



The Romance of Risk: Why Teenagers Do the Things They Do

By Lynn Ponton

Basic Books. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 320 pages. Dimensions: 8.0in. x 5.4in. x 1.0in. Dr. Lynn Ponton has devoted her clinical practice to a particular community of teenagers in trouble. Whether these kids are struggling with peers, experimenting with drugs, stealing cars, or having unprotected sex, they have something in common: they are all involved in unhealthy risk-taking. And their parents are scared. How did my child get involved in this dangerous situation they ask. And what can I do? Their fears are justified: today's teens have more opportunities for taking dangerous risks than ever before. But in *The Romance of Risk*, Dr. Ponton refutes the traditional idea that risk-taking is primarily an angry power struggle with parents so-called teenage rebellion and re-defines it as a potentially positive testing process whereby challenge and risk are the primary tools adolescents use to find out who they are and determine who they will become. This new perspective is revealed in a series of mesmerizing tales about individual adolescents and their families. Among others, we meet Jill, a 13-year-old thrill-seeking runaway; Hannah, a privileged daughter of suburbia who suffers from anorexia; and Joe, a high school senior with a serious drinking problem. Through these stories, we come to...



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