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**Curious** - Ian Leslie 2014-08-26

Today it seems we have the world at our fingertips. Thanks to smartphones and tools such as Google and Wikipedia, we're able to feed any aspect of our curiosity instantly. But does this mean we are actually becoming more curious? Absolutely not. In *Curious*, Ian Leslie argues that true curiosity—the sustained quest for understanding that begets insight and innovation—is becoming increasingly difficult to harness in our wired world. We confuse ease of access to information with curiosity, and risk losing our ability to ask questions that extend our knowledge gap rather than merely filling it. Worst of all, this decline in curiosity has led to a decline in empathy and our ability to care about those around us. Combining the latest science with an urgent call to cultivate curious minds, *Curious* draws on psychology, social history, and popular culture to show that being deeply curious is our only hope when it comes to solving current crises—as well as an essential part of being human.

**Positive Psychology** - William C. Compton 2019-01-09

Topically organized, *Positive Psychology: The Science of Happiness and Flourishing* presents a highly engaging, up-to-date introduction to positive psychology. Authors William C. Compton and Edward Hoffman invite students to apply practices to their own lives, contexts, and experiences to ensure understanding. The text examines how positive psychology applies to stressors and health within such traditional research areas as developmental, clinical, personality, motivational, social, and behavioral psychology. Furthermore, the text offers perspectives on positive emotional states, research and theory on positive traits, coverage of positive institutions, and a look at the future of positive psychology. The Third Edition reflects significant growth in the field with hundreds of new references and expanded content on topics including mindfulness, money and subjective well-being, and romantic love.

*The Compassionate-Mind Guide to Overcoming Anxiety* - Dennis

Tirch 2012-06-01

Anxiety is not your fault. There are many factors that contribute to developing a mind that is prone to intense anxiety, and if you have such a mind, there are many things you can do to change the way it works. Research has shown that practicing kindness and compassion soothes experiences of fear, while self-critical thoughts tend to intensify them. If you become frustrated with your anxious reactions or consistently try to talk yourself out of your anxiety, it may be time to try a different approach. The compassion-focused therapy (CFT) based program in *The Compassionate-Mind Guide to Overcoming Anxiety* will help you learn to be kinder to yourself while you soothe your anxious impulses. Complete with worksheets, exercises, and meditation practices, this book includes everything you need to learn mindfulness and compassion-focused skills for redirecting your anxious thoughts and allowing yourself to enjoy a more peaceful life. By learning to be a compassionate witness to your own pain, you will also learn to be fully present in the moment, and develop healthier, more fluid ways of responding to life's struggles. This resourceful guide aims to help you understand the nature of your anxiety, the best ways of dealing with it, and how your mind can help you cope with it.

*The Human Quest for Meaning* - Paul T. P. Wong 2013-06-19

The first edition of *The Human Quest for Meaning* was a major publication on the empirical research of meaning in life and its vital role in well-being, resilience, and psychotherapy. This new edition continues that quest and seeks to answer the questions, what is the meaning of life? How do we explain what constitutes meaningful relationships, work, and living? The answers, as the eminent scholars and practitioners who contributed to this text find, are neither simple nor straightforward. While seeking to clarify subjective vs. objective meaning in 21 new and 7 revised chapters, the authors also address the differences in cultural contexts, and identify 8 different sources of meaning, as well as at

least 6 different stages in the process of the search for meaning. They also address different perspectives, including positive psychology, self-determination, integrative, narrative, and relational perspectives, to ensure that readers obtain the most thorough information possible. Mental health practitioners will find the numerous meaning-centered interventions, such as the PURE and ABCDE methods, highly useful in their own work with facilitating healing and personal growth in their clients. *The Human Quest for Meaning* represents a bold new vision for the future of meaning-oriented research and applications. No one seeking to truly understand the human condition should be without it.

65+. *The Best Years of Your Life* - Peter Bowden 2019-02-15

What is the key to happiness in later life? Since the time of the ancient philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle, the human race has questioned and written about what makes us happy. But with the rise of life expectancy and rapidly ageing populations, happiness in later life has become a major topic of debate. Drawing on three sources, the lessons of history, a survey of 150 people aged over 65 and the findings of the present-day positive psychologists, this book analyses and considers what it means to be in happy in later life and how it can be achieved. Bowden reflects on our many and differing views of life after retirement and finds lessons that can also contribute to our happiness in earlier years. Importantly, this book also asks, and answers, what role governments and our social institutions play in bringing about happiness. This valuable and well-informed insight into happiness in later life leaves the reader with little doubt that the post-65 years can indeed be your best.

