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Overcoming Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder - David Veale 2009-08-27
A Books on Prescription Title Break free from unhelpful rituals and take control of your life Are you plagued by a recurring thought or idea that just won't go away? Perhaps you feel the need to wash your hands frequently, hoard things or repeatedly check that all appliances have been turned off before leaving home? These are common symptoms of obsessive compulsive disorder (or OCD), a condition that causes distress to hundreds of thousands of people. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy has been clinically proven to significantly reduce symptoms of OCD. Learn how to break free from the destructive cycle of obsessive behaviour and regain control of your life. Shows you how to reduce the distress caused by disturbing thoughts, images and urges Reduces and gradually helps you overcome compulsions Offers advice on how partners, relatives and friends can help.

Freedom from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder - Jonathan Grayson 2014-05-06

Nearly six million Americans suffer from the symptoms of obsessive-compulsive disorder, which can manifest itself in many ways: paralyzing fear of contamination; unmanageable "checking" rituals; excessive concern with order, symmetry, and counting; and others. Freedom from Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder provides Dr. Jonathan Grayson's revolutionary and compassionate program for finally breaking the cycle of overwhelming fear and endless rituals, including: Self-assessment tests that guide readers in identifying their specific type of OCD and help track their progress in treatment Case studies from Dr. Grayson's revolutionary and profoundly successful treatment program Blueprints for programs tailored to particular manifestations of OCD Previously unexplored manifestations of OCD such as obsessive staring, Relationship OCD (R-OCD), obsessive intolerance of environmental sounds and chewing sounds Therapy scripts to help individuals develop their own therapeutic voice, to motivate themselves to succeed New therapies used in conjunction with exposure techniques "Trigger sheets" for identifying and planning for obstacles that arise in treatment Information on building a support group And much more Demystifying the process of OCD assessment and treatment, this indispensable book helps sufferers make sense of their own compulsions through frank, unflinching self-evaluation, and provides not only the knowledge of how to change—but the courage to do it.

Overcoming Compulsive Checking - Paul R. Munford 2004

An OCD specialist offers the first CBT book to specifically address compulsive checkers, helping to eliminate or reduce obsessions of performing actions incorrectly, misspeaking, misspelling, or facing criticism or punishment for being at fault for fires, break-ins, flooding, or injury to others. Readers will be able to begin training their brains to stop obsessing by learning to embrace their fears and experiment with exposure to their fears. The final chapters deal with trouble shooting particularly difficult situations and educating family members in supporting and helping the person to overcome their OCD.

Brain Lock - Jeffrey M. Schwartz 1997-01-31

An estimated 5 million Americans suffer from obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and live diminished lives in which they are compelled to obsess about something or to repeat a similar task over and over. Traditionally, OCD has been treated with Prozac or similar drugs. The problem with medication, aside from its cost, is that 30 percent of people treated don't respond to it, and when the pills stop, the symptoms invariably return. In Brain Lock, Jeffrey M. Schwartz presents a simple four-step method for overcoming OCD that is so effective, it's now used in academic treatment centers throughout the world. Proven by brain-imaging tests to actually alter the brain's chemistry, this method doesn't rely on psychopharmaceuticals. Instead, patients use cognitive self-

therapy and behavior modification to develop new patterns of response to their obsessions. In essence, they use the mind to fix the brain. Using the real-life stories of actual patients, Brain Lock explains this revolutionary method and provides readers with the inspiration and tools to free themselves from their psychic prisons and regain control of their lives.

Healing from Depression - Douglas Bloch 2009-12-01

In Healing from Depression, Douglas Bloch shares his struggle to stay alive amidst overwhelming despair and out-of-control anxiety attacks, and explains how the power of prayer and other holistic approaches ultimately led to his recovery. As one of the millions of Americans who suffer from depression, Bloch could not be helped by so-called "miracle" drugs. Therefore, he had to seek out conventional and alternative non-drug methods of healing. The result is a 12-week program that combines his inspirational story with a comprehensive manual on how to diagnose and treat depression, offering new hope and practical strategies to everyone who suffers from this debilitating condition. Complete with worksheets and goal sheets to customize individual plans, Healing from Depression is an accessible self-guided program for managing and recovering from depression. Acclaimed as a "life-line to healing," this important book stresses the importance of social support, on going self-care activities like relaxation, nutrition, exercise, prayer, meditation, support groups, therapy and keeping a daily mood diary and gratitude journal.

