

Break Free From Ocd Overcoming Obsessive Compulsive Disorder With Cbt

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.

Draws on the author's work at the Philadelphia Anxiety and Agoraphobia Treatment Center to outline a self-guided program that combines multiple treatment methods and focuses on relapse prevention and recovery.

Don't let OCD symptoms stand in the way of living your life! If you're a teen with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), you may have intense, unwanted thoughts and behaviors that interfere with school, your social life, and just having fun. The good news is there are ways you can minimize these thoughts and behaviors, so you can get back to being a teen. This workbook will show you how! In *The OCD Workbook for Teens*, therapist and OCD expert Jon Hershfield offers proven-effective mindfulness and cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you deal with your worst OCD symptoms. You'll learn how to stay present in the moment, manage obsessive thoughts, make peace with uncertainty, and live your life joyfully—without being slowed down by compulsions. This isn't just a workbook to help you survive OCD. It's a workbook to help you thrive—in all aspects of life.

Describes what obsessive-compulsive disorder is and how it works, and teaches young readers techniques to reduce and overcome it through writing and drawing activities and self-help exercises and strategies.

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.

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.

Rewire the brain processes that cause obsessions and compulsions—and take back your life! If you've ever wondered why you seem to get trapped in an endless cycle of obsessive, compulsive thoughts, you don't have to wonder anymore. Grounded in cutting-edge neuroscience and evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), *Rewire Your OCD Brain* will show you how and why your brain gets stuck in a loop of obsessive thinking, uncertainty, and worry; and offers the tools you need to short-circuit this response and get your symptoms under control—for good. Written by clinical psychologist Catherine Pittman and clinical neuropsychologist William Youngs, this groundbreaking book will show how neurological functions in your brain lead to obsessions, compulsions, and anxiety. You'll also find tons of proven-effective coping strategies to help you manage your worst symptoms—including relaxation, exercise, healthy sleep habits, cognitive restructuring, cognitive defusion, distraction, and mindfulness. The brain is powerful, and the more you work to change the way you respond to obsessive thoughts, the more resilient you'll become. If you're ready to rewire the brain processes that lie at the root of your obsessive thoughts, this book has everything you need to get started today.

“The most empowering OCD book I have ever read.” —Reid Wilson, PhD, author of *Stopping the Noise in Your Head* Don't just survive—thrive. In *Everyday Mindfulness for OCD*, two experts in obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) offer a blend of mindfulness, humor, and self-compassion to help you stop dwelling on what's wrong and start enhancing what's right—leading to a more joyful life. If you've been diagnosed with OCD, you already understand how your obsessive thoughts, compulsive behavior, and need for rituals can interfere with everyday life. Maybe you've already undergone therapy or are in the midst of working with a therapist. It's important for you to know that life doesn't end with an OCD diagnosis. In fact, it's possible to not only live with the disorder, but also live joyfully. This practical and accessible guide will show you how. In *Everyday Mindfulness for OCD*, you'll discover how you can stay one step ahead of your OCD. You'll learn about the world of mindfulness, and how living in the present moment non-judgmentally is so important when you have OCD. You'll also explore the concept of self-compassion—what it is, what it isn't, how to use it, and why people with OCD benefit from it. Finally, you'll discover daily games, tips, and tricks for outsmarting your OCD, meditations and mindfulness exercises, and much, much more. Living with OCD is challenging—but it doesn't have to define you. If you're tired of focusing on how “hard” living with OCD is and are looking for fun ways to make the most of your unique self, this book will be a breath of fresh air.

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.

We all occasionally worry that we might have left the gas on or the window open, not washed our hands thoroughly or forgotten to lock the front door. But do these kinds of thoughts play on your mind, or become obsessive? If so, you are not alone.

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.

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

Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) is a neurobehavioral disorder that affects millions of people. People with this disorder have behaviors that they can't help doing or can't stop doing, such as washing their hands over and over or continuously checking to see if the stove is off. These obsessions or compulsions are time consuming, distressing, and interfere with normal routines, relationships with others, or daily functioning. The disorder usually develops before the age of thirty but can begin at any time. Effective treatment - medications and/or cognitive-behavioral therapy - is available to help people living with OCD effectively manage their symptoms. Learn about the nature of the disorder, its symptoms, and more in this insightful overview.