*The Power of Meditation* - Edward Viljoen 2013-08-29

Winner of the 2014 Nautilus Award represents "Better Books for a Better World"—the Silver Award in the category of Religion /Spirituality: Eastern Traditions. This wise and delightful guide to the benefits of meditation practices will help readers cultivate a

calm, peaceful, and enlightened lifestyle. Drawing from his years of experience as a teacher, spiritual leader, and avid meditator, Edward Viljoen directs readers down the path to enlightenment using wisdom such as: Mindfulness practices—Train yourself to become absorbed in a purposefully chosen activity. Sitting practices—Reduce the use of mental and physical resources as much as possible by sitting still and silently. Creative practices—Employ such devices as journaling, observing, and focusing on a favorite literary or spiritual passage. Featuring personal anecdotes and stories from the author's spiritual teachings, *The Power of Meditation* goes beyond a simple how-to book and offers a wonderful reading experience that will inspire readers to live more wise and fulfilling lives.

*The Science of Boredom* - Sandi Mann 2017-11-02

Are we living in an age where we are more boredom-prone? Or are other people boring us? Or could we be that boring person?! In our current information age, we are constantly connected to technology, and have so many varied ways to spend our leisure time that we should all surely never know what boredom feels like. Yet, boredom appears to be on the rise; it seems that the more we have to stimulate us, the more stimulation we crave. In a quest to relieve our boredom, we engage in dangerous risk-taking - from extreme sports to drugs to gambling to anti-social behaviour, or we overindulge in shopping or eating. *The Science of Boredom* explores the causes and consequences of boredom in the fast-paced twenty-first century. Parents are desperate to keep their children entertained during every waking moment, the education system is geared towards interactivity, and attention spans are dropping as we use multiple devices at all times. But the world of work can be increasingly repetitive and routine, and we are losing the ability to tolerate this everyday tedium. Using Sandi Mann's own ground-breaking research into boredom, this book tells the story of how we act, react and cope when we are bored, and argues that there is a positive side to boredom. It can

be a catalyst for humour, fun, reflection, creativity and inspiration. The radical solution to the 'boredom problem' is to harness it rather than try to avoid it. Allowing yourself time away from constant stimuli can enrich your life. We should all embrace our boredom and see the upside of our downtime.

**Nutrition in Lifestyle Medicine** - James M. Rippe 2016-12-29

This newest addition to the Nutrition and Health series focuses on nutrition's key role in lifestyle interventions to prevent and manage diseases. The book pays particular attention to nutritional considerations related to obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Edited by cardiologist, Dr. James Rippe, a well-known expert in the nascent specialty of Lifestyle Medicine, *Nutrition in Lifestyle Medicine* will also focus on a variety of specialized areas such as nutrition for athletes and physically active individuals, hydration, and nutrition throughout the life cycle (spanning from children to individuals over the age of 60). In addition, chapters will be included on controversies in nutrition, such as health effects of added sugars and saturated fatty acids in the diet. Finally, specialized chapters will be included in such areas as nutrition for women, nutrition for men, nutrition for latinos, the use of supplements, communication about nutrition, public policy issues, and the interface between nutrition and physical activity. Lifestyle Medicine, supported by the American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine, Dr. Rippe's textbook *Lifestyle Medicine* (CRC Press, 2013) and American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM), is a new national medicine specialty that stresses the use of lifestyle interventions in the treatment and management of disease. Its practitioners effectively manage medical treatments alongside the lifestyle interventions, for example lowering insulin treatment for patients with diabetes, reducing the dose of anti-hypertension medications for people with hypertension, and prescribing certain medical interventions that aid in smoking cessation.

**Curiosity and Power** - Perry Zurn 2021-03-30

A trailblazing exploration of the political stakes of curiosity. Curiosity is political. Who is curious, when, and how reflects the social values and power structures of a given society. In *Curiosity and Power*, Perry Zurn explores the political philosophy of curiosity, staking the groundbreaking claim that it is a social force—the heartbeat of political resistance and a critical factor in social justice. He argues that the very scaffolding of curiosity is the product of political architectures, and exploring these values and architectures is crucial if we are to better understand, and more ethically navigate, the struggle over inquiry in an unequal world. *Curiosity and Power* explores curiosity through the lens of political philosophy—weaving in Nietzsche, Foucault, and Derrida in doing so—and the experience of political marginalization, demonstrating that curiosity is implicated equally in the maintenance of societies and in their transformation. Curiosity plays as central a role in establishing social institutions and fields of inquiry as it does in their deconstruction and in building new forms of political community. Understanding curiosity is critical to understanding politics, and understanding politics is critical to understanding curiosity. Drawing not only on philosophy and political theory but also on feminist theory, race theory, disability studies, and trans studies, *Curiosity and Power* tracks curiosity in the structures of political marginalization and resistance—from the Civil Rights Movement to building better social relationships. *Curiosity and Power* insists that the power of curiosity be recognized and engaged responsibly.