Overcoming Compulsive Hoarding - Jerome Bubrick 2004-07-15

Although the much-satirized image of a house overflowing with National Geographic and infested with cats may make us chuckle, the reality of compulsive hoarding is no laughing matter. The most common reason for evictions in the US and a significant risk factor for fatal house fires, compulsive hoarding is a treatable condition related to obsessive-compulsive disorder. It is characterized by the acquisition of possessions that have little or no value, which the sufferer, often referred to as the saver, has great difficulty discarding. This book, the first ever written for savers and their families, provides an overview of compulsive hoarding and how it relates to obsessive-compulsive disorder. It discusses hoarding broadly, offering readers perspectives on the physical, behavioral, and value-oriented aspects of the condition. You can use its assessment tools to help decide why you or your loved one hoards. Skill-building exercises help you determine how to beat the hoarding problem by addressing issues that often underlie compulsive saving. Even though this is fundamentally a self-help book, it contains a frank discussion about the need for professional help in some hoarding cases, how to find it, and what medications have been proven effective for savers.

The Anxious Thoughts Workbook - David A. Clark 2018-03-01

Are your thoughts getting in the way of living your life? Based in cutting-edge neuroscience and cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), this important workbook will help you regain control from unwanted thoughts and get back to the things that matter. Do you have unwanted, disturbing, upsetting, or weird thoughts that you just can't seem to shake? Violent or sexual thoughts that cause you to feel ashamed, anxious, or depressed? Maybe you think they mean something about you—and that thought scares you even more. While you may not be able to shut your thoughts off permanently, you can gain distance from them and improve your life. This step-by-step guide will show you how. In The Anxious Thoughts Workbook, renowned psychologist David A. Clark presents a targeted, transdiagnostic approach to help you move past unwanted mental intrusions. You'll learn how to change the destructive patterns responsible for the persistence of anxious and depressive thinking, and strip these upsetting thoughts of their meaning—a process Clark refers to as "detoxing." Finally, you'll learn to manage the feelings

of shame that can accompany these thoughts. Are you ready to move past your thoughts and start focusing on more important things? If so, the proven-effective techniques in this workbook will help you get started.

Getting Over OCD, Second Edition - Jonathan S. Abramowitz

2018-02-15

"Tens of thousands of readers are living freer, happier lives thanks to the clinically proven strategies in this book. Now thoroughly updated based on the latest science, the workbook helps OCD sufferers use the powerful techniques of cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT)--the most effective treatment for the disorder--to achieve lasting recovery. Examples and stories of people with a wide range of obsessional thoughts and compulsive behaviors illustrate the 10 steps of the program and assure readers they are not alone. Numerous worksheets and other practical tools can be downloaded and printed for repeated use. The second edition is revised throughout with cutting-edge strategies for coping with unwanted thoughts that can't be eliminated completely, plus new learning techniques drawn from brain research"--

Break Free from OCD - Fiona Challacombe 2011-09-09

Are you plagued by obsessive thoughts, rituals or routines? Would you like to regain control over your behaviour and cast your fears aside? Whether you are compelled to wash your hands more and more thoroughly or feel the need to keep checking that you've turned off appliances, obsessive worries can be a drain on daily life. However, you don't need to suffer any more. This practical guide, written by three leading cognitive behavioural therapy experts, enables you to make sense of your symptoms, and gives a simple plan to help you conquer OCD. Includes: detailed information on the many different manifestations of OCD; the differences between normal and obsessive worries; clear information on treating your individual problem; real-life case studies and examples; and advice and support for friends and family of OCD sufferers. Whether your condition is mild or severe, this definitive resource will help you reclaim your life and keep OCD away for good.

Obsessive-compulsive Disorders - Fred Penzel 2000

Offers advice on how to choose the most effective therapies and medications, and how to avoid relapses.

The Negative Thoughts Workbook - David A. Clark 2021-03-08

Stand Up to OCD! - Kelly Wood 2019-06-21

Stand up to OCD! Imagine each person's brain has a captain and crew. For a person struggling with OCD, it's as if OCD has kidnapped the captain and changed the settings in the brain. Luckily there are plenty of tips and skills you can learn to disobey OCD and not do what he tells you. Join David, Riya and Sarah as they find out about how OCD sneaks into their lives and all the tricks you can use to stand up to OCD! This illustrated CBT self-help guide and workbook is ideal for young people with OCD ages 12-17 years. It gives teens a deeper understanding of how OCD works and how they can carry out their own CBT with the help of the interactive workbook at the back of the book.