Break the chains of OCD with Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Are you suffering from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)? You're not alone. Whether you've tried countless treatments or are seeking help for the first time, this expert, accessible guide is your beacon of hope for breaking the chains of this crippling disorder. *Managing OCD with CBT For Dummies* uses mindfulness-based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) to eradicate OCD from your day-to-day life. Through clear and sensitive direction, you'll find out how to identify and correct negative thought patterns, confront your problems with positive solutions and recognise the power of cognitive thinking. Once a term only used by psychologists and counselors, CBT is now in common use and has become the preferred treatment method for a variety of psychological issues, including anxiety and depression, self-esteem, eating disorders, addiction, and many others. If you're planning on trying it on its own or in conjunction with other types of therapies, you'll be heartened to know that a staggering 75% of people with OCD are significantly helped by CBT—which is why it remains the treatment of choice for tackling the disorder by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE). Demonstrates how CBT encourages new thinking patterns to combat destructive thought tendencies Explains the causes and symptoms of OCD Shows you how to use CBT to modify everyday thoughts and behaviours with the aim of positively influencing your emotions Illustrates the importance of facing your fears and offers positive strategies on exposure therapy There's no need to let OCD continue to control your life. This show-to guide helps you break down the negative patterns that have been keeping you hostage—and allows you to build a positive future free of the hold of OCD. No one wants to get rid of obsessive-compulsive disorder more than someone who has it. That's why *Talking Back to OCD* puts kids and teens in charge. Dr. John March's eight-step program has already

helped thousands of young people show the disorder that it doesn't call the shots--they do. This uniquely designed volume is really two books in one. Each chapter begins with a section that helps kids and teens zero in on specific problems and develop skills they can use to tune out obsessions and resist compulsions. The pages that follow show parents how to be supportive without getting in the way. The next time OCD butts in, your family will be prepared to boss back--and show an unwelcome visitor to the door. Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) Self-Help Book of Merit When your child has OCD your world can turn upside down and inside out. Claire Sanders has been managing her son's severe OCD for more than 8 years and, although there are no quick fixes, she has learnt a few tips along the way. These cover what is involved in getting a diagnosis, what to expect in therapy, how to cope with panic attacks, how it might affect the rest of your family and how you might feel as a parent. She talks with honesty and humour about these and many other aspects of her son's illness providing practical advice and insight from one parent to another. This is a must-read for any parent or carer who has a child with OCD. It is the equivalent of a comforting chat with a friend who has been through it all before and can reassure you that you are not alone.

OCD, or Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, is a common and difficult condition characterised by intrusive and uneasy thoughts which produce worry and the compulsive desire to carry out repetitive behaviours aimed at reducing anxiety. OCD symptoms can range from mild to severe, and can really impact upon our mental health and ability to enjoy life. Recovery from OCD is possible, however. By picking this book up you've taken the first stride. Now, using the STEP system - a structured, CBT-based approach that delivers both support and proven techniques for defeating obsessive thoughts - you can begin to transform your daily life. Written by an expert author with many years of clinical experience, this book will help you get a better understanding of your OCD, take practical steps to eliminate obsessive and anxious thoughts and progress to a healthier, happier outlook - without fear of setbacks or relapse.

You may not know anyone else who suffers from repetitive "stuck" thoughts and compulsive rituals, but plenty of other teens experience symptoms of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD): the need to repeatedly wash their hands, check to make sure everything's okay, count possessions, put things in order, or even repeat thoughts over and over. Rituals like these may calm you down when you're feeling stressed or anxious, but you know all too well that the relief is temporary and you'll have to repeat the ritual when you start feeling uneasy again. This cycle can make you feel trapped, but also may seem impossible or even frightening to break. Free from OCD offers forty easy cognitive behavioral exercises to help you move past your symptoms and live freely and flexibly, without fear. You'll finally be able to stop compulsive thoughts in their tracks and keep them from coming back. This book helps you learn to:

- Notice when thoughts are based in reality and when they're exaggerated
- Recognize and neutralize situations that trigger your symptoms
- Make friends and feel more confident in social situations
- Use relaxation techniques instead of falling back on your rituals

This step-by-step guide is written for adolescents with OCD and their families. Using the principles of cognitive behavioural therapy, which is the proven method for helping those with OCD, it offers teenagers a structured plan of treatment which can be read alone, or with a parent, counsellor or mental health worker.