*ACT Made Simple* - Russ Harris 2019-05-01

Now fully-revised and updated, this second edition of *ACT Made Simple* includes new information and chapters on self-compassion, flexible perspective taking, working with trauma, and more. Why is it so hard to be happy? Why is life so difficult? Why do humans suffer so much? And what can we realistically do about it? No matter how rewarding your job, as a mental health professional, you may sometimes feel helpless in the face of these

questions. You are also well aware of the challenges and frustrations that can present during therapy. If you're looking for ways to optimize your client sessions, consider joining the many thousands of therapists and life coaches worldwide who are learning acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT). With a focus on mindfulness, client values, and a commitment to change, ACT is proven-effective in treating depression, anxiety, stress, addictions, eating disorders, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder (BPD), and myriad other psychological issues. It's also a revolutionary new way to view the human condition—packed full of exciting new tools, techniques, and strategies for promoting profound behavioral change. A practical primer, ideal for ACT newcomers and experienced ACT professionals alike, *ACT Made Simple* offers clear explanations of the six ACT processes and a set of real-world tips and solutions for rapidly and effectively implementing them in your practice. This book gives you everything you need to start using ACT with your clients for impressive results. Inside, you'll find: scripts, exercises, metaphors, and worksheets to use with your clients; a session-by-session guide to implementing ACT; transcripts from therapy sessions; guidance for creating your own therapeutic techniques and exercises; and practical tips to overcome "therapy roadblocks." This book aims to take the complex theory and practice of ACT and make it accessible and enjoyable for therapists and clients.

*Designing Positive Psychology* - Kennon M. Sheldon 2011-01-31  
Positive psychology exploded into public consciousness 10 years ago and has continued to capture attention around the world ever since. This book evaluates the first decade of this fledgling field of study from the perspective of nearly every leading researcher in the field.

*Character Strengths and Virtues* - Christopher Peterson  
2004-04-08

"Character" has become a front-and-center topic in contemporary

discourse, but this term does not have a fixed meaning. Character may be simply defined by what someone does not do, but a more active and thorough definition is necessary, one that addresses certain vital questions. Is character a singular characteristic of an individual, or is it composed of different aspects? Does character--however we define it--exist in degrees, or is it simply something one happens to have? How can character be developed? Can it be learned? Relatedly, can it be taught, and who might be the most effective teacher? What roles are played by family, schools, the media, religion, and the larger culture? This groundbreaking handbook of character strengths and virtues is the first progress report from a prestigious group of researchers who have undertaken the systematic classification and measurement of widely valued positive traits. They approach good character in terms of separate strengths--authenticity, persistence, kindness, gratitude, hope, humor, and so on--each of which exists in degrees. Character Strengths and Virtues classifies twenty-four specific strengths under six broad virtues that consistently emerge across history and culture: wisdom, courage, humanity, justice, temperance, and transcendence. Each strength is thoroughly examined in its own chapter, with special attention to its meaning, explanation, measurement, causes, correlates, consequences, and development across the life span, as well as to strategies for its deliberate cultivation. This book demands the attention of anyone interested in psychology and what it can teach about the good life.

**Wild Curiosity** - Erik Shonstrom 2015-12-17

Wild Curiosity brings together cutting-edge neuroscience and psychology research with simple, effective advice for parents and teachers on how to ignite the fire of curiosity in children. The author offers a new way to think about parenting and teaching—one that values autonomy, creativity, and celebrates the spontaneous and unexpected joys of learning. Following the groundbreaking work of researchers like Peter Gray and thought-

leaders like Richard Louv, the book offers justification for the de-institutionalization of learning and a roadmap for how to create engaging, inspiring, and exciting experiences to nurture curiosity for children of all ages.

**Positively Resilient** - Doug Hensch 2016-10-24

What is resilience? Is it just a fancy way to characterize a hopeful, upbeat personality or a positive spirit of never giving up? In *Positively Resilient*, Doug Hensch aims to take a different look at what turns out to be a much richer and deeper concept than just bouncing back from adversity. Martin Seligman, considered the father of positive psychology, has likened resilience to clearing the weeds from a rose garden, which can only reach its potential if the weeds are kept in check. Human beings face “weeds” of their own: Layoffs, health issues, stock market crashes, threats of terrorism, and natural disasters are all too common. Americans are busier, more stressed, and more anxious and depressed than they were during the Great Depression. Based on more than 40 years of research and 20 years of professional experience, *Positively Resilient* will help you discover: How any efforts toward personal change can be enhanced using several simple steps. That being psychologically flexible is critical to thinking through the mountain of information we receive every day. How to incorporate mindfulness and curiosity into your life. How our emotions help us to navigate our environment. Why true support and connection are critical to being resilient.

**First Steps to Seeing** - Emma Kidd 2015-06-18

In the twenty-first century we are confronted with a rapidly changing world full of social, economic and environmental uncertainties. We are all inherently connected to this changing world and in order to create the best possible conditions for life to thrive, we must each develop an inner capacity to respond and adapt to life in new, creative and innovative ways. The author of this visionary book argues that the path to a happy, healthy and peaceful world begins with the individual. By learning to

recognise our cognitive habits of interrupting and defining life through our fixed ideas, labels and judgements, we can begin to develop a dynamic way of seeing that enables us to perceive and respond to life with greater attentiveness. First Steps in Seeing reveals a practical set of stepping stones that guide the reader into this dynamic way of seeing and relating. Using personal stories, practical exercises and real-world case studies in development, education and business, the author takes the reader on a journey to explore how to give our full attention to life, and how to enliven the world that we each co-create. An inspiring guide for all those working for social change in youth work, business, education or research, or simply seeking fresh paths in life.

