

The Confidence Gap A Guide To Overcoming Fear And Self Doubt

*Popular myths about love set us up for a struggle with real life. The inconvenient truth is there's no such thing as a perfect partner, all couples fight, and feelings of love come and go like the weather. But that doesn't mean you can't have a joyful and romantic relationship. Through a simple program based on the revolutionary new mindfulness-based acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), you can learn to handle painful thoughts and feelings more effectively and engage fully in the process of living and loving together. Actively build self confidence in your everyday life with effective tools and strategies from The Self Confidence Workbook. Self confidence begins with knowing yourself. From facing fears to practicing acceptance and self-compassion, The Self Confidence Workbook offers practical, accessible strategies to get to know your best self and see real-world results. Barbara Markway, PhD, a licensed psychologist with nearly 30 years of experience, and writer Celia Ampel help you vanquish the demons of self-doubt and guide you through real-life, self confidence landmines like relationships, work, and health. With a goal-oriented approach, these proven strategies silence the self-critic within and guide you toward living your best life with confidence. Walk out on stage, ask for a raise, write a blog post, or ask someone out on a date. This self confidence workbook helps you achieve whatever you set your mind to, with:
A 5-step program that begins with setting goals and uses evidence-based strategies to foster acceptance, mindfulness, self-compassion, etc.
Interactive exercises that include reflections, checklists, and quizzes to foster self-confidence
A guide to understanding self-confidence that defines what it means to be confident, and determines your level of self confidence as a starting reference
Remember who you are, what you value, and gain self confidence in all areas of your life with The Self Confidence Workbook.*

For a scientist committed to empirical evaluation, it is important to show that materials can be helpful outside the context of a therapeutic relationship, so, generally speaking, we know that a book like this is likely to be helpful. Several of the specific components in this book have been tested, sometimes in a form very similar to the way you are contacting this material. For example, several studies evaluated the impact of short passages drawn nearly word for word from ACT materials—very similar to what you've read) that were recorded on audiotape, read aloud by a research assistant, or were presented to the participants to read. Typically, these studies focused on the ability of participants to tolerate distress of various kinds, such as gas-induced panic-like symptoms, extreme cold, extreme heat, or electric shock. A few studies looked at the distress produced by difficult or intrusive cognitions, or clinically relevant anxiety. Some were done with patients, others with normal populations. The specific ACT components that have been examined so far include defusion, acceptance, mind-fulness, and values. The techniques included exercises, metaphors, and rationales, including several that can be found in this book (e.g., word repetition, physicalizing, leaves on a stream, the quicksand metaphor, the Chinese finger trap metaphor, and so forth). The studies lead us to say that it is known that at least some of what you've read can be helpful at least some of the time outside of the context of a therapeutic relationship, when presented in a form similar to the form in which you have contacted this material. Following the success of Lean In and Why Women Should Rule the World, the authors of the bestselling Womenomics provide an informative and practical guide to understanding the importance of confidence—and learning how to achieve it—for women of all ages and at all stages of their career. Working women today are better educated and more well qualified than ever before. Yet men still predominate in the corporate world. In The Confidence Code, Claire Shipman and Katty Kay argue that the key reason is confidence. Combining cutting-edge research in genetics, gender, behavior, and cognition—with examples from their own lives and those of other successful women in politics, media, and business—Kay and Shipman go beyond admonishing women to “lean in.”Instead, they offer the inspiration and practical advice women need to close the gap and achieve the careers they want and deserve.

How to Use the Power of NLP to Be More Dynamic and Successful

Write Your Own Rules for Success

An Illustrated Guide on how to Stop Struggling and Start Living

The Confidence Kit

Confidence, Evidence and the Gap

Taking Risks, Messing Up, & Becoming Your Amazingly Imperfect, Totally Powerful Self

Unstoppable Confidence

Leave Your Mind Behind

People of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances struggle with low self-esteem. This long-awaited, fully revised second edition of the best-selling The Self-Esteem Workbook includes up-to-date information on brain plasticity, and new chapters on forgiveness, mindfulness, and cultivating lovingkindness and compassion. If your self-esteem is based solely on performance—if you view yourself as someone who's worthy only when you're performing well or acknowledged as doing a good job—the way you feel about yourself will always depend on external factors. Your self-esteem affects everything you do, so if you feel unworthy or your confidence is shaped by others, it can be a huge problem. Your self-esteem is based solely on performance—if you view yourself as someone who's worthy only when you're performing well or acknowledged as doing a good job—the way you feel about yourself will always depend on external factors. Your self-esteem affects everything you do, so if you feel unworthy or your confidence is shaped by others, it can be a huge problem. With this second edition of The Self-Esteem Workbook, you'll learn to see yourself through loving eyes by realizing that you are inherently worthy, and that comparison-based self-criticism is not a true measure of your value. In addition to new chapters on cultivating compassion, forgiveness, and unconditional love for yourself and others—all of which improve self-esteem—you'll find cutting-edge information on brain plasticity and how sleep, exercise, and nutrition affect your self-esteem. Developing and maintaining healthy self-esteem is key for living a happy life, and with the new research and exercises you'll find in this updated best-selling workbook, you'll be ready to start feeling good about yourself and finally be the best that you can be.

