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Some scientists even believe it should be treated like a controlled substance, and regulated in much the same way as alcohol and tobacco. Since that isn't likely to happen any time soon, Dr. Patricia Farris, dermatologist, clinical associate professor at Tulane University and faculty member for the American Academy of Dermatology, partnered with certified dietician and nutritionist Brooke Alpert to write The Sugar Detox (DeCapo Press, 2013), a guidebook for people who are serious about breaking off this unhealthy dietary relationship.

Farris' and Alpert's program starts with a three-day, no-sugar eating plan, followed by a three-day, skin-pampering regimen. After this cleansing period comes a four-week, sugar-banishing eating plan/menu that teaches readers how to choose and cook delicious low-to-no-sugar foods, and keep those blood glucose levels (not to mention that waistline) down. The authors also include 50 virtually sugarless recipes, exercise descriptions and a few physiology lessons to boot.

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