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.

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.

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.

Don't let your thoughts and fears define you. In *Overcoming Harm OCD*, psychotherapist Jon Hershfield offers powerful cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and mindfulness tools to help you break free from the pain and self-doubt caused by harm OCD. Do you suffer from violent, unwanted thoughts and a crippling fear of harming others? Are you afraid to seek treatment for fear of being judged? If so, you may have harm OCD—an anxiety disorder associated with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). First and foremost, you need to know that these thoughts do not define you as a human being. But they can cause a lot of real emotional pain. So, how can you overcome harm OCD and start living a better life? Written by an expert in treating harm OCD, this much-needed book offers a direct and comprehensive explanation of what harm OCD is and how to manage it. You'll learn why you have unwanted thoughts, how to identify mental compulsions, and find an overview of cognitive-behavioral and mindfulness-based treatment approaches that can help you reclaim your life. You'll also find tips for disclosing violent obsessions, finding adequate professional help, and working with loved ones to address harm OCD systemically. And finally, you'll learn that your thoughts are just thoughts, and that they don't make you a bad person. If you have harm OCD, it's time to move past the stigma and start focusing on solutions. This evidence-based guide will help light the way.

Obsessive-compulsive disorder can be a very disabling and distressing problem. Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) has been shown to be very effective in helping people to overcome OCD. However, OCD is a highly heterogeneous disorder, often complicated by contextual factors, and therapists are often left wondering how to apply their knowledge of treatment to the particular problems as they face them in clinical practice. This book provides the reader with an understanding of the background to and principles of using CBT for OCD in a clear practical 'how to' style. It also elucidates the particular challenges and solutions in applying CBT for OCD using illustrative case material and guidance on formulation-driven intervention. The book also addresses commonly occurring complexities in the treatment of OCD, for

example working with comorbidity, perfectionism, shame and family involvement in symptoms. Throughout the book, the authors provide tips on receiving and giving supervision to trouble-shoot commonly encountered problems, resulting in a guide that can help clinicians at all levels of experience.

Practical, proven strategies to break free from the symptoms of OCD People with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) often experience an overwhelming cycle of intrusive thoughts and compulsive behaviors. *Free Yourself from OCD* is your guide to simple, effective, therapy-based techniques that help you find relief and take back your life. Explore user-friendly strategies that have been clinically proven to help people dealing with OCD. This book will teach you how to better understand and manage your OCD through exercises like identifying problematic thoughts and behaviors, overcoming intrusive urges, and staying focused and resilient. *Free Yourself from OCD* features: Evidence-based exercises--Learn specific coping techniques that use exposure and response prevention therapy and mindfulness-based cognitive behavioral therapy. Real examples--Read anecdotes and case studies based on real people with OCD, so you can see for yourself how the exercises work. For everyone--These practical, evidence-based strategies and techniques range the entire spectrum of OCD, so you can find expert advice for the symptoms that affect you most. Help end the cycle of OCD with advice and exercises for living more peacefully.

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.

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.

Have obsessions and compulsions paralyzed your life? Does it seem like your battle with obsessive compulsive disorder is leading you in circles with no way out? You can learn from the Israelites in the Old Testament who were fearful to enter the promised land and two men who were different. Joshua and Caleb stood out in the crowd due to the faith they exhibited. Both inherited what God had promised. By having faith, you can walk in their footsteps and inherit your promised land—one in which OCD does not rule your life. Charles Thompson, who suffers from OCD himself, provides tools to boost your faith through prayer, Bible study, spiritual warfare, and devotionals while incorporating established medical methods. The workbook will help you confront OCD by looking at it through God's eyes. You'll find that anxiety and pressure can be relieved—and that God has a loving plan for you.

