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THE MINDFUL PATH TO SELF-COMPASSION

FREEING YOURSELF FROM DESTRUCTIVE THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS

Guilford Press **“Buck up.” “Stop feeling sorry for yourself.” “Don’t ruin everything.” When you are anxious, sad, angry, or lonely, do you hear this self-critical voice? What would happen if, instead of fighting difficult emotions, we accepted them? Over his decades of experience as a therapist and mindfulness meditation practitioner, Dr. Christopher Germer has learned a paradoxical lesson: We all want to avoid pain, but letting it in--and responding compassionately to our own imperfections, without judgment or self-blame--are essential steps on the path to healing. This wise and eloquent book illuminates the power of self-compassion and offers creative, scientifically grounded strategies for putting it into action. Free audio downloads of the meditation exercises are available at the author's website: www.chrisgermer.com. See also *The Mindful Self-Compassion Workbook*, by Kristin Neff and Christopher Germer, which provides step-by-step guidance for building mindful self-compassion skills and applying them to specific life challenges, and *Teaching the Mindful Self-Compassion Program*, by Christopher Germer and Kristin Neff (for**

professionals). Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT)
Self-Help Book of Merit

LETTING EVERYTHING BECOME YOUR TEACHER

100 LESSONS IN MINDFULNESS

Delta Yes, there actually is a way to let everything become your teacher, to let life itself, and everything that unfolds within it, the “full catastrophe” of the human condition in the words of Zorba the Greek, shape your ongoing development and maturation. Millions have followed this path to greater sanity, balance, and well-being, often in the face of huge stress, pain, uncertainty, sorrow, and illness. In his landmark book, *Full Catastrophe Living*, Jon Kabat-Zinn shared this innovative approach, known as mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR), with the world. Now, in this companion volume, 100 pointers from that groundbreaking work have been carefully selected to inspire you to embrace what is deepest and best and most beautiful in yourself. Whether you are trying to learn patience, cope with pain, deal with the enormous stress and challenges of the age we live in, improve your relationships, or free yourself from destructive emotions, thoughts, and behaviors, these deceptively simple meditations will remind you that you have deep inner resources to draw upon, the most important of which is the present moment itself. Regardless of your age or whether you are familiar with the healing power of mindfulness, this insightful, inspirational guide will help you to honor, embrace, learn from, and grow into each moment of your life.

SELF-COMPASSION

THE PROVEN POWER OF BEING KIND TO YOURSELF

Hachette UK Kristin Neff PhD, is a professor in human development whose 10 years' of research forms the basis of her timely and highly readable book. *Self Compassion* offers a powerful solution for combating the current malaise of depression, anxiety and self criticism that comes with living in a pressured and competitive culture. Through tried and tested exercises and audio downloads, readers learn the 3 core components that will help replace negative and destructive measures of self worth and success with a kinder and non judgemental approach in order to bring about profound life change and deeper happiness. *Self Compassion* recognises that we all have weaknesses and limitations, but in accepting this we can discover new ways to achieve improved self confidence, contentment and reach our highest potential. Simply, easily and compassionately. Kristin Neff's expert and practical advice offers a completely new set of personal development tools that will benefit everyone. 'A portable friend to all readers ... who need to learn that the Golden Rule works only if it's reversible: We must learn to treat ourselves as well as we wish to treat others.' Gloria Steinem 'A beautiful book that helps us all see the way to cure the world - one

person at a time - starting with yourself. Read it and start the journey.'
Rosie O'Donnell

TEACHING THE MINDFUL SELF-COMPASSION PROGRAM

A GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONALS

Guilford Publications This is the authoritative guide to conducting the Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC) program, which provides powerful tools for coping with life challenges and enhancing emotional well-being. MSC codevelopers Christopher Germer and Kristin Neff review relevant theory and research and describe the program's unique pedagogy. Readers are taken step by step through facilitating each of the eight sessions and the accompanying full-day retreat. Detailed vignettes illustrate not only how to teach the course's didactic and experiential content, but also how to engage with participants, manage group processes, and overcome common obstacles. The final section of the book describes how to integrate self-compassion into psychotherapy. Purchasers get access to a companion website with downloadable audio recordings of the guided meditations. Note: This book is not intended to replace formal training for teaching the MSC program. See also two related resources for MSC participants and general readers, *The Mindful Self-Compassion Workbook*, by Kristin Neff and Christopher Germer, and *The Mindful Path to Self-Compassion*, by Christopher Germer.