*Boost Your Confidence Daily!Want to feel more self-assured and motivated in your career? Have you had difficulty speaking up for yourself or saying what you feel? Ready to feel good about who you are, how you look, and your ability to make things happen? Right now, you have goals and dreams for your life. You have many skills, talents, and plenty of intelligence. But sometimes a lack of confidence holds you back from taking action, being your best self, and achieving the success in your work, relationships, and life that you deserve. Every single day, you CAN take small actions to rebuild your confidence so that over time, you emerge as a new person — someone who knows they have what it takes and isn't afraid to go for it. With an arsenal of small tools at your disposal, you can build a powerful confidence foundation to support you and keep you on track for ongoing success. Big Hacks + Small Actions = A Confident New You!Most people lack confidence in some area of their lives. Some people lack confidence in general. Either way, it's important to look at ALL parts of your life to see where low confidence might be holding you back or infecting other aspects of your life with fear or inertia. With Confidence Hacks, you'll review 99 hacks or tips in ten key areas to give you clarity on your confidence roadblocks. These ideas will reveal the benefits of strengthening confidence in each area and challenge you to take small, manageable actions to renew your motivation, self-assurance, and determination. The book covers confidence hacks for relationships, social life, career, communication, appearance, self-improvement, body language, thinking, fun and adventure, and finances. Take Control: How Confidence Hacking Can Change Your LifeConfidence has the power to make or break us. When we have it, we want to stay in the shadows, never venturing past the status quo. Even a small amount of confidence can motivate you to take one action — and it only takes one action to implement powerful change. Just asking for the sale could make the difference in getting the account or losing the client. You'll learn how to use confidence to ask for that raise could mean living in your dream house. With every small win, your confidence grows exponentially. When you learn small confidence hacks, you create big ripples of positive change in your life. ORDER: Confidence Hacks: 99 Small Actions to Massively Boost Self-ConfidenceConfidence Hacks is your handbook for taking control of your confidence, one small action at a time. It's your go-to guide whenever you need a little confidence kick in the butt and a bit of inspiration to remember the powerful, amazing person you are. It will gently challenge you to stop fretting and start doing, even when you feel afraid. You'll learn:
“ How to notice ‘people pleasing.’
“ How to build sexual confidence.
“ The skills of small talk and social conversation.
“ The best way to get clear on career goals.
“ How to speak out in groups and speak up for what you want.
“ Why you need to learn confident body language.”
The secret to disengaging from negative thought loops and limiting beliefs.
“ Ideas on feeling confident about your money and financial situation.
“ Want to Know More?Order and begin boosting your self-confidence starting today. Scroll to the top of the page and select the ‘buy’ button. An ‘unfiltered and unbranded’ (Marie Forleo, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Everything is Figureoutable) guide to building the kind of confidence it really takes to live the life of your dreams, from Impact Theory colofounder and growth mindset guru Lisa Bilbey. Author Lisa Bilbey grew up in London, where she was always told her dreams of Hollywood were a little too big for a girl. Despite her first love of movie-making, Lisa moved to Los Angeles and became a housewife—for eight frkin years! How the heck did that happen? Radical Confidence is the ‘empowering, transformative, and practical’ (Jay Shetty, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Think Like A Monk) guide to cofound a company that went from zero to a billion dollars in just five years and became the leader in the world of personal development. Transforming herself with a growth mindset, Lisa learned to face her insecurities and inadequacies, embrace new challenges, solve her own problems, tell her negative voice to shut the eff up, and become the hero of her own life by life-hacking her way to feeling confident. Part deeply personal memoir, part guide to life, Radical Confidence ‘challenges the deep-rooted beliefs that prevent so many of us from knowing or reaching for our dreams’ (Dr. Nicole LePera, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Don't Do the Work) Lisa teaches you how to:
• Boost your confidence
• Toughen the F up
• And learn how to save yourself Full of insight and practical tools for honest self-assessment, mastering emotions, and staying motivated, Radical Confidence teaches you how to be driven by your insecurities to create the life of your dreams. Too many of us miss out on opportunities in life because we lack self-confidence. Whether it's public speaking, taking on a leadership role, or asking someone for a date, there are situations in which we just don't feel equipped to handle the challenges we face. Russ Harris offers a surprising solution to low self-confidence, shyness, and insecurity: Rather than trying to ‘get over’ our fears, he says, the secret is to form a new and wiser relationship with them. Paradoxically, it's only when we stop struggling against our fearfulness that we begin to find lasting freedom from it. Drawing on the techniques of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), a cutting-edge form of cognitive-behavioral therapy, The Confidence Gap explains how to:
• Free yourself from common misconceptions about what confidence is and how to build it
• Transform your relationship with fear and anxiety
• Clarify your core values and use them as your inspiration and motivation
• Use mindfulness to effectively handle negative thoughts and feelings.*