**The Upside of Your Dark Side** - Todd B. Kashdan 2014-09-25  
Audible Best Seller of 2017 Inc. 11 Great Business Books New York Magazine Best Psychology Books LinkedIn's 12 Books on Leadership to Read Two mavericks in the field of positive psychology deliver a timely message Happiness experts have long told us to tune out our negative emotions and focus instead on mindfulness, positivity, and optimism. Researchers Todd Kashdan, Ph.D., and Robert Biswas-Diener, Dr. Philos., disagree. Positive emotions alone are not enough. Anger makes us creative, selfishness makes us brave, and guilt is a powerful motivator. The real key to success lies in emotional agility. Drawing upon extensive scientific research and a wide array of real-life examples, The Upside of Your Dark Side will be embraced by business leaders, parents, and everyone else who's ready to put their entire psychological tool kit to work.

**Ageing Rewired** - Lynne Dorling 2022-08-28  
Lynne Dorling, MCIPD and positive psychology coach, has spent the last couple of years researching the topic of 'positive ageing'. In Ageing Rewired, she shares findings from her own research, coaching case studies and highlights from selected secondary research on this topic. The demographic age shift has been well

documented and for the first time ever in the UK, there are more people aged 60 and over than there are aged 19 and below. Whilst this obviously has huge implications for society, health systems and government, Lynne tackles the issue from an individual perspective encouraging people to take a more proactive approach to their own ageing process. Much of the existing advice for approaching later life focuses on the physical elements of ageing. Ageing Rewired tackles this subject from an emotional and psychological angle. There is some compelling evidence for the advantages of taking control of our own mind set to optimise our later years. Lynne has identified 8 positive character traits which 'super agers' have in common and draws on her 20 years of coaching experience to illustrate these. The good news is that all of these traits can be developed. The book defines each characteristic, explains why it's important and offers tips and techniques for enhancement. She challenges some of the negative stereotypes and assumptions around ageing, showing real life pioneers who live and breathe the qualities we can all influence if we choose to do so. Lynne also sets the tone and engages the reader by sharing her own personal experiences of ageing.

**Rise of the DEO** - Maria Giudice 2013-09-17  
The majority of companies, their employees and their leaders navigate a space where competitors appear overnight, customers demand innovations monthly, business plans rarely last a full year and career ladders have been replaced by trampolines. This environment of constant change will only accelerate in the future and traditional business leaders are ill equipped to deal with it. Just as we took our cues from MBAs and the military in casting the ideal CEO of the 20th century, we can look to design - in its broadest form - to model our future leader, the DEO. These leaders possess characteristics, behaviors and mindsets that allow them to excel in unpredictable, fast-moving and value-charged conditions. They are catalysts for transformation and

agents of change. A hybrid of strategic business executive and creative problem-solver, the DEO is willing to take on anything as an object of design and looks at ALL problems as design challenges. Readers will learn not only why this form of leadership is essential to the success of modern organizations, but also what characteristics are best suited to this role. Through intimate conversations with leading DEOs, we explore the mindsets, communities, processes and practices common to creative business leaders. The book lays out—graphically and through example—how DEOs run their companies and why this approach makes sense now. We help readers identify these skills in themselves and their colleagues, and we guide them in using these skills to build, revive or reinvent the next generation of great companies and organization.

The Courage Quotient - Robert Biswas-Diener 2012-04-10

The keys to understanding and developing courage This groundbreaking book reveals that courage is more about managing fear than not feeling it, and that courage can be learned. The author explains that most courageous people are unaware of their own bravery, and all of us have some form of courage in our lives now, to start with. The book is filled with illustrative examples, studies, and interviews from Greenland to Kenya, and defines the types of individuals who demonstrate general, personal, and civil courage. The author includes clear guidelines and suggestions for increasing our ability to be courageous. Includes guidelines that show how anyone can ramp-up their courage quotient and develop the qualities that strengthen personal courage Contains a wealth of examples and anecdotes of real-world courage from a variety of cultures A prolific writer, the author has a popular blog Psychology Today The author extols the virtues of personal courage and shows how to overcome fear and stand up for what is right.

**Designing Positive Psychology** - Kennon M. Sheldon  
2011-01-31

Positive psychology exploded into public consciousness 10 years ago and has continued to capture attention around the world ever since. The movement promised to study positive human nature, using only the most rigorous scientific tools and theories. How well has this promise been fulfilled? This book evaluates the first decade of this fledgling field of study from the perspective of nearly every leading researcher in the field. Scholars in the areas of social, personality, clinical, biological, emotional, and applied psychology take stock of their fields, while bearing in mind the original manifesto and goals of the positive psychology movement. They provide honest, critical evaluations of the flaws and untapped potential of their fields of study. The contributors design the optimal future of positive psychology by addressing gaps, biases, and methodological limitations, and exploring exciting new questions.