THE MINDFUL SELF-COMPASSION WORKBOOK

A PROVEN WAY TO ACCEPT YOURSELF, BUILD INNER STRENGTH, AND THRIVE

Guilford Publications Self-compassion is a powerful inner resource. More than a thousand research studies show the benefits of being a supportive friend to yourself, especially in times of need. This science-based workbook offers a step-by-step approach to breaking free of harsh self-judgments and impossible standards in order to cultivate emotional well-being. In a convenient large-size format, this is the first self-help resource based on the authors' groundbreaking 8-week Mindful Self-Compassion program, which has helped tens of thousands of people around the globe. Every chapter includes guided meditations (with audio downloads); informal practices to do anytime, anywhere; exercises; vivid examples of people using the techniques to address different types of challenges (relationship stress, weight and body image issues, health concerns, anxiety, and more); and empathic reflection questions. Working through the book, readers build essential skills for personal growth based on self-care--not self-criticism. See also *The Mindful Path to Self-Compassion*, by Christopher Germer, which delves into mindful self-compassion and shares moving stories of how it can change lives.

BEFRIENDING YOUR BODY

A SELF-COMPASSIONATE APPROACH TO FREEING YOURSELF FROM DISORDERED EATING

Shambhala Publications **A step-by-step holistic approach to eating disorder recovery, using self-compassion and embodiment practices to reduce symptoms, increase body awareness and acceptance, reconnect to others, and step back into an integrated life. Those who struggle with disordered eating often find themselves in an unrelenting cycle of harsh self-judgment, painful emotions, and harmful behaviors. Seeing the body as an adversary, these patterns can lead many people to become withdrawn or isolated. Ann Saffi Biasseti's powerful holistic approach to liberating people from disordered eating focuses on growing self-compassion and embodiment. This insight, informed by yoga and mindfulness meditation, views the body not just as something to be healed or restored but as a source of great wisdom and knowledge. Dr. Biasseti offers yoga-based movement, body-awareness practices, meditations, and journaling exercises to help release long-held habits of self-criticism and perfectionism. Her step-by-step program will rebuild self-compassion, self-care, body awareness, acceptance, and connection to the self and to others.**

THE MINDFUL WAY THROUGH DEPRESSION

FREEING YOURSELF FROM CHRONIC UNHAPPINESS

Guilford Press **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 e-book includes an audio program of guided meditations, narrated by Jon Kabat-Zinn, for purchasers to stream or download from the Web. 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**

MINDFULNESS AND PSYCHOTHERAPY, SECOND EDITION

Guilford Publications This practical book has given tens of thousands of clinicians and students a comprehensive introduction to mindfulness and its clinical applications. The book describes the philosophical underpinnings of mindfulness and reviews the growing body of treatment studies and neuroscientific research. Leading practitioners and researchers present clear-cut procedures for implementing mindfulness techniques and teaching them to patients experiencing depression, anxiety, chronic pain, and other problems. Also addressed are ways that mindfulness practices can increase acceptance and empathy in the therapeutic relationship. User-friendly features include illustrative case examples and practice exercises. **New to This Edition** *Incorporates significant empirical advances-- mindfulness has become one of the most-researched areas in psychotherapy. *Most chapters extensively revised or rewritten. *Chapters on practical ethics, trauma, and addictions. *Greater emphasis on the role of acceptance and compassion in mindfulness. See also *Sitting Together: Essential Skills for Mindfulness-Based Psychotherapy*, by Susan M. Pollak, Thomas Pedulla, and Ronald D. Siegel, a hands-on guide to incorporating mindfulness practices into psychotherapy.

WISDOM AND COMPASSION IN PSYCHOTHERAPY

DEEPENING MINDFULNESS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

Guilford Press Bringing together leading scholars, scientists, and clinicians, this compelling volume explores how therapists can cultivate wisdom and compassion in themselves and their clients. Chapters describe how combining insights from ancient contemplative practices and modern research can enhance the treatment of anxiety, depression, trauma, substance abuse, suicidal behavior, couple conflict, and parenting stress. Seamlessly edited, the book features numerous practical exercises and rich clinical examples. It examines whether wisdom and compassion can be measured objectively, what they look like in the therapy relationship, their role in therapeutic change, and how to integrate them into treatment planning and goal setting. The book includes a foreword by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

THE MINDFUL WAY THROUGH ANXIETY

BREAK FREE FROM CHRONIC WORRY AND RECLAIM YOUR LIFE

Guilford Press Leading psychologists Susan M. Orsillo and Lizabeth Roemer present a powerful new alternative that can help you break free of anxiety by fundamentally changing how you relate to it.

50 MINDFUL STEPS TO SELF-ESTEEM

EVERYDAY PRACTICES FOR CULTIVATING SELF-ACCEPTANCE AND SELF-COMPASSION

New Harbinger Publications Sometimes we all need a little lift—something to put the bounce back in our step. If you are like many, you may struggle with self-confidence. You may also compare your successes and failures with those of others. If everything is going well in your life, this tactic may temporarily bolster your sense of self-worth. But what happens when things aren't going so well? Based on the idea that true self-esteem is grounded in internal, rather than external factors, this book offers 50 easy-to-use mindfulness practices that will help you improve inner awareness and live a more fulfilled life without harsh self-judgment. Mindfulness can help you battle feelings of low self-worth by encouraging you to pay attention to your negative thoughts as they occur, accept them, and ultimately control of how you react to them. The exercises in this pocket-sized book are intended to be simple, brief, and powerful. These are practices to settle into each morning, perhaps before your cup of tea or coffee, and which can be sprinkled throughout the day when you are at work, play, or home. To help you keep track of your thoughts, the book also includes journaling exercises that will help you discover what actions may have led to feelings of positivity or negativity. By focusing on your own awareness and thought processes, you will begin to understand what factors cause you to feel bad about yourself, and honestly assess those factors without giving in to feelings of hopelessness. You will discover that true self-esteem has less to do with what the world is telling you, and has everything to do with what you tell yourself.