Stop Struggling, Start Living

Women Have Been Making Strides Towards Equality for Decades, or so we're often told. They've been increasingly entering male-dominated areas of the workforce and consistently surpassing their male peers in grades, university attendance, and degrees. They've recently stormed the political arena with a vengeance. But despite all of this, the payoff is—quite literally—not there: the gender pay gap has held steady

The No-BS Guide to Silencing Your Inner Critic and Becoming Wildly Wealthy, Fabulously Healthy, and Bursting with Love

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Summary & Analysis of The Confidence Gap

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Radical Confidence

A persistent argument among evolutionary biologists and philosophers revolves around the nature of natural selection. Evolution by Natural Selection: Confidence, Evidence and the Gap explores this argument by using a theory of persistence as an intentional foil to examine ways in which similar theories can be misunderstood. It discusses Charles Dar

One of Book Authority's Best Self-Esteem eBooks of All Time Ready to live your dream life? You know that sneaky voice inside your head telling you that you're not good enough, smart enough, pretty enough, whatever enough? That's your Mean Girl. And she's doing her best to keep you stuck in Fear Town, too scared to go after the life you always imagined. But enough's enough! Melissa Ambrosini has made a life beyond her wildest dreams, all by mastering her Mean Girl, busting through limiting beliefs and karate-chopping through the fears that held her hostage for years. And now she wants to help you remember not only what you are capable of, but how amazing you truly are! In this inspiring, upbeat guide, Melissa provides a practical plan for creating your own version of a kick-ass life – one that's wildly wealthy, fabulously healthy and bursting with love. Designed to propel you out of stuck-ness and into action, this is a must read if you're ready to let go of your Mean Girl and start living the life of your dreams.

A leading neuroscientist and pioneer in the study of mindfulness explains why addictions are so tenacious and how we can learn to conquer them We are all vulnerable to addiction. Whether it's a compulsion to constantly check social media, binge eating, smoking, excessive drinking, or any other behaviors, we may find ourselves uncontrollably repeating. Why are bad habits so hard to overcome? Is there a key to conquering the cravings we know are unhealthy for us? This book provides groundbreaking answers to the most important questions about addiction. Dr. Judson Brewer, a psychiatrist and neuroscientist who has studied the science of addictions for twenty years, reveals how we can tap into the very processes that encourage addictive behaviors in order to step out of them. He describes the mechanisms of habit and addiction formation, then explains how the power of mindfulness can interrupt these habits. Weaving together patient stories, his own experience with mindfulness practice, and current scientific findings from his own lab and others, Dr. Brewer offers a path for moving beyond our cravings, reducing stress, and ultimately living a fuller life.

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99 Small Actions to Massively Boost Your Confidence

Get Unstuck, Discover Your Direction, and Design Your Dream Career

Stop Struggling, Reconcile Differences, and Strengthen Your Relationship with Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Evolution by Natural Selection

From Cigarettes to Smartphones to Love—Why We Get Hooked and How We Can Break Bad Habits

The High Achievers' Guide to Happiness, Confidence, and Success

Conquer Your Hidden Fear and Take Life to the Next Level

Capitalist Nigger

It's time to enter the world of Max Strummer, a 30-something doctor who moonlights as a stand-up comedian. His medical practice is booming, his comedy career is taking off and his three-year relationship with Sarah is thriving. But everything crashes the night he catches Sarah in bed with another woman.

