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SUMMER IS THE SEASON FOR SHAPING UP: AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION SPOKESPEOPLE REVIEW THE LATEST DIET AND LIFESTYLE BOOKS

CHICAGO – With seemingly endless information about food and diets available today, it is easy to be overwhelmed with which plan is right for you. Whether it's a pill, a cleanse, a fast-results diet or an entire lifestyle change, there is no shortage of products, programs and books that promise life-changing results when it comes to weight loss.

Do these plans work? Are they healthful? How can people tell the good advice from the bad? The American Dietetic Association is here to help.

"Every day, Americans are flooded with information about how to lose weight and feel great fast. While some of these products and programs offer sound nutrition information, others are gimmicks and can even be dangerous," says registered dietitian and ADA Spokesperson Marjorie Nolan. "It is important for consumers to achieve a healthy weight in a way that is safe and provides their bodies with the nutrition they need to thrive. There is no miracle cure or overnight plan for healthy weight loss."

To help consumers separate diet fads from healthy, science-based options, registered dietitians who are media spokespeople of the American Dietetic Association have reviewed 15 of the latest diet and lifestyle books. To read the reviews, visit www.eatright.org/dietreviews.

"While many diet books have sound nutritional information and can serve as a basis for healthy weight loss, no book can offer the individualized counseling, meal planning and science-based nutrition expertise of a registered dietitian," says Nolan, who is also one of the contributing reviewers. "RDs have the knowledge and expertise to help everyone achieve and maintain a healthy weight that ultimately leads to a healthy life."

The latest titles reviewed by registered dietitians from ADA include:

- The 4 Hour Body: An Uncommon Guide to Rapid Fat–Loss, Incredible Sex, and Becoming Superhuman by Timothy Ferriss (Crown Archetype December 2010)
- The 17 Day Diet by Mike Moreno, MD (Simon & Schuster's Free Press March 2011)
- The Amen Solution by Daniel G. Amen, MD (Crown Archetype February 2011)
- Cinch! Conquer Cravings, Drop Pounds and Lose Inches by Cynthia Sass, MPH, RD (Harper One January 2011)
- Clean & Lean Diet by James Duigan (Kyle Books January 2011)
- Crazy Sexy Diet: Eat Your Veggies, Ignite Your Spark and Live Life Like You Mean It! By Kriss Carr (Globe Pequot Press January 2011)
- The Dukan Diet by Pierre Dukan, MD (Crown Archetype April 2011)
- Full: A Life without Dieting by Michael A. Snyder, MD, FACS (Hay House January 2011)
- The Game On! Diet by Krista Vernoff and Az Ferguson (HarperCollins June 2009)
- Healthy Eating for Lower Blood Pressure by Paul Gayler with Gemma Heiser, MSc (Kyle Books February 2011)
- The Italian Diet by Gino D'Acampo (Kyle Books February 2011)
- Living Skinny in Fat Genes: The Healthy Way to Lose Weight and Feel Great by Felicia Stoler, DCN, MS, RD, FACSM (Pegasus Books January 2011)
- The New Sonoma Diet: Trimmer Waist, More Energy in Just 10 Days by Connie Guttersen, PhD, RD (Sterling Publishing Company January 2011)
- Prevent a Second Heart Attack by Janet Bond Brill, PhD, RD, LDN (Three Rivers Press February 2011)

• The Super Health Diet: The Last Diet You Will Ever Need by KC Craichy (Living Fuel Publishing February 2011)

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