MINDFUL COMPASSION

HOW THE SCIENCE OF COMPASSION CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR EMOTIONS, LIVE IN THE PRESENT, AND CONNECT DEEPLY WITH OTHERS

New Harbinger Publications Are you ready to transform your mind and emotions? To cultivate compassion, stability, self-confidence, and well-being? If so, get ready to change the way you experience your life with this highly-anticipated approach using mindfulness and compassion. Therapists have long been aware of mindfulness as a powerful attention skill that can help us live with greater clarity and awareness—but mindfulness alone is not enough to completely change the way a brain works. In order to fully thrive, we require motivation. Compassion, like anger or aggression, is an extremely powerful motivational force that can bring about real, lasting change. Written by the founder of compassion-focused therapy (CFT), Paul Gilbert and former Buddhist monk, Choden, *Mindful Compassion* is a unique blending of evolutionary and Buddhist psychology. In this breakthrough book, you'll learn how traditional mindfulness and compassion can work in harmony to offer a new, effective, and practical approach to overcoming

everyday emotional and psychological problems. If you are ready to end toxic self-criticism, heal trauma and shame, feel worthy and loveable, and be kinder to yourself and others, this book can show you the way.

FIERCE SELF-COMPASSION

HOW WOMEN CAN HARNESS KINDNESS TO SPEAK UP, CLAIM THEIR POWER, AND THRIVE

Penguin UK A follow up from the bestselling *Self-Compassion*, this book shows why it is more urgent than ever that women acknowledge their areas of suffering, celebrate their inner voice and challenge the male-orientated status quo. The book will draw on Kristin Neff's own life story as well as the stories of other women to show how readers can harness self-compassion and gain the strength, clarity and courage needed to be resilient and stand up for themselves in our male-dominated society. She'll explore core issues such as gender differences, why we aren't more compassionate to ourselves, and what women do for love. With expert research, concrete tools and easy-to-follow mindfulness practices, this book will empower women to let go of self-criticism, draw boundaries and become fierce.

THE MINDFUL WAY WORKBOOK

AN 8-WEEK PROGRAM TO FREE YOURSELF FROM DEPRESSION AND EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Guilford Publications Imagine an 8-week program that can help you overcome depression, anxiety, and stress--by simply learning new ways to respond to your own thoughts and feelings. That program is mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT), and it has been tested and proven effective in clinical trials throughout the world. Now you can get the benefits of MBCT any time, any place, by working through this carefully constructed book. The expert authors introduce specific mindfulness practices to try each week, plus reflection questions, tools for keeping track of progress, and helpful comments from others going through the program. Like a trusted map, this book guides you step by step along the path of change. Guided meditations are provided on the accompanying MP3 CD and are also available as audio downloads. Note: The MP3 CD can be played on CD players (only those marked "MP3-enabled") as well as on most computers. See also the authors' *The Mindful Way through Depression*, which demonstrates these proven strategies with in-depth stories and examples. Plus, mental health professionals, see also the authors' bestselling therapy guide: *Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy for Depression, Second Edition*. Winner (Second Place)--American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award, Consumer Health Category ÿ

THE MINDFUL PATH THROUGH SHYNESS

HOW MINDFULNESS & COMPASSION CAN HELP FREE YOU FROM SOCIAL ANXIETY, FEAR & AVOIDANCE

New Harbinger Publications Discusses cultivating mindfulness to move past shyness and gain social confidence, helping readers to make stronger connections with others and reduce social stress and anxiety.

THE POWER OF SELF-COMPASSION

USING COMPASSION-FOCUSED THERAPY TO END SELF-CRITICISM AND BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE

New Harbinger Publications Incorporated **From Self-Esteem to Self-Compassion** is based on the groundbreaking new compassion-focused therapy (CFT), developed by foreword writer Paul Gilbert. This book helps readers move beyond traditional ideas about self-esteem, and gives them the tools needed to overcome shame, self-criticism, and self-doubt, so that they can build self-confidence and improve the overall quality of their lives. If someone told you that you have low self-esteem, would it cause you to bristle? For many, the very concept of self-esteem has negative connotations, because it calls to mind the comparisons we make between ourselves and others. So how do you build real self-confidence? In **The Power of Self-Compassion**, you will learn that focusing on self-compassion, rather than self-esteem, is actually the best way to build true, lasting self-confidence. For too long self-esteem has been based on the idea that if you achieve certain goals you are doing okay. This can lead to comparing yourself with others as a way to build confidence. The skills and behavioral techniques outlined in this book are drawn from the groundbreaking compassion-focused therapy (CFT), which holds that being compassionate to yourself—even when things are not going well—is central to building real self-confidence. With compassion-focused therapy, you will adopt an accepting attitude about your strengths and weaknesses, and a commitment to change that doesn't depend on being overly critical of yourself or comparing yourself with others. In addition, you will learn how the concept of self-confidence fits in the context of our evolution, biology, and life experiences. If you are looking to improve your self-confidence, the behavioral steps provided in this book can help you focus on the areas in your life that need improvement, so that you can build a stronger sense of self-worth and competence.

