tried many others, I'll give this one a try.

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### **Debra (Bee) March says**

The basis is easy to understand but the diet is too exclusive and not easy to maintain long term. Science was okay but contradictory to many other observations. Better than most to follow but still, not balanced.

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