



## The Willpower Instinct: How Self-Control Works, Why It Matters, and What You Can Do to Get More of It

By Kelly McGonigal

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