Cracking the Curiosity Code - Diane Hamilton 2019-01-28

Everyone is born curious. So, what happens? Why do some people become less curious than others? For individuals, leaders, and companies to be successful, they must determine the things that hold curiosity hostage. Think of the most innovative companies and you will notice they employ people who do not accept the status quo, they aren't reluctant to change, they evolve with the times, they look for problems to solve, and focus on asking questions. Drawing on decades research and incorporating interviews from some of the top leaders of our time, Hamilton examines the factors that impact curiosity including fear, assumptions, technology, and environment (FATE). Through her ground-breaking research, she has created the Curiosity Code Index (CCI) assessment to determine how these factors have impacted curiosity and to provide an action plan to transform individuals and organizations to help improve areas impacted by curiosity, including innovation, engagement, creativity, and productivity. "I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious" - Albert Einstein

### **Surviving Teacher Burnout** - Amy L. Eva 2022-09-01

A teacher's self-care guide for building resilience, boosting emotional strength, and finding hope in the face of daily stress and overwhelming challenges. If you're an educator who works with children, you often face intense pressure in the classroom. This was true before the pandemic, but now you may be feeling it even more. You aren't alone. From having to adapt to remote learning on the spot, to balancing the impacts of the pandemic on your personal life, many teachers are experiencing record levels of stress, trauma, and burnout. In addition, as an entire generation of students struggle to meet the academic and social emotional learning (SEL) challenges caused by an extended remote learning, you may be dealing with kids who are anxious, traumatized, and likely a year or two behind developmentally as they return to the classroom. It's a lot to manage, and you may feel like you are at your breaking point. Written by an educational director at the Greater Good Science Center, *Surviving Teacher Burnout* is a 52-week self-care guide for teachers that features simple, low-lift strategies for increasing resilience and fostering greater well-being, confidence, and hope. Grounded in research-based positive psychology, the book offers tons of practical activities and journal-style prompts to help you cultivate feelings of gratitude, optimism, mindfulness, forgiveness, empathic joy, self-compassion, purpose, and curiosity—so you can return to your classroom each day with renewed energy and inspiration. You'll also find doable strategies to share with other educators to help infuse more positive energy in classrooms and schools, and create more supportive systems that promote a sense of meaning, belonging, and connectedness among teachers and students. If you're like many educators, you may feel you lack the time and energy to engage in self-care practices. This guide offers bite-sized insights and activities that are simple, approachable, and usable, so you can thrive in the classroom, in your community, and in life!

### **The Year of Living Virtuously** - Teresa Jordan 2014-12-16

Benjamin Franklin was in his early twenties when he embarked on a "bold and arduous project of arriving at moral perfection," intending to master the virtues of temperance, silence, order, resolution, frugality, industry, sincerity, justice, moderation, cleanliness, tranquility, chastity, and humility. He soon gave up on perfection but continued to believe that these virtues, coupled with a generous heart and a bemused acceptance of human frailty, laid the foundation for not only a good life but also a workable society. Writer and visual artist Teresa Jordan wondered if Franklin's perhaps antiquated notions of virtue might offer guidance to a nation increasingly divided by angry righteousness. She decided to try to live his list for a year, focusing on each virtue for a week at a time and taking weekends off to attend to the seven deadly sins. The journal she kept became this collection of beautifully illustrated essays, weaving personal anecdotes with the views of theologians, philosophers, ethicists, evolutionary biologists, and a whole range of scholars and scientists within the emerging field of consciousness studies. Teresa Jordan offers a wry and intimate journey into a year in midlife devoted to the challenge of trying to live authentically.

### **Adventure In Everything** - Matt Walker 2011-09-15

Have you ever wondered how others have reached their goals? Have you ever wanted to be more engaged and present? Have you ever wanted your life to be filled with adventure? Most of us have. It's important to note, though, that you don't need to climb Mount Everest, row across the Pacific Ocean, swim the English Channel, or ski to the North Pole to experience a life of adventure. In reality, finding it is a lifestyle choice that reconnects you with your dreams and passions. In *Adventure in Everything*, you'll learn a framework for making changes guaranteed to weave excitement and a sense of possibility into every single day. Whether it's finding a dream job, discovering a way to turn old responsibilities into new passions, enhancing your

most significant relationships, or constructing a completely different way of being in this world, you have the potential for a life infused with exciting possibilities. With *Adventure in Everything*, you will discover this for yourself.

*Sacred Stress* - George R. Faller, MS, LMFT 2016-04-20

Learn how to understand and use your stress for positive change.

With up-to-date analysis, real-life examples and spiritual practices, this book explores the effects of stress and ways to honor its symptoms. Rather than be limited by a perspective of distress, you can use stress as a catalyst for growth in all areas of life.

