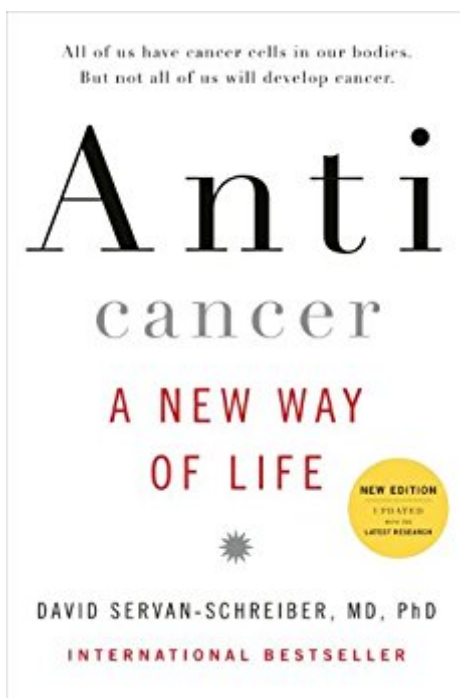


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# Anticancer: A New Way Of Life, New Edition



## Synopsis

The revolutionary *“New York Times”* bestseller about powerful lifestyle changes that can fight and prevent cancer—•an integrative approach based on the latest research An international phenomenon, *Anticancer* has been a long-running bestseller in the U.S. since Viking first published it in fall 2008. Now, this updated edition draws on the most recent clinical studies and offers more tips on how people living with cancer can fight it and how healthy people can prevent it. The new edition of *Anticancer* includes:

- More benefits of anticancer foods, including new alternatives to sugar and cautions about some that are now on the market
- New information about how vitamin D strengthens the immune system
- Warnings about common food contaminants that have recently been proven to contribute to cancer progression
- A new chapter on mind-body approaches to stress reduction, with recent studies that show how our reactions to stress can interfere with natural defenses and how friendships can support healing in ways never before understood
- A groundbreaking study showing that lifestyle modification, as originally proposed in *Anticancer*, reduces mortality for breast cancer by an astounding 68 percent after completion of treatment
- New supporting evidence for the entire *Anticancer* program

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It came as a total shock when I found out I had a brain tumor in October, 2009. I am a non-smoker, a vegetarian, I've always been slim and I exercised 3-4 days a week. I'd seen this book before my diagnosis and thought it looked good, but didn't buy it. I thought I didn't need it. Once I realized the author also had brain cancer and had been able to keep it in check for over 15 years through diet and other means, I knew this was the book for me. If you want to learn how to do something, go to someone who has done it! So I bought the book. It's an easy read and is backed up by scientific research and 28 pages of footnotes in case you want to learn more. The book is very specific in its recommendations. I took the plunge around Christmas, 2009 and have been following the diet ever since. I underwent a year of chemotherapy treatments at the same time. During that time I periodically had MRI's that showed the tumor was shrinking. The tumor has continued to shrink even after I finished chemotherapy in January, 2011, so the diet change and supplements are having the intended effect. Reading this book and changing what I eat has been incredibly empowering for me. I thought I knew a lot about nutrition before, but I learned some important things from Dr. Servan-Schreiber:- Vegetables to eat daily (broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, all cabbages)- Good oils to use (olive and canola)- Spices to add (garlic, ginger, turmeric) I also learned some sobering facts about sugar (see page 61): "The German biologist Otto Heinrich Warburg won the Nobel Prize in medicine for his discovery that the metabolism of malignant tumors is largely dependent on glucose consumption. (Glucose is the form of digested sugar in the body.) In fact the PET scan commonly used to detect cancer simply measures the areas in the body that consume the most glucose. If a particular area stands out because it consumes too much sugar, cancer is very likely the cause." I never thought I could kick the sugar habit, but after the first two weeks it wasn't hard. I found substitutes to feed my sweet tooth - berries, fruits, cinnamon, stevia, and baker's chocolate (which is unsweetened) with any of the above. If you have the right motivation I believe you can do just about anything. My plan is to live well and long! UPDATE: July 4, 2016 - It has been over seven years since my first symptoms of a brain tumor appeared. My latest MRI (in April) showed no tumor growth. I still eat an anticancer diet (very low in sugar, high in green vegetables, garlic, onions). I've changed my lifestyle in other ways too, but diet and supplements are key components for me. I keep doing this for a few reasons: 1. The diet works. My MRI images have shown a dramatic decrease in the size of the tumor even after I completed a year of chemotherapy in January, 2011. 2. I needed to do something between MRI appointments to take

control of my health. This limits my anxiety to a few days before each MRI rather than thinking about it all the time. I can concentrate on other things besides my health. For this, I am SO grateful.<sup>3</sup> I actually enjoy the food I eat. It takes some time to learn how to eat healthier, but once you find ways to make healthy food taste really great, why would you want to go back?

