



**Books on  
Prescription**

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at your local library

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Recommended and endorsed  
by health professionals



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**Reading Well  
Mood-boosting Books**

*Reading Well Mood-boosting Books* is a national promotion of uplifting titles, including novels, poetry and non-fiction. The books are recommended by readers.

Libraries are the ideal places to find mood-boosting books. For more information, go to [www.readingagency.org.uk/readingwell](http://www.readingagency.org.uk/readingwell)

**Join a reading group**

Reading groups can be a good way of bringing people together, promoting well-being and reducing isolation. They cater for all sorts of people and all kinds of reading tastes and abilities.

To find a reading group near you, visit [www.readinggroups.org](http://www.readinggroups.org)

Ask in your local library for more information about reading groups and other relevant services.

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**Tell us what you think**

We would like to hear your views on *Reading Well Books on Prescription*. You will find a simple and confidential online form at [www.readingagency.org.uk/readingwell](http://www.readingagency.org.uk/readingwell)

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**Recommended reading**

Title	Author	Publisher
<b>Anger</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Anger and Irritability</b>	William Davies	Constable & Robinson
<b>Anxiety</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Anxiety</b>	Helen Kennerley	Constable & Robinson
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Anxiety, Stress and Panic: A Five Areas Approach</b>	Chris Williams	CRC Press
<input type="radio"/> <b>Feel the Fear and Do it Anyway</b>	Susan Jeffers	Vermilion
<b>Binge eating/Bulimia Nervosa</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Binge Eating</b>	Christopher G. Fairburn	Guilford Press
<input type="radio"/> <b>Getting Better Bit(e) by Bit(e): A Survival Kit for Sufferers of Bulimia Nervosa and Binge Eating Disorders</b>	Ulrike Schmidt and Janet Treasure	Routledge
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Bulimia Nervosa and Binge Eating</b>	Peter J. Cooper	Constable & Robinson
<b>Chronic fatigue</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (second edition)</b>	Frankie Campling and Michael Sharpe	Oxford University Press
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Chronic Fatigue</b>	Mary Burgess with Trudie Chalder	Constable & Robinson
<b>Chronic pain</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Chronic Pain</b>	Frances Cole, Catherine Carus, Hazel Howden-Leach and Helen Macdonald	Constable & Robinson
<b>Depression</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Depression and Low Mood: A Five Areas Approach (third edition)</b>	Chris Williams	CRC Press
<input type="radio"/> <b>Mind Over Mood: Change How You Feel by Changing the Way You Think</b>	Dennis Greenberger and Christine Padesky	Guilford Press
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Depression</b>	Paul Gilbert	Constable & Robinson
<b>Health anxiety</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Health Anxiety</b>	David Veale and Rob Willson	Constable & Robinson
<input type="radio"/> <b>An Introduction to Coping with Health Anxiety</b>	Brenda Hogan and Charles Young	Constable & Robinson
<b>Obsessions and compulsions</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Obsessive Compulsive Disorder</b>	David Veale and Rob Willson	Constable & Robinson
<input type="radio"/> <b>Understanding Obsessions and Compulsions</b>	Frank Tallis	Sheldon Press
<input type="radio"/> <b>Break Free from OCD: Overcoming Obsessive Compulsive Disorder with CBT</b>	Fiona Challacombe, Victoria Bream Oldfield and Paul M. Salkovskis	Vermilion

# What is Reading Well Books on Prescription?

*Reading Well Books on Prescription* helps you manage your well-being using self-help reading. The scheme is endorsed by health professionals and supported by public libraries.

The books provide helpful information and step-by-step self-help techniques for managing common conditions, including depression and anxiety.

## How does it work?

As part of your treatment, you may have been recommended a self-help book by your GP, psychological well-being practitioner or another health professional.

The self-help books are also available for anyone to borrow from the local library.

### What do I do now?

- Go to your local library where you can borrow the book for free.
- If the book is not available, you can reserve it. Free reservations are available in most libraries.
- Read the book carefully and follow the practical exercises and activities suggested.
- Some books are available in different formats. See [www.readingagency.org.uk/readingwell](http://www.readingagency.org.uk/readingwell) for more information.

## Joining the library

It is easy to join your local library. In most libraries the book recommendation form will act as suitable ID if it has been signed by a health professional. Library book loans and borrower details are treated as strictly confidential.

## Can books really help?

There is good evidence from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) that self-help books can help people understand and manage common conditions, including depression and anxiety.

Although books can sometimes work on their own, research has shown that self-help approaches work best when there is support from a health professional. If you have been referred to an Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service, you might be seen by a psychological well-being practitioner, who can guide you through the information.

The books have all been recommended by experts. They have been tried and tested and found to be useful.

## What if the book doesn't help?

If you find that the book you are reading is not helping, you should contact your GP or another health professional.

You can also visit [www.iapt.nhs.uk/services](http://www.iapt.nhs.uk/services) and [www.nhs.uk/moodzone](http://www.nhs.uk/moodzone)

The following organisations also offer help and/or information:

### The Samaritans

[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

Call 08457 90 90 90  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### Mind

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

Info line: 0300 123 3393

### Mental Health Helplines Partnership

[www.mhhp.org.uk](http://www.mhhp.org.uk)

### The Royal College of Psychiatrists

[www.rcpsych.ac.uk/info](http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/info)

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<b>Panic</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Panic and Agoraphobia</b>	Derrick Silove and Vijaya Manicavasagar	Constable & Robinson
<input type="radio"/> <b>Panic Attacks: What They Are, Why They Happen and What You Can Do About Them</b>	Christine Ingham	HarperCollins
<b>Phobias</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>An Introduction to Coping with Phobias</b>	Brenda Hogan	Constable & Robinson
<b>Relationship problems</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Relationship Problems</b>	Michael Crowe	Constable & Robinson
<b>Self-esteem</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Low Self-esteem</b>	Melanie Fennell	Constable & Robinson
<input type="radio"/> <b>The Feeling Good Handbook</b>	David Burns	Penguin
<b>Sleep problems</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Insomnia and Sleep Problems</b>	Colin A. Espie	Constable & Robinson
<b>Social phobia</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>Overcoming Social Anxiety and Shyness</b>	Gillian Butler	Constable & Robinson
<b>Stress</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>The Relaxation and Stress Reduction Workbook</b>	Martha Davis	New Harbinger
<input type="radio"/> <b>Manage Your Stress for a Happier Life</b>	Terry Looker and Olga Gregson	Hodder
<b>Worry</b>		
<input type="radio"/> <b>The Worry Cure: Stop Worrying and Start Living</b>	Robert L. Leahy	Piatkus Books
<input type="radio"/> <b>How to Stop Worrying</b>	Frank Tallis	Sheldon Press

Prescriber's further information or additional recommendations:

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### Joining the library

If you are not yet a member of your local library and would like to join, please insert your name and address and hand the form to a member of the library staff:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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