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"An accessible, empirically grounded guide to willpower and how best to deploy it to overcome temptation."—***The Wall Street Journal***

"*Willpower* is sure to inspire further groundbreaking research into the mechanics of willpower. One implication is already apparent. Since repeated behaviors eventually turn into habits, improving willpower long term requires a unique strategy—a habit of changing habits, of continually expanding our zones of comfort. One such practice, it seems, is the 'routine' of learning. That's a habit that this brilliant book will certainly nourish."—**The Daily Beast**

"Baumeister and Tierney use their appealingly upbeat voice to explain the intricate call-and-response between the failure of self-control and its problematical results."—**Kirkus Reviews**

"Willpower affects almost every aspect of our lives. From procrastination, to saving for retirement to exercising, Tierney and Baumeister have given us a wonderful book in which they not only share fascinating research on the subject but also provide simple tricks to help us tap into this important quality."—**Dan Ariely, Duke University, author of *Predictably Irrational***

"*Willpower* is sinfully delicious - once you start reading, you won't be able to stop. A fascinating account of the exciting new science of self-control, told by the scientist who made it happen and the journalist who made it news."—**Daniel Gilbert, Harvard University, author of *Stumbling on Happiness***

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"Deep and provocative analysis of people's battle with temptation and masterful insights into understanding willpower: why we have it, why we don't, and how to build it. A terrific read."—**Ravi Dhar, Yale School of Management, Director of Center for Customer Insights**

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