This is THE book to have if you or someone you love has cancer. When my husband was diagnosed with incurable, stage IV kidney cancer, I wanted to do anything in my power to keep him healthy for as long as possible. I'm in charge of the cooking, so that's where I started. His oncologist and dietician told us we didn't need to change his diet. That was pretty shocking to me, I've always believed if you feed your body healthy things, it will be better able to fight disease. While we were checking out after seeing the doctor, one of his nurses quietly said to me, "Sugar feeds cancer. Cut out the sugar." That sent me on an all out search for the best cancer diet I could manage - and I knew I wasn't going to get it from hospital staff. I found this book just randomly searching the web, and it was the only book I needed to buy. I bought several more, but "Anticancer: A New Way of Life" has been, far and beyond, the most informative and motivating thing I've read. Thanks to David Servan-Schreiber, I have slowly, but steadily removed cancer-feeding foods from our home. We no longer use cleaning supplies or hygiene products with toxic ingredients. My husband is still with us after two years of fighting, and is still doing pretty well. I have personally gotten much healthier and dropped 20 pounds by cutting out the bad stuff. My copy is dog-eared and written in. I've got notes on most of the pages and lots of things are highlighted. There's tons of information that your oncologist isn't going to give you, but you need to know. It was a God send for us. Every cancer patient should own a copy.

I am a two-time breast cancer survivor of 11 1/2 years with a strong faith in God, but cancer is a scary thing that can just get to you over and over again. Anticancer: A New Way of Life, spoke both to my heart and to my head. I am "in remission" (I strongly prefer a shorter word - cured). However, there's one cancer marker that keeps creeping up ever so slightly and making me lose sleep at night although there is still no clinical sign of cancer 3 years after recurrence. I tell you this not to wear my heart on my sleeve but as evidence that I have more than just a passing experience with the subject matter of this book. This is the best nutritional resource I have found thusfar on this journey (equally useful for those of you who want to avoid the ride). Dr. Servan-Schreiber has "been there" and brings a perspective to the topic that you can't have unless you have walked the road personally. He has approached the topic of how to best equip your body for maximum health in the

face of cancer in a realistic, intelligent and science-based way. The statement by Dr. Mendelsohn, President of MD Anderson, in the introduction about this book filling "an important gap in our knowledge of how patients can contribute to their own care by supplementing conventional medical treatment" really persuaded me to make the purchase. Most important insights gained: There is something (actually a lot of somethings) that we can do to better equip our bodies to fight cancer - diet, exercise, sleep, stress relief. Finally, I have an outline of food suggestions with footnotes to the research itself and even a shopping list to eat what my body needs - no excuses. We were pretty healthy eaters to begin with (well, I was more than my hubby), but, after reading this book, I told my husband that I was taking over the cooking (and he's a fabulous cook), throwing out all white flour and sugar products, filling the fridge with colorful fruits and veggies, experimenting with a variety of alternative grains, buying healthy sweetening alternatives and eating less meat and more fish. I have gone from craving chips to craving strawberries, cherries, and even loving brussel sprouts (with lots of garlic, of course). The key benefit has been the empowerment I have felt from making these changes. When you finish cancer treatment, you ask the Dr what can I do to help myself. The Dr's answer is usually - "go live your life." Your first thought is, "yea, that didn't work out so well the first time (or for me the 2nd either). Dr's can't prescribe food because there is no "double blind randomized human trial" behind it. If they did, they would be open to a lawsuit if things didn't turn out well. Besides that, food people aren't the ones making sales calls on the medical community, because as Dr. Servan-Schreiber says, there's no patent money in raspberries! This book provides concrete information about food science that I have found nowhere else in a single source, coupled with Servan-Schreibers insights as both an MD and a cancer patient. So, I actually bought multiple copies of this book and gave one to my oncologist and one to my radiation oncologist, told them I was giving this a try and asked them to read it. They can't make recommendations, but they can legally say, "here's a book you might want to buy and read." I have challenged them to do just that. My husband and I have been "eating new" for a month. I feel fabulous and he has lost 15 lbs. We are also taking more time to do things now rather than being so darn responsible and overworked - we got a new puppy and we are having a ball! Work is still there, but I am learning to "let it go." This may not change the outcome of my journey, but I can tell you that I have used the practical suggestions in this book to make some important changes that are making the journey better, more relaxed and just more fun. The "I shoulds" have become more "I want tos." Thank you Dr. David, for opening your heart and sharing your insights. I know you say you don't believe in God, but I can see how he has used you in my life just like he did in the young man you mention in the book. You have shown that you are open to change - I think that your journey

has a lot more to do with finding faith than you want to admit.

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