*The Mindfulness and Acceptance Workbook for Social Anxiety and Shyness* - Jan E. Fleming 2013-06-01

Shyness is a common problem that comes with a high price. If you suffer from shyness or social anxiety you might avoid social situations and may have trouble connecting with others due to an extreme fear of humiliation, rejection, and judgment. As a shy person, you may also experience panic attacks that make it even more likely that you'll avoid social situations. With *The Mindfulness and Acceptance Workbook for Social Anxiety and Shyness*, the authors' acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) program for overcoming shyness has become available to the public for the first time. This program has been found to be highly effective in research studies for the treatment of social anxiety disorder and related subclinical levels of shyness. In the first section, you will confront performance fears, test anxiety, shy bladder, and interpersonal fears—fundamental symptoms of social anxiety. The second part helps you learn psychological flexibility to improve your ability to accept the feelings, thoughts, and behavior that may arise as you learn to work past your anxiety. By keeping your values front and center, you will gradually learn to move beyond your fears and toward greater social confidence. This book has been awarded The Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Self-Help Seal of Merit —

an award 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.

*You: Rebranded* - Richie Manu 2014-10-31

This book will inspire and enthuse you and change the way you think about yourself and your career. *You: Rebranded* delivers a distinct, provocative and abstract perspective in a compelling practical guide, with indispensable creative elements to improve your career prospects, opportunities and networks, whether you are at the start of your career or finding new paths and direction in your current career. It also serves as a sign post to other essential material, with links and pointers to unique interviews, stories, anecdotes and references. It also puts the reader in full control with digestible, and manageable, tasks and actions which have proven results. Key subjects and features include: • Know your Industry: Know yourself • Building and nurturing important relationships • Key interviews and perspectives • New mode of engagement for 21st Century thinking • Differentiating Yourself • Breaking career myths and misconceptions • Vocabulary, codes and clues • Wellbeing • Manageable Actions and Tasks putting you in control

***Hardwiring Happiness*** - Rick Hanson, PhD 2016-12-27

With New York Times bestselling author, Dr. Hanson's four steps, you can counterbalance your brain's negativity bias and learn to hardwire happiness in only a few minutes each day. Why is it easier to ruminate over hurt feelings than it is to bask in the warmth of being appreciated? Because your brain evolved to learn quickly from bad experiences and slowly from good ones, but you can change this. Life isn't easy, and having a brain wired to take in the bad and ignore the good makes us worried, irritated, and stressed, instead of confident, secure, and happy.

But each day is filled with opportunities to build inner strengths and Dr. Rick Hanson, an acclaimed clinical psychologist, shows what you can do to override the brain's default pessimism. *Hardwiring Happiness* lays out a simple method that uses the hidden power of everyday experiences to build new neural structures full of happiness, love, confidence, and peace. You'll learn to see through the lies your brain tells you. Dr. Hanson's four steps build strengths into your brain to make contentment and a powerful sense of resilience the new normal. In just minutes a day, you can transform your brain into a refuge and power center of calm and happiness.

**Toward New Philosophical Explorations of the Epistemic Desire to Know** - Marianna Papastephanou 2019-03-25

This collection of essays explores curiosity from many philosophical perspectives of relevance to various fields and disciplines such as educational studies, epistemology, political philosophy and history of thought. It advances and enriches scholarly research on curiosity while critiquing current approaches to the epistemic desire to know. Its interest in contemporary accounts of curiosity does not entail neglect of the conceptual history of this notion from antiquity to the present. Its focus on cultural and scientific appreciations of curiosity is global rather than local and inclusive of standpoints beyond established divisions such as the "modern versus postmodern" or the "analytic versus continental". The book offers fresh and unique engagements with what motivates us to ask questions and how this motivation operates from an ethical, cultural and political point of view.

*Nourishing the Spirit* - James D. Whitehead

A seminal exploration of the psychological and spiritual power of our positive emotions. This new companion volume to the Whitehead's influential book on our negative emotions completes a work of scholarship that will nourish individuals and inform those who counsel them.

**Mindfulness, Acceptance, and Positive Psychology** - Todd B. Kashdan 2013-04-01

Many have wondered if there is a key ingredient to living a full and happy life. For decades now, scientists and psychologists alike have been studying the strengths and virtues that enable individuals and communities to thrive. The positive psychology movement was founded on the belief that people want to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives, to cultivate what is best within themselves, and to enhance their experiences of love, work, and play. At the same time, acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT)—a mindfulness-based, values-oriented behavioral therapy that has many parallels to Buddhism, yet is not religious in any way—has been focused on helping people achieve their greatest human potential. Created only years apart, ACT and positive psychology both promote human flourishing, and they often share overlapping themes and applications, particularly when it comes to setting goals, psychological strengths, mindfulness, and the clarification of what matters most—our values and our search for meaning in life. Despite these similarities, however, the two different therapeutic models are rarely discussed in relation to one another. What if unifying these theories could lead to faster, more profound and enduring improvements to the human condition? Edited by leading researchers in the field of positive psychology, *Mindfulness, Acceptance, and Positive Psychology* is the first professional book to successfully integrate key elements of ACT and positive psychology to promote healthy functioning in clients. By gaining an understanding of "the seven foundations of well-being," professionals will walk away with concrete, modernized strategies to use when working with clients. Throughout the book, the editors focus on how ACT, mindfulness therapies, and positive psychology can best be utilized by professionals in various settings, from prisons and Fortune 500 business organizations to parents and schools. With contributions by Steven C. Hayes, the founder of ACT, as well as other well-