THE SELF-COMPASSION WORKBOOK FOR TEENS

MINDFULNESS AND COMPASSION SKILLS TO OVERCOME SELF-CRITICISM AND EMBRACE WHO YOU ARE

New Harbinger Publications **Your teen years are a time of change, growth,**

and—all too often—psychological struggle. To make matters worse, you are often your own worst critic. The **Self-Compassion Workbook for Teens** offers valuable tools based in mindfulness and self-compassion to help you overcome self-judgment and self-criticism, cultivate compassion toward yourself and others, and embrace who you really are. As a teen, you're going through major changes—both physically and mentally. These changes can have a dramatic effect on how you perceive, understand, and interpret the world around you, leaving you feeling stressed and anxious. Additionally, you may also find yourself comparing yourself to others—whether its friends, classmates, or celebrities and models. And all of this comparison can leave you feeling like you just aren't enough. So, how can you move past feelings of stress and insecurity and start living the life you really want? Written by psychologist Karen Bluth and based on practices adapted from Kristin Neff and Christopher Germer's **Mindful Self-Compassion** program, this workbook offers fun and tactile exercises grounded in mindfulness and self-compassion to help you cope more effectively with the ongoing challenges of day-to-day life. You'll learn how to be present with difficult emotions, and respond to these emotions with greater kindness and self-care. By practicing these activities and meditations, you'll learn specific tools to help you navigate the emotional ups and downs of the teen years with greater ease. Life is imperfect—and so are we. But if you're ready to move past self-criticism and self-judgment and embrace your unique self, this compassionate guide will light the way.

HOW TO BE NICE TO YOURSELF - THE EVERYDAY GUIDE TO SELF COMPASSION

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO INCREASE SELF-LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE

Althea Press Practice deep self compassion with a wide range of strategies. Today's the day to start loving yourself. **How to Be Nice to Yourself** makes it simple to start practicing self compassion with a wide variety of techniques and strategies that anyone can learn. Filled with easy-to-use advice drawn from a variety of sources--including meditation, mindfulness, and acceptance and commitment therapy--this book will help you find the right way to start feeling good about yourself. **How to Be Nice to Yourself: The Everyday Guide to Self Compassion** includes: **Proven Strategies--Learn** a variety of ways to practice self compassion daily--with meditations, writing exercises, and more. **Practical Advice--Bring** self compassion to your thoughts, emotions, and actions with exercises that can easily be applied to your daily life. **Personalized Approach--Customize** your self compassion practice with a personalized plan based on what matters to you and the kind of changes you want to see. Start loving yourself with the techniques that work best for you. You'll discover them in **How to be Nice to Yourself: The Everyday Guide to Self Compassion**.

GOOD MORNING, I LOVE YOU

MINDFULNESS AND SELF-COMPASSION PRACTICES TO REWIRE YOUR BRAIN FOR CALM, CLARITY, AND JOY

A follow-up to the author's million-view TEDx Talk, this book explains that the missing ingredient that has prevented the mindfulness revolution from reaching its full potential is self-compassion—and how being as kind and loving to ourselves as we are to our loved ones has the power to rewire our brains for calm, clarity, and lifelong joy.

LIVING WELL WITH PAIN AND ILLNESS

THE MINDFUL WAY TO FREE YOURSELF FROM SUFFERING

ReadHowYouWant.com After two serious spinal injuries, Vidyamala Burch found herself facing the loneliness of disability and chronic pain with few skills or resources to turn to. But instead of giving up, she set out on a mission to embrace her physical challenges with compassion, acceptance, and peace. *Living Well with Pain and Illness* shares the fruits of her courageous life's work, teaching us how the practice of mindfulness can help us thrive in the face of health challenges of any kind. Drawing on the wisdom of a dozen years teaching meditation and a lifetime of study of the benefits of mindful living, Vidyamala encourages readers with insights and instruction in: The five-step model of mindfulness and how to use it to foster healing The Breathworks approach to meditation, and how to apply it to health concerns such as migraines, arthritis, and chronic fatigue Step-by-step techniques, illustrations, and case studies demonstrating how to effectively bring mindfulness into daily life Chronic pain has been called the modern world's silent epidemic. Billions are spent every year in an attempt to cope, yet the best solution available may be absolutely cost-free mindful living. In *Living Well with Pain and Illness*, Vidyamala Burch presents a work that is at once an inspirational memoir and practical guidebook for using mindfulness to reframe your relationship with physical and emotional suffering.

