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- \*Recognize what increases and decreases your pain symptoms
- \*Reduce your pain and emotional distress
- \*Learn effective problem solving
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- \*Incorporate relaxation, meditation, and gentle exercise into your daily routine
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### **Review**

"A wellspring of wisdom and practical approaches that can help transform your life as well as your pain. Caudill is one of the original pioneers in the holistic approach to pain management."--Joan Borysenko, PhD, author of *Minding the Body, Mending the Mind*

"Too often, people with chronic pain feel that they are on a lonely and isolated journey. This book is a 'must-have' companion that can point the way to many new possibilities. With step-by-step guidance, it empowers readers to take back their lives from pain."--Scott Fishman, MD, author of *The War on Pain*

"Focusing on what people can do on their own to manage persistent pain, this is a truly special book. It is packed with important information and practical tips from one of the leading international authorities in the field."--Francis J. Keefe, PhD, Associate Director for Research, Duke University Pain and Palliative Care Program

"Dr. Caudill's book and program gave me back my life after I was involved in an automobile accident. The pain that became chronic was untreatable, and it felt as though my life was lost. Then my doctor referred me to Dr. Caudill's 10-week pain management program, which provided me with the tools to put my life back together. Gradually, I was able to return to work full time and manage the pain and stress on a daily basis. Now I use Dr. Caudill's book to run periodical pain management programs at the clinic where I am employed. It's amazing how clients can be transformed."--Nancy L. Hale, MEd, LMHC

"Dr. Caudill's book helped me deal with the debilitating pain that accompanied one stage of my cancer treatment. I found it easy to respond to the book's logical approach and actionable suggestions. Before long I had a set of tools that not only helped me manage my pain but also helped me manage other side effects I was experiencing. This is truly an empowering resource!"--Brenda Isaacs, Lyme, New Hampshire

"This wonderful book is responsible for helping thousands of our patients manage their chronic pain. Offering tested, up-to-date advice, Dr. Caudill helps the reader have a happier, more productive life--with less pain."--Gilbert J. Fanciullo, MD, Director, Section of Pain Medicine, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

"If there were a course called 'Living Your Life 101' for people with chronic pain, this wonderful guide would be the textbook. I can attest that the program in this book, over time, leads to a sense of peace, a deeper ability to cope, and the possibility of enjoying life again."--Ann S., Brookline, New Hampshire

"This book continues to be the gold standard for the self-management of pain. It is informative, easy to read, and encouraging. An invaluable guide for anyone who wishes to take charge of his or her life despite persistent pain."--Dennis C. Turk, PhD, coauthor of *The Pain Survival Guide*; John and Emma Bonica Professor of Anesthesiology and Pain Research, University of Washington

"A clinically tested program recognized throughout the world. [Caudill's] program for chronic pain has been scientifically proven to significantly lessen anxiety and depression, as well as anger and hostility....The

publication of *Managing Pain Before It Manages You* allows those who are not participating in a formally structured program to make use of its approach."

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#### About the Author

Margaret A. Caudill, MD, PhD, MPH, is a board-certified internist and a Diplomate of Pain Medicine. For more than 25 years, Dr. Caudill has worked to improve the lives of people with chronic illness through medical treatments that address both mind and body. She has researched and written extensively on mind-body medicine and lectures internationally on the biopsychosocial treatment of pain. Currently, she is Instructor of Anesthesiology at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center's Pain Management Center, Lebanon, New Hampshire, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Clinical and Family Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School.

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