known authorities on ACT and positive psychology such as Robyn Walser, Kristin Neff, Dennis Tirsch, Ian Stewart, Louise McHugh, Lance M. McCracken, Acacia Parks, Robert Biswas-Diener, and more, this book provides state-of-the-art research, theory, and applications of relevance to mental health professionals, scientists, advanced students, and people in the general public interested in either ACT or positive psychology.

**Finding Inner Courage** - Mark Nepo 2020-09-01

In this truly inspiring book, Mark Nepo offers us all an invitation to stand by the courage of our convictions in challenging times. Through the stories of ordinary people, political activists, artists, writers, spiritual teachers from a variety of traditions, Mark Nepo shows how we too can discover our own inner courage. Finding Inner Courage is divided into three sections finding our inner core, standing by our inner core, and sustaining the practice of living from that place. Each of the nearly 60 brief essays and stories elucidates and inspires. Nepo's broad range of stories and people, of traditions and insights, offers myriad ways for readers to relate to their own search for courage.

**Creating Your Best Life** - Caroline Adams Miller 2009

The passion for life lists has spawned an industry that includes thoughtful experts such as Caroline Miller, a life coach and motivational book author, and Dr. Michael Frisch, a positive psychology coach and clinical psychologist at Baylor University. Working together, they have fashioned the most useful, science-based, and up-to-date book on the topic of goal setting and accomplishment. Creating Your Best Life supplies dozens of interactive exercises and quizzes readers can use to identify their most cherished needs, ambitions, and wishes. The exercises are fun, making the process of self-discovery enjoyable and productive. The authors' unique "life list coaching" program organizes life lists into 16 key areas that are universally known to make people happy--to help you actually achieve your aspirations. No other life list book offers research-validated information on

why certain steps matter in goal accomplishment, or even how goals are connected with any type of life satisfaction. Readers will feel both educated and inspired to start writing goal-setting lists in order to live their lives more consciously, productively, and happily.

**Tracking Wonder** - Jeffrey Davis 2021-11-16

Discover how the lost art of wonder can help you cultivate greater creativity, resilience, meaning, and joy as you bring your greatest contributions to life. Beyond grit, focus, and 10,000 hours lies a surprising advantage that all creatives have—wonder. Far from child's play, wonder is the one radical quality that has led exemplary people from all walks of life to move toward the fruition of their deepest dreams and wildest endeavors—and it can do so for you, too. "Wonder is a quiet disruptor of unseen biases," writes Jeffrey Davis. "It dissolves our habitual ways of seeing and thinking so that we may glimpse anew the beauty of what is real, true, and possible." Rich with wisdom, inspiring stories, and practical tools, Tracking Wonder invites us to explore how the lost art of wonder can inspire a life of greater joy, possibility, and purpose. You'll discover: The six facets of wonder—key qualities to help you cultivate the art of wonder in your work, relationships, and life How wonder can help us fertilize creativity, sustain the motivation to pursue big ideas, navigate uncertainty and crises, deepen our relationships, and more The biases against wonder—moving beyond societal and internalized resistance to our inherent gifts Why experiencing wonder isn't really about achieving goals—though that happens—but about how we live each day Inspiring stories of people whose experiences of wonder helped them move through the unthinkable to create extraordinary lives Practical exercises, tools, and reflections to help you begin your own practice of tracking wonder A refreshing counter-voice to the exhausting narrative hyper-productivity, Tracking Wonder is a welcome guide for experiencing more meaning and joy in the present

moment as you bring your greatest contributions to life.

**HELP!** - Oliver Burkeman 2011-01-06

How do you solve the problem of human happiness? It's a subject that has occupied some of the greatest philosophers of all time, from Aristotle to Paul McKenna - but how do we sort the good ideas from the terrible ones? Over the past few years, Oliver Burkeman has travelled to some of the strangest outposts of the 'happiness industry' in an attempt to find out. In *Help!*, the first collection of his popular Guardian columns, Burkeman presents his findings. It's a witty and thought-provoking exploration that punctures many of self-help's most common myths, while also offering clear-headed, practical and of ten counter-intuitive advice on a range of topics from stress, procrastination and insomnia to wealth, laughter, time management and creativity. It doesn't claim to have solved the problem of human happiness. But it might just bring us one step closer.