SELF-COMPASSION FOR DUMMIES

John Wiley & Sons Become your own best friend and reap the life-changing benefits! Being kind to yourself might sound simple, but self-compassion can change your life dramatically (and most of us are WAY kinder to others than to ourselves) *Self-Compassion For Dummies* will help you discover self-critical thoughts and self-defeating behaviors that are holding you back from fulfilling your potential and explore how you can learn to work around these things to find your way to more joy and satisfaction. We often think being hard on ourselves will help motivate us to be better people, but Dr. Steven Hickman's review of the research finds that just the opposite is true. When you learn to love and appreciate yourself completely (as an

imperfect human with messy feelings and uncomfortable thoughts), you free yourself up to achieve great things. This book will show you how! Befriending yourself and coping mindfully with the challenges of everyday life is easy with this practical guide. You'll learn how to give yourself a taste of your own medicine by turning understanding, acceptance, and love—stuff you already do for others all the time—inward. Discover the research behind self-compassion and learn how it can help you face your insecurities and live a fuller life as a result. Cultivate feelings of self-worth, acceptance, and love for someone who really deserves it—you! Explore the potential of self-compassion to address self-criticism, perfectionism, shame, self-doubt, anxiety, and anger. Work through evidence-based exercises and practices to easily master the art of self-compassion as a daily way of being and not just an esoteric exercise. Now more than ever, we need to offer support and love to ourselves. Thankfully, this is a skill we can all develop with a little help from *Self-Compassion For Dummies*.

TRUSTING THE GOLD

UNCOVERING YOUR NATURAL GOODNESS

Sounds True A beautifully illustrated gift book to help us uncover and trust the innate goodness in ourselves and others. We receive so many messages from our culture meant to divide us from one another or turn us against ourselves. Yet when we stop judging, stop avoiding, stop trying to resist that which makes us afraid or ashamed, we open to our true nature—a boundless field of awareness that is innately fearless and loving. This recognition of our essential human goodness may be the most radical act of healing we can take. “The gold of our true nature can never be tarnished,” says Tara Brach. “In the moments of remembering and trusting this basic goodness of our Being, we open to happiness, peace, and freedom.” In *Trusting the Gold*, Tara draws from more than four decades of experience as a meditation teacher and psychologist to share her most valuable practices for reconnecting with the beauty of our humanity—from timeless Buddhist wisdom to techniques adapted to the specific challenges of our modern age. Here you'll explore three pathways of remembering and living from your full aliveness: • Opening to the Truth of the present moment • Turning toward Love in any situation • Resting in the Freedom of our natural, radiant awareness “Even in the midst of our deepest emotional suffering, self-compassion is the pathway that will carry us home,” Dr. Brach writes. “What a joy to pause and behold our basic goodness, and to see how it shines through each of us. Seeing that secret beauty, we fall in love with all of life.”

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MINDFULNESS-BASED COMPASSIONATE LIVING

LIVING WITH HEART

Routledge **A Practical Guide to Mindfulness-Based Compassionate Living: Living with Heart** is a step-by-step guide for those who wish to deepen their mindfulness skills with compassion for a healthier, happier life and more fulfilling relationships. It offers a clear structure as well as ample freedom to adjust to individual needs, starting with learning to be kind to yourself and then expanding this to learn how to be kind to others. This guide consists of eight chapters that follow the eight sessions of the mindfulness-based compassionate living training programme. To enhance the learning experience, this book features accessible transcripts and downloadable audio exercises, as well as worksheets to explore experiences during exercises. It also includes suggestions for deepening practice at the end of each session. **A Practical Guide to Mindfulness-Based Compassionate Living** explores the science of compassion in an easy-to-understand and comprehensive manner, one which will appeal to both trained professionals and clients, or anyone wishing to deepen their mindfulness practice with 'heartfulness'.

TEACHING SELF-COMPASSION TO TEENS

Guilford Publications **Grounded in knowledge about the unique developmental challenges of adolescence, this book presents an innovative approach for teaching self-compassion to teens and young adults in clinical, educational, or community settings.** Lorraine Hobbs and Niina Tamura provide guided practices, creative exercises, and teaching strategies adapted from Kristin Neff and Christopher Germer's widely disseminated Mindful Self-Compassion program for adults. Case examples, sample dialogues, and scripts illustrate how to set up and run successful groups that address teen concerns such as self-criticism, self-esteem, social comparison, and strong emotions. The book offers guidelines for cultivating a personal practice and working with parents. Tips for providing a safe, effective learning environment are woven throughout; a special chapter covers trauma-sensitive teaching.