Stop Obsessing! - Edna B. Foa 2009-11-04

Newly Revised and Updated! Are you tormented by extremely distressing thoughts or persistent worries? Compelled to wash your hands repeatedly? Driven to repeat or check certain numbers, words, or actions? If you or someone you love suffers from these symptoms, you may be one of the millions of Americans who suffer from some form of obsessive-compulsive disorder, or OCD. Once considered almost untreatable, OCD is now known to be a highly treatable disorder using behavior therapy. In this newly revised edition of *Stop Obsessing!* Drs. Foa and Wilson, internationally renowned authorities on the treatment of anxiety disorders, share their scientifically based and clinically proven self-help program that has already allowed thousands of men and women with OCD to enjoy a life free from excessive worries and rituals. You will discover:

- Step-by-step programs for both mild and severe cases of OCD
- The most effective ways to help you let go of your obsessions and gain control over your compulsions
- New charts and fill-in guides to track progress and make exercises easier
- Questionnaires for self-evaluation and in-depth understanding of your symptoms
- Expert guidance for finding the best professional help
- The latest information about medications prescribed for OCD

The Imp of the Mind - Lee Baer 2002-02-26

A leading expert on Obsessive Compulsive Disorder explores the hidden epidemic that afflicts millions of Americans. In the first book to fully examine obsessive bad thoughts, Dr. Lee Baer combines the latest research with his own extensive experience in treating this widespread syndrome. Drawing on information ranging from new advances in brain technology to pervasive social taboos, Dr. Baer explores the root causes

of bad thoughts, why they can spiral out of control, and how to recognize the crucial difference between harmless and dangerous bad thoughts. An illuminating and accessible guide to the kinds of thoughts that create extreme fear, guilt, and worry, *The Imp of the Mind* provides concrete solutions to a tormenting and debilitating disorder. Including special sections on the prescription medications that have proven effective, it is "a beautifully written book that can be a great help to people who want to know what to do about obsessions" (Isaac Marks, M.D., author of *Living with Fear: Understanding and Coping with Anxiety*).

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - 2022

"DSM-5-TR includes fully revised text and references, updated diagnostic criteria and ICD-10-CM codes since DSM-5 was published in 2013. It features a new disorder, prolonged grief disorder, as well as codes for suicidal behavior available to all clinicians of any discipline without the requirement of any other diagnosis. With contributions from over 200 subject matter experts, this updated volume boasts the most current text updates based on the scientific literature. Now in four-color and with the ability to authenticate each printed copy, DSM-5-TR provides a cohesive, updated presentation of criteria, diagnostic codes, and text. This latest volume offers a common language for clinicians involved in the diagnosis and study of mental disorders and facilitates an objective assessment of symptom presentations across a variety of clinical settings--inpatient, outpatient, partial hospital, consultation-liaison, clinical, private practice, and primary care. Important updates in DSM-5-TR include 1) fully revised text for each disorder with updated sections on associated features, prevalence, development and course, risk and prognostic factors, culture, diagnostic markers, suicide, differential diagnosis, and more; 2) addition of prolonged grief disorder (PGD) to Section II; 3) over 70 modified criteria sets with helpful clarifications since publication of DSM-5; 4) fully updated Introduction and Use of the Manual to guide usage and provide context for important terminology; 5) considerations of the impact of racism and discrimination on mental disorders integrated into the text; 6) new codes to flag and monitor suicidal behavior, available to all clinicians of any discipline and without the requirement of any other diagnosis; 7) fully updated ICD-10-CM codes implemented since 2013, including over 50 coding updates new to DSM-5-TR for substance intoxication and withdrawal and other disorders"--

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Conquering Obsessive-compulsive Behavior - Bruce Mansbridge 2009

Explains the neurobiology of obsession, looks at the roots of compulsive behavior, explores treatment options, and offers practical methods to help change troublesome behaviors.