If you struggle with low self-esteem, or you're seeking positive and effective ways of building a healthy sense of self-worth, this much-anticipated fourth edition of the best-selling classic by Matthew McKay is your go-to guide. This fully revised edition features an innovative application of acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) to self-esteem, and utilizes updated cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) to help you create positive change and thrive. Circumstances and status can affect self-esteem—many factors can contribute to the way we see ourselves—but the one contributing factor that all people who struggle with low self-esteem have in common is our thoughts. Of course we all have a better chance of feeling good about ourselves when things are going well, but it's really our interpretation of our circumstances that can cause trouble, regardless of what they are. This revised and updated fourth edition of the best-selling Self-Esteem uses proven-effective methods of CBT and relevant components of ACT to help you raise low self-esteem by working on the way you interpret your life. You'll learn how to differentiate between healthy and unhealthy self-esteem, how to uncover and analyze negative self-statements, and how to create new, more objective and positive self-statements to support your self-esteem rather than undermine it. And with cutting-edge material on defusion and values, you'll learn to let go of judgmental, self-attacking thoughts and act in accordance with what matters to you most, enhancing your sense of self-worth. If you struggle with low or unhealthy self-esteem, this new edition of Self-Esteem, packed with evidence-based tips and techniques, has everything you need to improve the way you see yourself for better overall well-being.

What does it take for women to succeed in a male-dominated world? The Grit Factor. At age nineteen, Shannon Huffman Polson became the youngest woman ever to climb Denali, the highest mountain in North America. She went on to reach the summits of Mt. Rainier and Mt. Kilimanjaro and spent more than a decade traveling the world. Yet it was during her experience serving as one of the Army's first female attack helicopter pilots, and eventually leading an Apache flight platoon on deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina, that she learned the lessons of leadership that forever changed her life. Where did these insights come from? From her own crucibles of experience—and from other women. In writing The Grit Factor, Polson made it her mission to connect with an elite pack of tough, impressive female iconoclasts who shared with her their candid stories of combat and career. This slate of decorated leaders includes Heather Penney, one of the first female F-16 pilots, who was put on a suicide mission for 9/11; General Ann Dunwoody, the first female four-star general in the Army; Amy McGrath, the first female Marine to fly the F/A-18 in combat and a 2020 candidate for the US Senate—+dozens of other unstoppable women who got there first, including Polson herself. These women led at the highest levels in the most complicated, challenging, and male-dominated organization in the world. Now, in the post-#MeToo era, when positive role models of women leading are needed as never before, Polson brings these voices together, sharing her own life lessons and theirs with storytelling flair, keen insight, and incisive analysis of current research. With its gripping narrative and relatable takeaways, The Grit Factor is both inspiring and pragmatic, a book that will energize and enlighten current and aspiring leaders everywhere—whether male or female.

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This Wall Street Journal bestseller, USA Today bestseller and Canadian Book Club Awards winner is filled with true stories about how one small deed can make a world of difference. "Elegant and wise" (Deepak Chopra), "The most uplifting and life-affirming book in years." (Forbes) Brad Aronson's life changed in an instant when his wife, Mia, was diagnosed with leukemia. After her diagnosis, Brad spent most of the next two and a half years either by her side as she received treatment or trying to shield their five-year-old son, Jack, from the worst of Mia's illness. Amid the stress and despair of waiting for the treatment to work, Brad and Mia were met by an outpouring of kindness from friends, family and even complete strangers. Inspired by the many demonstrations of "humankindness" that supported their family through Mia's recovery, Brad began writing about the people who rescued his family from that dark time, often with the smallest of gestures. But he didn't stop there. Knowing that simple acts of kindness transform lives across the globe every day, he sought out these stories and shares some of the best ones here. In HumanKind, you'll meet the mentor who changed a child's life with a single lesson in shoe tying, the six-year-old who launched a global kindness movement, the band of seamstress grandmothers who mend clothes for homeless people, and many other heroes. Brad also provides dozens of ways you can make a difference through the simplest words and deeds. You'll discover how buying someone a meal or sharing a little encouragement at the right time can change someone's world, as well as your own. The resource section at the back of the book provides guidance and organizations that will help you channel and amplify your own acts of kindness. Here you'll discover: How you can fund a surgery to cure someone's blindness with a donation of less than \$200. Organizations through which you can provide a birthday gift for a child who otherwise wouldn't receive one. Multiple places where you can send letters of encouragement to support hospitalized kids, lonely seniors, refugees, veterans and others in need. And over fifty more ways you can change a life. HumanKind will leave you grateful for what you have and provide a refuge from the negativity that surrounds us. This feel-good book will touch your heart. You'll laugh, you'll cry and you'll be reminded of what really matters. All author royalties go to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR When Peggy Orenstein's now-classic examination of young girls and self-esteem was first published, it set off a groundswell that continues to this day. Inspired by an American Association of University Women survey that showed a steep decline in confidence as girls reach adolescence, Orenstein set out to explore the obstacles girls face—in school, in the home, and in our culture. For this intimate, girls' eye view of the world, Orenstein spent months observing and interviewing eighth-graders from two ethnically disparate communities, seeking to discover what was causing girls to fall into traditional patterns of self-censorship and self-doubt. By taking us into the lives of real young women who are struggling with eating disorders, sexual harassment, and declining academic achievement, Orenstein brings the disturbing statistics to life with the skill and flair of an experienced journalist. Uncovering the adolescent roots of issues that remain important to American women throughout their lives, this groundbreaking book challenges us to change the way we raise and educate girls.