**Positive Psychology in Practice** - P. Alex Linley 2012-06-27

A thorough and up-to-date guide to putting positive psychology into practice From the Foreword: "This volume is the cutting edge of positive psychology and the emblem of its future." -Martin E. P. Seligman, Ph.D., Fox Leadership Professor of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, and author of *Authentic Happiness* Positive psychology is an exciting new orientation in the field, going beyond psychology's traditional focus on illness and pathology to look at areas like well-being and fulfillment. While the larger question of optimal human functioning is hardly new - Aristotle addressed it in his treatises on eudaimonia - positive psychology offers a common language on this subject to professionals working in a variety of subdisciplines and practices. Applicable in many settings and relevant for individuals, groups, organizations, communities, and societies, positive psychology is a genuinely integrative approach to professional practice. *Positive Psychology in Practice* fills the need for a broad, comprehensive, and state-of-the-art reference for this burgeoning new

perspective. Cutting across traditional lines of thinking in psychology, this resource bridges theory, research, and applications to offer valuable information to a wide range of professionals and students in the social and behavioral sciences. A group of major international contributors covers: The applied positive psychology perspective Historical and philosophical foundations Values and choices in pursuit of the good life Lifestyle practices for health and well-being Methods and processes for teaching and learning Positive psychology at work The best and most thorough treatment of this cutting-edge discipline, *Positive Psychology in Practice* is an essential resource for understanding this important new theory and applying its principles to all areas of professional practice.

**Your Creative Brain** - Shelley Carson 2010-10-05

Research-based techniques that show everyone how to expand creativity and increase productivity Harvard psychologist Shelley Carson's provocative book, published in partnership with Harvard Health Publications, reveals why creativity isn't something only scientists, investors, artists, writers, and musicians enjoy; in fact, all of us use our creative brains every day at home, work and play. Each of us has the ability to increase our mental functioning and creativity by learning to move flexibly among several brain states. Explains seven brain states or "brainsets" and their functions as related to creativity, productivity, and innovation Provides quizzes, exercises, and self-tests to activate each of these seven brainsets to unlock our maximum creativity *Your Creative Brain*, called by critics a "new classic" in the field of creativity, offers inspiring suggestions that can be applied in both one's personal and professional life.

Curious? - Todd Kashdan, PhD 2009-04-21

"Curious? is one of those rare books that can make you rethink how you see the world." —Arianna Huffington "This is the perfect book to read when you are having second thoughts about challenging yourself to explore that next step in life!" —Stephen

Post, Ph.D., coauthor of *Why Good Things Happen to Good People* Discover the missing ingredient to a fulfilling life with *Curious?* In this fascinating, enlightening volume, renowned psychology professor Todd Kashdan reveals how cultivating curiosity is the road to happy, healthy, and meaningful living and the true key to falling in love with life.

*How to Be Happy* - Vanessa King 2016-03-10

'Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions' The Dalai Lama, patron of Action for Happiness. Vanessa King, positive psychology expert for Action for Happiness has created 10 key evidence-based actions that have been shown to increase happiness and wellbeing - at home, at work and in the world around you. If you have read *The Art of Happiness*, *The Happiness Project* or *Sane New World*, this book will be the perfect complement. We all want to be happy but what does that actually mean and what can we do in our everyday lives to be happier? Fortunately, psychologists, neuroscientists and other experts now have evidence of what really makes a difference and helps us to be happier and more resilient to life's ups and downs. In this book, Vanessa King of Action for Happiness has drawn on the latest scientific studies to create a set of evidence-based practical actions. They will help you connect with people, nurture your relationships and find purpose. You'll get ideas for taking care of your body, making the most of what's good and finding new ways to stimulate your mind. So here are the 10 Keys to Happier Living - ideas, insights and practical actions that you can

take to create more happiness for yourself and those around you. **The Art of Insubordination** - Todd B. Kashdan 2022-02-15  
A highly practical and researched-based toolbox for anyone who wants to create a world with more justice, creativity, and courage. For too long, the term insubordination has evoked negative feelings and mental images. But for ideas to evolve and societies to progress, it's vital to cultivate rebels who are committed to challenging conventional wisdom and improving on it. Change never comes easily. And most would-be rebels lack the skills to overcome hostile audiences who cling desperately to the way things are. Based on cutting-edge research, *The Art of Insubordination* is the essential guide for anyone seeking to be heard, make change, and rebel against an unhealthy status quo. Learn how to

- Resist the allure of complacency
- Discover the value of being around people who stop conforming and start deviating.
- Produce messages that influence the majority-- when in the minority.
- Build mighty alliances
- Manage the discomfort when trying to rebel
- Champion ideas that run counter to traditional thinking
- Unlock the benefits of being in a group of diverse people holding divergent views
- Cultivate curiosity, courage, and independent, critical thinking in youth

Filled with engaging stories about dissenters in the trenches as well as science that will transform your thinking. *The Art of Insubordination* is for anyone who seeks more justice, courage, and creativity in the world.