LIVING WITH YOUR HEART WIDE OPEN

HOW MINDFULNESS AND COMPASSION CAN FREE YOU FROM UNWORTHINESS, INADEQUACY, AND SHAME

New Harbinger Publications **The way we talk to ourselves is often unkind and filled with self-judgments. These overly harsh self-criticisms can make us feel unworthy and incomplete. What if what you really need is not higher standards for yourself, but greater self-compassion? In Living with Your Heart Wide Open, you'll discover how mindfulness and self-compassion can free you from the thoughts and beliefs that create feelings of inadequacy and learn to open your heart to the loving-kindness within you and in the world around you. Based in Western psychotherapy and Buddhist**

psychological principles, this book guides you past painful and self-limiting beliefs about yourself and toward a new perspective of nonjudgmental awareness and acceptance of who you are, just as you are. You'll receive gentle guidance in mindfulness and compassion practices that will lead you away from unproductive, self-critical thoughts and help you live more freely and fearlessly, with your heart wide open.

AARP HEALING YOUR EMOTIONAL SELF

A POWERFUL PROGRAM TO HELP YOU RAISE YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, QUIET YOUR INNER CRITIC, AND OVERCOME YOUR SHAME

John Wiley & Sons **AARP Digital Editions** offer you practical tips, proven solutions, and expert guidance. In *Healing Your Emotional Self*, Beverly Engel provides a program to help readers raise their self-esteem, quiet their inner critic, and overcome their shame. Those who were emotionally abused or neglected in childhood tend to suffer from self-criticism, low self-esteem, self-doubt, a poor body image, perfectionism, and unhealthy shame. Now renowned psychotherapist Beverly Engel presents a psychologically sound, step-by-step program to help adult survivors heal the damage to their self-image caused by negative parental messages and treatment. *Healing Your Emotional Self* shows readers how to become reunited with their true self, quiet their inner critic, raise their self-esteem, and begin to love their body. Engel also teaches survivors how to separate emotionally from their parents and provide for themselves what they missed as a child.

LIFE FALLS APART, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO

MINDFUL METHODS FOR STAYING CALM IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS

Mindful Methods for Life Press Julie Potiker turns some enormous lemons in her life into the sweetest lemonade in this wonderful book. She brings together practical brain science, powerful methods from psychotherapy, and her own friendly, funny, encouraging, and heartfelt voice to offer a wonderful roadmap and toolbox for when life throws some lemons at you.- Rick Hanson, PhD, author of *Buddha's Brain: The Practical Neuroscience of Happiness, Love, and Wisdom*; and *Hardwiring Happiness: The New Brain Science of Contentment, Calm, and Confidence*. At one point in her life, Julie Potiker was so stressed that she began manifesting symptoms of a stroke. It was at this point she realized she needed to change her life and find better ways of managing the challenges she would inevitably face. Now she's sharing the methods she developed with you. In this compassionate and courageous new guide, Potiker shows you how to find happiness apart from your children's lives, practice important self-care rituals, rewire your own brain to receive happiness, feel safe and comforted in the midst of the chaos, and listen to your inner critic without letting it tear you down. Potiker also introduces Jewish tradition into her

mindfulness lessons and explains the importance of following your own spiritual and emotional values as you embark on this new journey.

SELF-COMPASSION IN PSYCHOTHERAPY: MINDFULNESS-BASED PRACTICES FOR HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION

W. W. Norton & Company **Applying the art and science of self-compassion to day-to-day therapy work. This lucidly written guide integrates traditional Buddhist teachings and mindfulness with cutting-edge science from several distinct fields—including neurobiology, cognitive neuroscience, psychotherapy outcome research, and positive psychology—to explain how clinicians can help clients develop a more loving, kind, and forgiving attitude through self-compassion. The practice of self-compassion supports effective therapy in two vital ways: (1) It helps clients become a source of compassion for themselves; and (2) it helps therapists be happier and generate more compassion for their clients. Researchers now understand that self-compassion is a skill that can be strengthened through deliberate practice, and that it is one of the strongest predictors of mental health and wellness. The brain’s compassion center, which neuroscientists call the Care Circuit, can be targeted and fortified using specific techniques. Filled with illuminating case examples, *Self-Compassion in Psychotherapy* shows readers how to apply self-compassion practices in treatment. The first two chapters illuminate what self-compassion is, the science behind it, and why it is so beneficial in therapy. The rest of the book unpacks practical clinical applications, covering not only basic clinical principles but also specific, evidence-based techniques for building affect tolerance, affect regulation, and mindful thinking, working with self-criticism, self-sabotage, trauma, addiction, relationship problems, psychosis, and more, and overcoming common roadblocks. Readers do not need to have any background in mindfulness in order to benefit from this book. However, those that do will find that self-compassion practices have the capacity to add new layers of depth to mindfulness-based therapies such as Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), and Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT).**