The "reality slap" takes many different forms. Sometimes, it's more like a punch: the death of a loved one, a serious illness, a divorce, the loss of a job, a freak accident, or a shocking betrayal. Sometimes it's a little gentler. Envy, loneliness, resentment, failure, disappointment, and rejection can sting just as much. But whatever form your reality slap takes, one thing's for sure—it hurts! And most of us don't deal with the pain very well. The Reality Slap offers a four-part path for healing from crises based on acceptance and commitment therapy. In these pages, you will learn how to:

- Find peace in the midst of your pain
- Rediscover calm in the midst of chaos
- Turn difficult emotions into wisdom and compassion
- Find fulfillment, even when you can't get what you want
- Heal your wounds and emerge stronger than before

Unlike some self-help books that claim you can have everything you ever wanted in life, if you only put your mind to it, this book claims that you can't have everything in life. The hard truth of this world is that we are all going to experience disappointment, frustration, failure, loss, rejection, illness, injury, aging, and death at some point. However, in spite of all this, you can still lead a rich and rewarding life. Let this book be your guide.

As he did in WHO NOT HOW, Dr. Benjamin Hardy shares one of Dan Sullivan's simple yet profound teachings that until now has been known only to his Strategic Coach clients: unsuccessful people focus on "The Gap," but successful people focus on "The Gain." If this one simple concept is a masterclass on positive psychology, healthy relationships, mental well-being, and high-performance. Everything that psychologists know about how to create a high-functioning and successful person can be achieved using The GAP and the GAIN." Dr. Benjamin Hardy Most people, especially highly ambitious people, are unhappy because of how they measure their progress. We all have an "ideal," a moving target that is always out of reach. When we measure ourselves against that ideal, we're in "the GAP." However, when we measure ourselves against our previous selves, we're in "the GAIN." That is where the GAP and the GAIN concept comes in. It was developed by legendary entrepreneur coach Dan Sullivan and is based on his work with tens of thousands of successful entrepreneurs. When Dan's coaching clients periodically take stock of all that they've accomplished—both personally and professionally—they are often shocked at how much they have actually achieved. They weren't able to appreciate their progress because no matter how much they were getting done, they were usually measuring themselves against their ideals or goals. In this book you will learn that measuring your current self vs. your former self has enormous psychological benefits. And that's really the key to this deceptively simple yet multi-layered concept that will have you feeling good, feeling grateful, and feeling like you are making progress even when times are tough, which will in turn bolster motivation, confidence, and future success. If you're finding that happiness eludes you no matter how much you've achieved, then learning this easy mindset shift will set you on a life-changing path to greater fulfillment and success.

Most of us believe that we will finally feel satisfied and content with our lives when we get the good news we have been waiting for, find a healthy relationship, or achieve one of our personal goals. However, this rarely happens. Good fortune is often followed by negative emotions that overtake us and result in destructive behaviors. "I don't deserve this," "this is too good to be true," or any number of harmful thought patterns prevent us from experiencing the joy and satisfaction we have earned. Sound familiar? This is what New York Times bestselling author Gay Hendricks calls the Upper Limit Problem, a negative emotional reaction that occurs when anything positive enters our lives. The Upper Limit Problem not only prevents happiness, but it actually stops us from achieving our goals. It is the ultimate life roadblock. In The Big Leap, Hendricks reveals a simple yet comprehensive program for overcoming this barrier to happiness and fulfillment, presented in a way that engages both the mind and heart. Working closely with more than one thousand extraordinary achievers in business and the arts—from rock stars to Fortune 500 executives—whose stories are featured in these pages, the book describes the four hidden fears that are at the root of the Upper Limit Problem. The Big Leap delivers a proven method for first identifying which of these four fears prevents us from reaching our personal upper limit, and then breaking through that limitation to achieve what Hendricks refers to as our Zone of Genius. Hendricks provides a clear path for achieving our true potential and attaining not only financial success but also success in love and life.