The Mindfulness Workbook for OCD - Jon Hershfield 2020-12-01

If you have obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), you might have an irrational fear of being contaminated by germs, or obsessively double-check things. You may even feel like a prisoner, trapped with your intrusive thoughts. And while OCD can have a devastating impact on your life, getting real help can be a challenge. Combining mindfulness practices with cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), *The Mindfulness Workbook for OCD* offers practical and accessible tools for managing the unwanted thoughts and compulsive urges that are associated with OCD. With this workbook, you will develop present-moment awareness, learn to challenge your own distorted thinking, and stop treating thoughts as threats and feelings as facts. This fully revised and updated second edition also includes new meditations, information, and chapters on emotional and mental contamination, existential obsessions, false memories, and more. If you're ready to take back your life back from OCD—and start living with more joy in the moment—this workbook has everything you need to get started right away.

Overcoming Obsessive Thoughts - Christine Purdon 2005

Fourth in this successful series, this book provides individuals who suffer from repetitive, unwanted thoughts, images or impulses with information and skills they can use to reduce their distress over and preoccupation with these thoughts.

Needing to Know for Sure - Martin N. Seif 2019-12-01

Powerful skills based in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) to help you break free from the fear of uncertainty and put a stop to compulsive checking and reassurance seeking. "How do I know I made the right decision?" "What if I'm wrong?" "I need to know for sure." Do you have thoughts like these—thoughts that cause you to second-guess yourself, and lead to anxiety, stress, and worry? Do you find yourself repeatedly checking your email for no reason, asking others for their opinions about something again and again, or lying awake at night overanalyzing and planning ahead in an attempt to feel less anxious? If so, you probably

have a problem with compulsive reassurance seeking. The good news is that you can break free from this “reassurance trap”—this book will show you how. In this unique guide, you’ll find proven-effective tips and tools using CBT to help you tolerate uncertainty, face specific worrying scenarios, and gradually reduce the compulsion to incessantly seek reassurance. Most importantly, you’ll learn to deal with those pesky “doubt attacks” and trust your own judgment. Asking for reassurance is a self-reinforcing behavior—if you do it, you’re less likely to handle stressful situations without needing further reassurance. And so the cycle continues. The CBT skills in this book will help you break this exhausting and painful pattern, so you can build self-confidence and improve your life.

Getting Control - Lee Baer 2012-06-26

Thoroughly revised and updated—the go-to book for OCD sufferers who want to master their fears and take charge of their lives. The first comprehensive guide to treating obsessive compulsive disorder based on clinically proven behavioral therapy techniques, Dr. Lee Baer’s *Getting Control* has been providing OCD sufferers with information and relief for more than twenty years. In the same easy-to-understand format as the original, this updated edition includes:

- Cutting-edge behavioral therapy techniques
- Breakthrough advances in neuroscience
- Brand new material on hoarding
- Expanded sections on how families can help OCD sufferers
- The latest diagnostic standards as outlined by the American Psychiatric Association
- A completely revised list of resources

OCD sufferers and their loved ones will find everything they need to assess their symptoms, set realistic goals, and create specific therapeutic exercises for managing this disorder.

The Anxiety and Worry Workbook - David A. Clark 2011-11-15

If you're seeking lasting relief from out-of-control anxiety, this is the book for you. It is grounded in cognitive behavior therapy, the proven treatment approach developed and tested over more than 25 years by pioneering clinician-researcher Aaron T. Beck. Now Dr. Beck and fellow cognitive therapy expert David A. Clark put the tools and techniques of cognitive behavior therapy at your fingertips in this compassionate guide. Carefully crafted worksheets (you can download and print additional copies as needed), exercises, and examples reflect the authors' decades of experience helping people just like you. Learn practical strategies for identifying your anxiety triggers, challenging the thoughts and beliefs that lead to distress, safely facing the situations you fear, and truly loosening anxiety's grip—one manageable step at a time. Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) Self-Help Book of Merit

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) - Master Your Brain and Emotions to Overcome Intrusive Thoughts and Compulsive Behaviors - Bill Andrews 2019-11-17

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Master your Brain and Emotions to Overcome Intrusive Thoughts and Compulsive Behaviors Are you suffering from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)? Are you living a life that doesn't really feel like a life? Have you spent your life in a constant state of anxiety, negativity, and helplessness? Do you want to get rid of your intrusive thoughts, feelings and compulsive behaviors? If you answered yes, I have some good news for you. Living with obsessive compulsive disorder is hard, but it doesn't have to be impossible. This book, *Obsessive Compulsive Disorder*, aims to help you take control of your life, minimize or eliminate the anxiety, negativity, and feeling of helplessness that often accompany this diagnosis. Written with you and others like you in mind, this no-nonsense book and the tips and techniques within are designed to make your life simpler and to help you get over the most debilitating or life-altering facets of this disorder.

