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Women over 50 can say hello to a better body

Chicken Soup for the Soul and Harvard Medical School doctors combine medical advice with inspirational stories

COS COB, Conn. – Over 50 is the perfect time for women to lose weight and stay fit! The children are grown up, schedules are more regular, and older women have the maturity and discipline to embark on a fitness program. But many women are overwhelmed by the challenges of aging bodies and menopause and find their old strategies for staying fit don't seem to work. Dr. Suzanne Koven found her own path to fitness after 50 and she shares her wisdom and the experiences of dozens of other mature, but fit, women in this book.

In a unique first-of-its-kind collaboration, Chicken Soup for the Soul Health and top doctors at Harvard Medical School have combined the healing and therapeutic power of storytelling with practical medical advice in a new series of books. One of the first in the series is ***Chicken Soup for the Soul: Say Hello to a Better Body!*** (Chicken Soup for the Soul Health, May 22, 2012; 978-1-935096-89-4, \$9.95), in which physician and Harvard Medical School faculty member Dr. Suzanne Koven provides women over 50 with inspiration and clear steps to weight loss and fitness using examples from Chicken Soup for the Soul stories and from her clinical practice at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The healing power of stories has been documented widely, and the medical community is increasingly adding journaling, narrative writing, and other forms of storytelling to therapeutic regimens. ***Chicken Soup for the Soul: Say Hello to a Better Body!*** contains more than two-dozen stories from contributors who explain how they reclaimed their fitness through a variety of tactics. Dr. Koven combines the wisdom in these stories with her own practical, easy-to-follow advice to help women over 50 lose weight, become fit, and have fun doing it, all while eating a reasonable amount of chocolate and without going on a diet.

In this book, readers will learn how to get started, how to use small changes to lead to big results, how to manage menopause symptoms through exercise and nutrition, how to turn maturity into an advantage, how to stop negative thinking, how to stop emotional eating, how to understand their bodies through clear explanations and diagrams, and how to eat right without counting calories.

Suzanne Koven, MD has practiced primary care internal medicine for 20 years, and among her specialties are weight and stress management, women's health, and mind-body medicine. She is an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School and writes the award-winning monthly column "In Practice" for *The Boston Globe* and blogs for boston.com. She also has been published in national media outlets, such as *Psychology Today*.

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