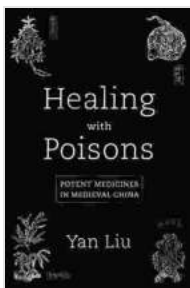


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The book delves into the intricacies of TCM, explaining how ancient healers classified poisons into different categories based on their toxicity and medicinal properties. Readers will gain insights into the careful preparation and administration of these potent substances, ensuring their safe and effective use.

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- **Aconite:** Known as the "Queen of Poisons," this toxic plant was used to relieve pain and inflammation.
- **Cinnabar:** A compound of mercury and sulfur, cinnabar was believed to have anti-aging and aphrodisiac properties.
- **Arsenic:** Despite its deadly reputation, arsenic was used in small doses to treat skin conditions and parasitic infections.
- **Calomel:** A compound of mercury and chlorine, calomel was a powerful laxative but also carried significant risks of toxicity.

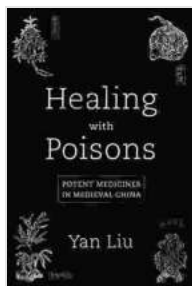
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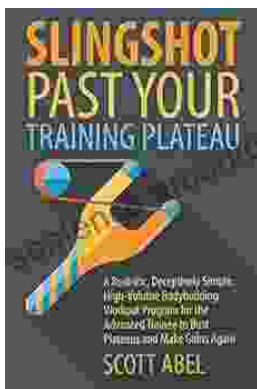


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