There are exercises to help you face your fears, confront the stressors, and finally regain control of your life. The goals of this workbook are simple. They include: Teach you how to change your cognitive processes Eliminate or negate negative thoughts Show you what factors aggravate your OCD Detail cognitive behavioral therapy and how it can help you Give you a thorough history of the disorder and what you can do to combat it And so much more! If you feel like OCD has taken over your life and you're not sure where to turn, this book can help you lead a happier and healthier life. So, if you are ready to take back control of your life from OCD, take your first step now! Scroll up and click the "Add To Cart" button and begin your journey to recovery today!

Overcoming Unwanted Intrusive Thoughts - Sally M. Winston 2017-03-01

You are not your thoughts! In this powerful book, two anxiety experts offer proven-effective cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you get unstuck from disturbing thoughts, overcome the shame these thoughts can bring, and reduce your anxiety. If you suffer from

unwanted, intrusive, frightening, or even disturbing thoughts, you might worry about what these thoughts mean about you. Thoughts can seem like messages—are they trying to tell you something? But the truth is that they are just thoughts, and don’t necessarily mean anything. Sane and good people have them. If you are someone who is plagued by thoughts you don’t want—thoughts that scare you, or thoughts you can’t tell anyone about—this book may change your life. In this compassionate guide, you’ll discover the different kinds of disturbing thoughts, myths that surround your thoughts, and how your brain has a tendency to get “stuck” in a cycle of unwanted rumination. You’ll also learn why common techniques to get rid of these thoughts can backfire. And finally, you’ll learn powerful cognitive behavioral skills to help you cope with and move beyond your thoughts, so you can focus on living the life you want. Your thoughts will still occur, but you will be better able to cope with them—without dread, guilt, or shame. If you have unwanted thoughts, you should remember that you aren’t alone. In fact, there are millions of people just like you—good people who have awful thoughts, gentle people with violent thoughts, and sane people with “crazy” thoughts. This book will show you how to move past your thoughts so you can reclaim your life! This book has been selected as an Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Self-Help Book Recommendation—an honor bestowed on outstanding self-help books that are consistent with cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) principles and that incorporate scientifically tested strategies for overcoming mental health difficulties. Used alone or in conjunction with therapy, our books offer powerful tools readers can use to jump-start changes in their lives.

Overcoming Your OCD - Margaret Auguste 2018-10

This workbook will help you explore and assess the role OCD plays in your world so that you can take back your thoughts and live the life you desire. You will gather your personal strengths, values, and passions to explore the skills you possess—skills that will further strengthen and heal you. You will stop fearing your own mind and emotions and begin to embrace what makes you unique, worthwhile, and interesting so that you can bring serenity instead of chaos into your life. You will discover the healing power of your own mind and how you can train your brain to focus on the sights, sounds, and feelings that are all around you so that your values and goals, instead of your OCD, will shape your thoughts and alter your behavior in a way that is consistent with your values.

Overcoming Compulsive Washing - Paul R. Munford 2005

This third book in a series on obsessive-compulsive disorder helps people who wash compulsively overcome their fear of contaminating others or being contaminated by dirt, germs, or poisons.

The Wise Advocate - Art Kleiner 2019-01-29

Leadership is the habit of making good choices. Even in difficult and uncertain circumstances, the most effective leaders focus their attention and overcome entrenched patterns of behavior to push an organization to new heights of success. This capability is no fluke: the latest research on the brain shows that we can pinpoint the mental activity associated with it—and cultivate it for our benefit. In this book, Art Kleiner, a strategy expert; Jeffrey Schwartz, a research psychiatrist; and Josie Thomson, an executive coach, give a transformative explanation of how cutting-edge neuroscience can help business leaders set a course toward better management. Mapping the functions of a manager onto established patterns of mental activity, they identify crucial brain circuits and their parallels in organizational culture. Strategic leaders, they show, play the role of wise advocates: able to go beyond day-to-day transactional behavior to a longer-term, broader perspective that articulates their organization’s deeper purpose. True leaders can play this influencer role in an organization because they have cultivated similar self-reflective habits in their own minds. Providing a powerful guide to decision strategies and their consequences, *The Wise Advocate* helps managers find their own inner voice and then make that voice ring out loud and clear, with a four-step program for practice and catalytic implications for management strategy, executive education, and business results.

