# **Coming To Term: Uncovering The Truth About Miscarriage**

### **What Causes Miscarriage?**

- Chromosomal abnormalities: These are errors in the chromosomes of the fetus, which can lead to miscarriage. Chromosomal abnormalities are the most common cause of miscarriage, and they are more likely to occur in older women.
- Maternal health conditions: Certain health conditions, such as diabetes, thyroid disease, and autoimmune disorders, can increase the risk of miscarriage.
- Lifestyle factors: Smoking, drinking alcohol, and using drugs can all increase the risk of miscarriage.
- Environmental factors: Exposure to certain chemicals and pollutants can also increase the risk of miscarriage.

# What Are the Symptoms of Miscarriage?

- Vaginal bleeding: This is the most common symptom of miscarriage. The bleeding may be light or heavy, and it may be accompanied by cramping.
- Cramping: Cramping is another common symptom of miscarriage.
   The cramping may be mild or severe, and it may come and go.
- Back pain: Back pain is a less common symptom of miscarriage, but it can be a sign that the miscarriage is more advanced.

- Fever: A fever is a sign of infection, which can be a complication of miscarriage.
- **Chills:** Chills are another sign of infection.

## What Should I Do If I Think I Am Having a Miscarriage?

#### **How Is Miscarriage Treated?**

- Medication: Your doctor may prescribe medication to stop the bleeding and cramping.
- Surgery: In some cases, your doctor may recommend surgery to remove the products of conception from your uterus.
- Emotional support: Miscarriage can be a traumatic experience, so it is important to seek emotional support from your partner, family, friends, or a therapist.

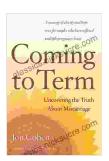
## What Are the Long-Term Effects of Miscarriage?

- Physical effects: Miscarriage can increase the risk of future miscarriage, premature birth, and low birth weight.
- Emotional effects: Miscarriage can lead to feelings of grief, depression, and anxiety.

#### **How Can I Prevent Miscarriage?**

- Getting regular prenatal care: Prenatal care can help to identify and manage risk factors for miscarriage.
- Eating a healthy diet: Eating a healthy diet can help to ensure that you are getting the nutrients you need for a healthy pregnancy.

- Getting regular exercise: Regular exercise can help to improve your overall health and reduce your risk of miscarriage.
- Avoiding smoking, drinking alcohol, and using drugs: These substances can all increase the risk of miscarriage.
- Managing stress: Stress can increase your risk of miscarriage. Find healthy ways to manage stress, such as yoga, meditation, or spending time in nature.

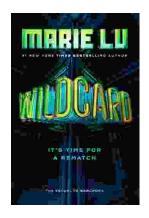


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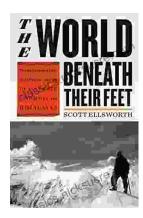
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