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT

FREEING YOURSELF FROM THE SHAME OF CHILDHOOD ABUSE WITH THE POWER OF SELF-COMPASSION

New Harbinger Publications **Shame is one of the most destructive of human emotions. If you suffered childhood physical or sexual abuse, you may experience such intense feelings of shame that it almost seems to define you as a person. In order to begin healing, it’s important for you to know that it wasn’t your fault. In this gentle guide, therapist and childhood abuse expert Beverly Engel presents a mindfulness and compassion-based**

therapeutic approach to help you overcome the debilitating shame that keeps you tied to the past. By following the step-by-step exercises in this book, you'll gain a greater understanding of the root cause of your shame. And by cultivating compassion toward yourself, you will begin to heal and move past your painful experiences. Recent studies show that trauma survivors, particularly those with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) resulting from abuse, can greatly benefit from incorporating elements of self-compassion into their treatment. Furthermore, the practice of self-compassion has been shown to decrease PTSD symptoms, including, self-criticism, thought suppression, and rumination. This book is based on the author's powerful and effective Compassion Cure program. With this book, you will develop the skills needed to finally put a stop the crippling self-blame that keeps you from moving on and being happy. You'll learn to focus on your strengths, your courage, and your extraordinary ability to survive. Most of all, you'll learn to replace shame with its counter emotion—pride.

ARRIVING AT YOUR OWN DOOR

108 LESSONS IN MINDFULNESS

Hachette UK Mindfulness opens us up to the possibility of being fully human as we are, and of expressing the humane in our way of being. Mindlessness de facto closes us up and denies us the fullness of our being alive. This book may on the surface appear to be merely another offering in the genre of daily readings. But deep within these 108 selections lie messages of profound wisdom in a contemporary and practical form that can lead to both healing and transformation. We so urgently need to rotate in consciousness in order to safeguard what precious sanity is available to us on this planet. How we carry ourselves will determine the direction the world takes because, in a very real way, we are the world we inhabit. Our world is continuously being shaped by our participation in everything around us and within us through mindfulness. This is the great work of awareness. Welcome to the threshold . . . to the fullness of arriving at your own door!

THIS DIFFICULT THING OF BEING HUMAN

THE ART OF SELF-COMPASSION

Parallax Press We all long for someone to offer us unconditional love and support. But what if that person is us? The practice of mindful self-compassion creates the space we need so that observation, acceptance, and real love can enter, no matter how judgmental or disconnected we may feel. It sounds like a simple idea: to be kind to yourself. But if you pay attention to your thoughts, habits, and self-talk, you may find that it's more difficult than it sounds. The intentional practice of self-compassion, outlined here by Buddhist scholar and teacher Bodhipaksa, can help you

find greater overall wellbeing, emotional resilience, physical health, and willpower. Bodhipaksa provides both the why and the how of mindful self-compassion, drawing on contemporary psychology and neuroscience and also on Buddhist psychology, weaving the modern and ancient together into a coherent whole. Contemporary psychologists are focusing less on self-esteem and more on self-compassion. Bodhipaksa, a practicing meditator of more than thirty years, effortlessly blends ancient techniques dating back to the time of the Buddha with the most recent understanding of psychology and neuroscience. And in the end, as Bodhipaksa writes, it is actually quite simple: "Life is short. Be kind."

MIND OVER MOOD, SECOND EDITION

CHANGE HOW YOU FEEL BY CHANGING THE WAY YOU THINK

Guilford Publications "This life changing book helps readers use cognitive-behavioral therapy - one of today's most effective forms of psychotherapy - to conquer depression, anxiety, panic attacks, anger, guilt, shame, low self-esteem, eating disorders, substance abuse, and relationship problems. The second edition contains numerous new features : expanded content on anxiety ; chapters on setting personal goals and maintaining progress ; happiness rating scales ; gratitude journals ; innovative exercises focused on mindfulness, acceptance, and forgiveness; new worksheets ; and much more."--Publisher.

NATURAL WAKEFULNESS

DISCOVERING THE WISDOM WE WERE BORN WITH

Shambhala Publications There are two essential elements to the spiritual path says this popular teacher from the lineage of Chögyam Trungpa: (1) understanding that you're already enlightened, already perfect in wisdom right here and now, and (2) accessing that natural wakefulness through spiritual practice. These two aspects depend upon each other and work together. Gaylon Ferguson's teaching on the twin aspects of view and practice is a perfect introduction for the beginning meditator and it offers fresh perspectives for the non-beginner too.

MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR MIND

HOW MINDFULNESS AND COMPASSION CAN FREE YOU FROM YOUR INNER CRITIC

New World Library The inner critic is the voice inside our heads reminding us that we are never "good enough." It's behind the insidious thoughts that can make us second-guess our every action and doubt our own value. The inner critic might feel overpowering, but it can be managed effectively. Meditation teacher and therapist Mark Coleman helps readers understand and free themselves from the inner critic using the tools of mindfulness

and compassion. Each chapter offers constructive insights into what creates, drives, and disarms the critic; real people's journeys to inspire and guide readers; and simple practices anyone can use to live a free, happy, and flourishing life.

