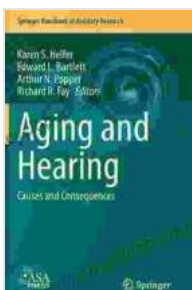


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Causes of Hearing Loss

There are two main types of hearing loss: conductive hearing loss and sensorineural hearing loss. Conductive hearing loss is caused by a problem in the outer or middle ear that prevents sound waves from reaching the inner ear. Sensorineural hearing loss is caused by damage to the inner ear or the nerve that connects the ear to the brain.

Some of the most common causes of conductive hearing loss include:

- Earwax buildup
- Otitis media (middle ear infection)
- Perforated eardrum
- Otosclerosis (a condition that causes the bones in the middle ear to harden)

Some of the most common causes of sensorineural hearing loss include:

- Noise-induced hearing loss
- Age-related hearing loss (presbycusis)
- Genetic hearing loss
- Certain medications
- Meniere's disease (a condition that affects the inner ear)

Consequences of Hearing Loss

The consequences of hearing loss can vary depending on the severity of the loss. Mild hearing loss may only have a slight impact on a person's life, while severe hearing loss can make it difficult to communicate, socialize, and participate in everyday activities.

Some of the potential consequences of hearing loss include:

- Difficulty understanding speech
- Social isolation
- Depression
- Difficulty at work or school

- Increased risk of falls

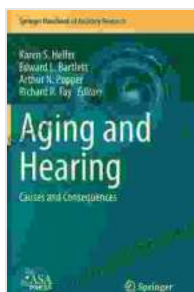
Treatment for Hearing Loss

There is no cure for hearing loss, but there are treatments that can help to improve hearing and reduce the impact of the loss. Some of the most common treatments for hearing loss include:

- Hearing aids
- Cochlear implants
- Assistive listening devices
- Speech therapy
- Tinnitus retraining therapy

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If you are experiencing hearing loss, it is important to see a doctor to determine the cause and discuss treatment options.



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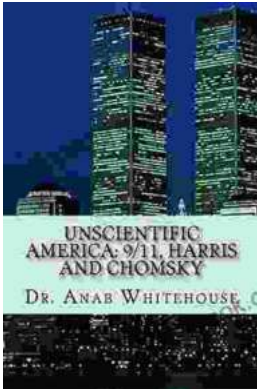
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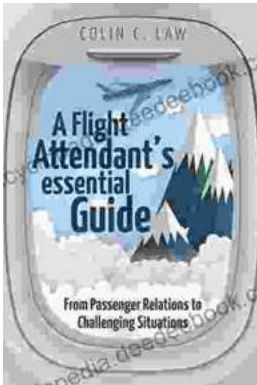
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