Overcoming Anxiety - Helen Kennerley 2009-07-30

Fully updated edition of the bestselling self-help book, now recommended on the national Books on Prescription scheme. This ever-popular guide offers a self-help programme, written by one of the UK's leading authorities on anxiety and based on CBT, for those suffering from anxiety problems. A whole range of anxieties and fears are explained, from panic attacks and phobias to obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and generalised anxiety. It includes an introduction to the nature of anxiety and stress and a complete self-help programme with monitoring sheets based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. The following websites may offer useful further information on anxiety disorders:

www.social-anxiety.org.uk www.stress.org.uk
www.triumphoverphobia.com

Taking Control of OCD - David Veale 2011-06-30

OCD affects between 1 and 2 per cent of the UK population, causing terrible distress to hundreds of thousands. A serious mental illness, it affects people in different ways from well-known rituals such as obsessive hand-washing and checking, to lesser known symptoms such as disturbing intrusive thoughts and hoarding. Those affected typically suffer for a number of years before seeking help and receiving professional treatment. Selected by Dr David Veale and Rob Willson, authors of self-help guide *Overcoming Obsessive Compulsive Disorder*, the first person accounts contained in this collection reflect a broad range of experiences of those with OCD. Brave and uplifting, these real life stories provide not only reassurance, but also an inspiration to others to seek help and overcome their illness. Includes two chapters written by Dr David Veale and Rob Willson explaining the causes of OCD and how to overcome it.

White Bears and Other Unwanted Thoughts - Daniel M. Wegner 1994-05

For several years, social psychologist Daniel M. Wegner has been investigating the inability to control thoughts. Drawing on the most recent breakthroughs in this area of research, this is an illuminating explanation of just how human minds work and of the glimmerings of madness in all people.

Cognitive Therapy of Anxiety Disorders - David A. Clark 2011-08-10

- Winner of the American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award - Mental Health Nursing! Aaron T. Beck - Winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Nursing Centers Consortium! Updating and reformulating Aaron T. Beck's pioneering cognitive model of anxiety disorders, this book is both authoritative and highly practical. The authors synthesize the latest thinking and empirical data on anxiety treatment and offer step-by-step instruction in cognitive assessment, case formulation, cognitive restructuring, and behavioral intervention. They provide evidence-based mini-manuals for treating the five most common anxiety disorders: panic disorder, social phobia, generalized anxiety disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorder. User-friendly features include vivid case examples, concise "Clinician Guidelines" that reinforce key points, and over three dozen reproducible handouts and forms.

Take Control of OCD - Bonnie Zucker 2021-09-24

Take Control of OCD: A Kid's Guide to Conquering Anxiety and Managing OCD is a must-have guide for kids and teens ages 10-16 with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder to help them take control and use their strengths to find success in school and in life. This fully updated second edition: Uses a cognitive-behavioral therapy and exposure/response prevention method to stress gradual exposure to obsessive thinking patterns. Provides a step-by-step ladder-based process to help readers conquer their fears and demolish their worries. Helps kids change their obsessive thoughts, tolerate uncertainty, and develop positive self-talk and stress management. Also helps kids advocate for their needs in school and build successful relaxation procedures. Includes workbook-style pages for readers to complete. By interviewing kids with OCD from across the country, the author offers tons of advice, information, and ideas for students, by students just like them. Readers will find themselves in this book, as it normalizes and validates the often hidden and undisclosed thoughts, urges, and images, and accompanying rituals and compulsions that so many children and teens with OCD struggle with. Ages 10-16

Teratologies - Jackie Stacey 2013-07-23

Stories of cancer are full of monster and marvels; the monstrosity of the disease and the treatments, the marvels of the cures and the saved lives. Still one of the most dreaded diseases to haunt our imaginations, cancer is more than an illness - it is a cultural phenomenon. People who have cancer are bombarded with competing explanations of their conditions: it is genetically inherited; it is environmentally produced; it is the result of their personality. *Teratologies* - A Cultural Study of Cancer investigates how this disease is perceived, experienced and theorised in contemporary society. It explores changing beliefs about the causes of, and the cures for, cancer in both biomedicine and its increasingly popular alternative counterparts. Analysing conventional and alternative medical accounts, self-help manuals and patients' personal stories, Jackie Stacey takes a critical look at the place of heroes, metaphors, the self and the body in these competing bids to produce the authoritative definition of the meaning of cancer today. Interspersed with these detailed textual investigations are discussions of broader issues such as the feminist debates about the history of science, the place of consumer culture in health practices and the status of patients and of health

professionals in postmodern society. Combining autobiographical narratives with contemporary theoretical debates, the author carves out a specifically feminist analysis of the cultural dimensions of cancer. She brings accounts of her own illness under the critical lens of academic scrutiny and situates these personal stories within a discussion of contemporary cultural change.