Anxiety disorders and OCD are the most common mental health problems of childhood and adolescence. This book provides a complete, step-by-step program for parents looking to alleviate their children's anxiety by changing the way they themselves respond to their children's symptoms.

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.

This autobiographical account by Houston Pastor Jeff Wells describes his struggle with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder during his adult years. In 1978, Jeff finished second

place in the Boston Marathon, two seconds behind Bill Rodgers. This marked the beginning of his battle with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. OCD affected every area of his life and caused so much pain - at times overwhelming anguish and torment for over 30 years. In the spring of 2011, while Jeff was pastoring a large and thriving congregation, he reached his low point with mental disease and recognized how deeply he needed help. Out of desperation, he cried out to God and with the overwhelming prayer and support of his church, a few key friends and professionals, and especially with the love and support of his wife Gayle, Jeff details his journey to healing. The book is honest and forthright, and will bring hope to the many people who struggle in silence with mental pain and to their families.

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*). Age of onset is usually approximately 20 years; however, in one third of the patients OCD first appears in adolescence. The condition is usually chronic. Ask about compulsive behaviour and obsessive thoughts particularly if the patient has depression or anxiety. Effective treatment forms include cognitive behaviour therapy as well as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and clomipramine in fairly high doses and with a sufficiently long follow-up of response.

The Complete OCD Workbook delivers a new action-oriented approach that combines CBT, ERP, and mindfulness strategies to effectively take control of OCD. OCD manifests in many forms, but the only solution for treatment is to take action. Applying proven therapeutic strategies to actionable exercises, *The Complete OCD Workbook* arms you with the tools you need to fight obsessive thoughts and compulsions, and take your life back from OCD. Designed for various types of OCD, from "Pure" (thoughts only) to compulsive behaviors, this workbook combines CBT, ERP, and mindfulness strategies into a step-by-step method for confronting intrusive thoughts and behaviors. Tracking your progress through reflective questionnaires and journal entries, *The Complete OCD Workbook* offers a supportive, self-paced framework to free yourself from OCD. *The Complete OCD Workbook* includes: An essential introduction that provides an overview of the primary treatment methods such as CBT, ERP, and mindfulness. Actionable exercises that use questionnaires, checklists, and reflective prompts to provide a hands-on and personalized approach to treating OCD. Real stories that offer support throughout your journey to healing, from patients who understand and have overcome struggles associated with OCD. OCD is determined--it doesn't give up easily. But you have the determination to challenge it, and that is the first of many successes you'll discover in *The Complete OCD Workbook*.

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.

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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.

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Thoroughly updated based on the latest science, this empowering workbook gives you the skills to overcome obsessional thoughts and compulsive behaviors--and live a freer, happier life. Leading OCD specialist Dr. Jonathan Abramowitz presents a step-by-step program grounded in cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), the most effective treatment for the disorder. Vivid stories and numerous practical tools (which you can download and print for repeated use) help you: *Understand how OCD affects your mind and body. *Develop a customized plan for change. *Find relief from distressing intrusive thoughts. *Confront the situations you avoid--and discover a new sense of safety. *Break free of compulsive rituals. *Reduce anxiety and improve your relationships. 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. Ready to get over OCD? Your journey starts here.

When someone has obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), it can affect the entire family. This book is an essential guide to help family members cope with their loved one's compulsive behaviors, obsessions, and constant need for reassurance. If your loved one has OCD, you may be unsure of how to express your concerns in a compassionate, effective way. In *When a Family Member Has OCD*, you and your family will learn ways to better understand and communicate with each other when OCD becomes a major part of your household. In addition to proven-effective cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and mindfulness techniques, you'll find comprehensive information on OCD and its symptoms, as well as advice for each affected family member. OCD affects millions of people worldwide. Though significant advances have been made in medication and therapeutic treatments of the disorder, there are few resources available to help families deal with the impact of a loved one's symptoms. This book provides a helpful guide for

your family.

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