THE SELF-COMPASSION SKILLS WORKBOOK: A 14-DAY PLAN TO TRANSFORM YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOURSELF

W. W. Norton & Company **Step by step, learn powerful mindfulness-based techniques to feel happier and more alive. Do you struggle with stress or negativity? Learn how self-compassion can help you find greater health, peace, emotional stability, and joy. Cutting-edge research shows that self-compassion is not only a skill anyone can strengthen through practice but also one of the strongest predictors of mental health and wellness. The practices in this book have been specially formulated to target and fortify what neuroscientists call the "care circuit" of the brain. Devoting thirty minutes a day for just fourteen days to these simple practices can have life-changing results. Tim Desmond's "Map to Self-Compassion" will engage your mind, heart, and spirit. It will improve your ability to motivate yourself with kindness; regulate and defuse intense emotions, anxiety, and depression; be resilient during life's challenges; let go of self-criticism and destructive behavior; heal painful experiences; and be more present and compassionate with others. Experience the benefits firsthand! Features downloadable audio recordings for on-the-go practice.**

SELF COMPASSION

HEAL THY SELF

LESSONS ON MINDFULNESS IN MEDICINE

Harmony **"Perhaps our real work, whether offering or seeking care, is to recognize that the healing relationship--the field upon which patient and practitioner meet--is, to use the words of the mythologist Joseph Campbell, a 'self-mirroring mystery'--the embodiment of a singular human activity that raises essential questions about self, other, and what it means to heal thy self." --Saki Santorelli Today we are experiencing extraordinary technological advances in the diagnosis and treatment of illness while at the same time learning to take more responsibility for our own health and well-being. In this book, Saki Santorelli, director of the nationally acclaimed Stress Reduction Clinic, explores the ancient roots of medicine, and shows us how to introduce mindfulness into the crucible of the healing relationship, so that both patients and caregivers begin to acknowledge that we are all wounded and we are all whole. His approach revolutionizes the dynamics of the patient/practitioner relationship. In describing the classes at the clinic and the transformation that takes place in this alchemical process, he offers insights and effective methods for cultivating mindfulness in our everyday lives. As he reveals the inner landscape of his**

own life as a health care professional and we join him and those with whom he works on this journey of human suffering and courage, we become aware of and honor what is darkest and brightest within each one of us.

THE MINDFULNESS AND ACCEPTANCE WORKBOOK FOR SELF-ESTEEM

USING ACCEPTANCE AND COMMITMENT THERAPY TO MOVE BEYOND NEGATIVE SELF-TALK AND EMBRACE SELF-COMPASSION

New Harbinger Publications **You are more than you think. With this evidence-based guide, you'll learn to break free from the self-critical stories you've created about yourself, and develop the self-compassion and self-acceptance you need to reach your full potential. We all have stories we've created about ourselves—some of them positive and some of them negative. If you suffer from low self-esteem, your story may include these types of narratives: "I'm a failure," "I'll never be able to do that," or "If only I were smarter or more attractive, I could be happy." Ironically, at the end of the day, these narratives are your biggest roadblocks to achieving happiness and living the life you deserve. So, how can you break free from these stories—once and for all? Grounded in evidence-based acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), this workbook offers a step-by-step program to help you break free from self-doubt, learn to accept yourself and your faults, identify and cultivate your strengths, and reach your full potential. You'll also discover ways to take action and move toward the life you truly want, even when these actions trigger self-doubt. Finally, you'll learn to see yourself in all your complexity, with kindness and compassion.**

RADICAL COMPASSION

LEARNING TO LOVE YOURSELF AND YOUR WORLD WITH THE PRACTICE OF RAIN

Random House **'A powerful book that will free you from shame, fear, and negative self-beliefs. You will feel wiser, happier, and kinder after reading it'** Haemin Sunim **World-renowned meditation teacher Tara Brach shares a simple four-step practice to awaken compassion and release the grip of painful emotions: Recognize Allow Investigate Nurture Heartfelt and deeply practical, Radical Compassion teaches us to find healing and freedom through the sources of love, courage and deep wisdom alive within us all. 'Radical Compassion lays out a path of straightforward, accessible practices grounded in both modern brain science and ancient wisdom ... a masterpiece'** Rick Hanson **'This book is a treasure from one of the most spiritual teachers of our time'** Kristin Neff

MINDFULNESS

ANCIENT WISDOM MEETS MODERN PSYCHOLOGY

Guilford Publications **How does mindfulness promote psychological well-**

being? What are its core mechanisms? What value do contemplative practices add to approaches that are already effective? From leading meditation teacher Christina Feldman and distinguished psychologist Willem Kuyken, this book provides a uniquely integrative perspective on mindfulness and its applications. The authors explore mindfulness from its roots in Buddhist psychology to its role in contemporary psychological science. In-depth case examples illustrate how and why mindfulness training can help people move from distress and suffering to resilience and flourishing. Readers are guided to consider mindfulness not only conceptually, but also experientially, through their own journey of mindfulness practice.