Understanding OCD: Skills to Control the Conscience and Outsmart Obsessive Compulsive Disorder - Leslie J. Shapiro 2015-03-10

One of the most experienced therapists in the world for treatment-resistant obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) explains the disorder, the treatments available, and the skills needed to overcome and outsmart OCD. • Includes a list of normal "bad" thoughts versus obsessions • Features tests to rate one's guilt, scrupulosity, and OCD • Examines the ways in which guilt is an interfering factor in OCD treatment and recovery • Covers effective strategies for controlling the conscience-related aspects of the disease

Take Control of OCD - Bonnie Zucker 2021-09-16

Take Control of OCD: The Ultimate Guide for Kids With OCD is a unique guide just for kids ages 10-16 with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder to help them take control of their disorder and find success in school and in life. Using a cognitive-behavioral therapy method to stress gradual exposure to students' obsessive thinking patterns, the book takes kids step-by-step through a ladder-based process to conquer their fears and demolish their worries. Focusing on helping kids change their obsessive thoughts, tolerate uncertainty, develop positive self-talk and stress management, advocate for their needs in school, find successful relaxation procedures, and face their fears, the book includes workbook-style pages for kids to complete. By interviewing kids with OCD from across the country, the author offers tons of advice, information, and ideas for students, by students just like them. This handy guidebook is sure to help children with OCD change their behaviors and conquer their worries, discovering a sense of accomplishment and achievement. Ages 10-16

The Secret Life of Fat: The Science Behind the Body's Least Understood Organ and What It Means for You - Sylvia Tara 2016-12-27

A biochemist shows how we can finally control our fat—by understanding how it works. Fat is not just excess weight, but actually a dynamic, smart, and self-sustaining organ that influences everything from aging and immunity to mood and fertility. With cutting-edge research and riveting case studies—including the story of a girl who had no fat, and that of a young woman who couldn't stop eating—Dr. Sylvia Tara reveals the surprising science behind our most misunderstood body part and its incredible ability to defend itself. Exploring the unexpected ways viruses, hormones, sleep, and genetics impact fat, Tara uncovers the true secret to losing weight: working with your fat, not against it.

Daring to Challenge OCD - Joan Davidson 2014-08-01

If you have obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), you may suffer from obsessive thoughts and anxiety, and use compulsions to alleviate your distress. You know, more than anyone, how debilitating this condition can be. But you may also be reluctant to start treatment due to fears and misconceptions regarding therapy—particularly exposure and response prevention (ERP) therapy. You may even think of a number of reasons not to go, or to drop out, but if you are committed to getting better, you need to take that important step toward healing. ERP is a proven-effective treatment that can help people with OCD break free from the constraints of their disorder; however, starting treatment can feel frightening. Many people wonder what treatment will be like and how they will ever face some of their worst fears. They want to hear from others who have successfully completed therapy. In *Daring to Challenge OCD*, anxiety specialist Joan Davidson, PhD, gives a thorough overview of ERP, what to expect during treatment, and offers gentle guidance to help you finally overcome the common fears and obstacles that can stand in the way of getting the help you need. Three clients with different OCD symptoms share their personal stories and insights about OCD and treatment. If you are considering treatment, you may ask yourself, What will my therapist expect me to do? Will treatment be too difficult for me to handle? Will I be asked to do things that put me at risk? What are realistic expectations for recovery? This book will demystify treatment for OCD so that you can face your fears and start changing your life. And if you are a therapist helping clients build motivation to engage in ERP, this book offers real treatment stories and exercises for clients, making it an invaluable resource for therapists and wonderful suggested reading for clients building motivation to commit to treatment.

Freeing Your Child from Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder - Tamar

Chansky, Ph.D. 2011-06-15

If you're a parent of one of the more than one million children in this country with obsessive-compulsive disorder, you know how confusing, even frightening, the symptoms of OCD can be. You're terrified of losing your child and angry about the havoc this disorder has wreaked in your family. More than anything, you want to be able to unlock the secrets of OCD, understand the cause of your child's bizarre symptoms, and help your child break free of these disruptive, relentless thoughts and actions. In her landmark book, *Freeing Your Child from Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder*, Dr. Tamar E. Chansky creates a clear road map to understanding and overcoming OCD based on her successful practice treating hundreds of children and teenagers with this disorder. In Part I, Dr. Chansky "cracks the code" of the peculiar rules and customs of OCD - the handwashing, tapping, counting, and so forth. She explains how OCD is diagnosed, how to find the right therapist partner, and how to tailor treatment options to your child's needs. You'll learn how powerful behavioral modification can be and when medication can help. In Part II, you'll learn how not to be pulled in by your child's debilitating rituals at home or at school, how to talk to your child about the "brain tricks" OCD causes, and how to create an effective OCD battle plan that will empower your child to "boss back" the OCD monster. You'll also learn how to cope in moments of crisis. Part III offers specific advice for how to help your child handle the most common manifestations of OCD such as fears of contamination, checking, getting things "just right," intrusive thoughts, and more. Part IV is an indispensable guide to additional resources, including books, videos, organizations, and websites. Filled with Dr. Chansky's compassionate advice and inspiring words from the many children with OCD whom she has helped, this book will be your lifeline. Battling back from OCD is hard work, but with the comprehensive, proven guidance in this book, you can help your child reclaim a life free from its grip.

The Mindful Way through Depression - J. Mark G. Williams
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If you've ever struggled with depression, take heart. Mindfulness, a simple yet powerful way of paying attention to your most difficult emotions and life experiences, can help you break the cycle of chronic unhappiness once and for all. In *The Mindful Way through Depression*, four uniquely qualified experts explain why our usual attempts to "think" our way out of a bad mood or just "snap out of it" lead us deeper into the downward spiral. Through insightful lessons drawn from both Eastern meditative traditions and cognitive therapy, they demonstrate how to sidestep the mental habits that lead to despair, including rumination and self-blame, so you can face life's challenges with greater resilience. This enhanced e-book includes an audio program of guided meditations

narrated by Jon Kabat-Zinn. See also the authors' *Mindful Way Workbook*, which provides step-by-step guidance for building your mindfulness practice in 8 weeks. Plus, mental health professionals, see also the authors' bestselling therapy guide: *Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy for Depression, Second Edition*. Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) Self-Help Book of Merit

Getting Control - Lee Baer 2012-06-26

Thoroughly revised and updated—the go-to book for OCD sufferers who want to master their fears and take charge of their lives The first comprehensive guide to treating obsessive compulsive disorder based on clinically proven behavioral therapy techniques, Dr. Lee Baer's *Getting Control* has been providing OCD sufferers with information and relief for more than twenty years. In the same easy-to-understand format as the original, this updated edition includes: • Cutting-edge behavioral therapy techniques • Breakthrough advances in neuroscience • Brand new material on hoarding • Expanded sections on how families can help OCD sufferers • The latest diagnostic standards as outlined by the American Psychiatric Association • A completely revised list of resources OCD sufferers and their loved ones will find everything they need to assess their symptoms, set realistic goals, and create specific therapeutic exercises for managing this disorder.

The OCD Workbook - Bruce M. Hyman 2010-11-01

If you have obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), chances are that your persistent obsessive thoughts and time-consuming compulsions keep you from enjoying life to the fullest. But when you are in the habit of avoiding the things you fear, the idea of facing them head-on can feel frightening and overwhelming. This book can help. The *OCD Workbook* has helped thousands of people with OCD break the bonds of troubling OCD symptoms and regain the hope of a productive life. Endorsed and used in hospitals and clinics the world over, this valuable resource is now fully revised and updated with the latest evidence-based approaches to understanding and managing OCD. It offers day-to-day coping strategies you can start using right away, along with proven-effective self-help techniques that can help you maintain your progress. The book also includes information for family members seeking to understand and support loved ones who suffer from this often baffling and frustrating disorder. Whether you suffer with OCD or a related disorder, such as body dysmorphic disorder or trichotillomania, let this new edition of *The OCD Workbook* be your guide on the path to recovery. This new edition will help you: use self-assessment tools to identify your symptoms and their severity; create and implement a recovery strategy using cognitive behavioral self-help tools and techniques; learn about the most effective medications and medical treatments; find the right professional help and access needed support for your recovery; and maintain your progress and prevent future relapse.