

The Reality Slap

A collection of essays and stories documenting the lived theology and spirituality we need to hear in order to lean into a more freeing, loving, and liberating faith—from the hosts of the beloved Truth's Table podcast "The liberating work of Truth's Table creates breathing room to finally have those conversations we've been needing to have."—Morgan Harper Nichols, artist and poet Once upon a time, an activist, a theologian, and a psychologist walked into a group chat. Everything was laid out on the table: Dating. Politics. The Black church. Pop culture. Soon, other Black women began pulling up chairs to gather round. And so, the Truth's Table podcast was born. In their literary debut, co-hosts Christina Edmondson, Michelle Higgins, and Ekemini Uwan offer stories by Black women and for Black women examining theology, politics, race, culture, and gender matters through a Christian lens. For anyone seeking to explore the spiritual dimensions of hot-button issues within the church, or anyone thirsty to deepen their faith, Truth's Table provides exactly the survival guide we need, including: • Michelle Higgins's unforgettable treatise revealing the way "racial reconciliation" is a spiritually bankrupt, empty promise that can often drain us of the ability to do real justice work • Ekemini Uwan's exploration of Blackness as the image of God in the past, present, and future • Christina Edmondson's reimagination of what a more just and liberating form of church discipline might look like—one that acknowledges and speaks to the trauma in the room These essays deliver a compelling theological re-education and pair the spiritual formation and political education necessary for Black women of faith.

Real-life stories and exercises illustrate how acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) works to help those facing an unanticipated crisis that has caused hopelessness or pain.

Sometimes, it can feel like life holds endless setbacks and challenges; like reality is continually slapping you in the face and causing pain that you aren't equipped to handle. This 'reality slap' can take many forms, from the death of a loved one to the loss of a job, from loneliness to rejection. And whatever form it takes, it hurts! With constructive methods based on real world research, this guide gives you the tools to rebuild your life and thrive after serious setbacks. Ten years after the success of its first edition, this fully updated and rewritten edition of The Reality Slap contains a new wealth of advanced expertise on coping effectively when life hurts. Dr Russ Harris shows you how to apply the scientifically proven methods of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy in your daily life and reconnect with yourself and others. Written in a kind, supportive voice with lots of examples and exercises, this timely self-help book contains mindfulness wisdom, hands-on advice and case studies. Every aspect of the book is designed to be accessible and simple to implement so that you can comprehensively tackle emotions arising from setbacks. If you are facing difficulty and don't know where to turn, The Reality Slap is the essential guide to finding happiness and fulfilment. Learn how to heal from your pain and come out stronger than before with this powerful book that might just change your life.

The Culture - a human/machine symbiotic society - has thrown up many great Game Players, and one of the greatest is Gurgeh. Jernau Morat Gurgeh. The Player of Games. Master of every board, computer and strategy. Bored with success, Gurgeh travels to the Empire of Azad, cruel and incredibly wealthy, to try their fabulous game...a game so complex, so like life itself, that the winner becomes emperor. Mocked, blackmailed, almost murdered, Gurgeh accepts the game, and with it the challenge of his life - and very possibly his death. Praise for Iain M. Banks: "Poetic, humorous, baffling, terrifying, sexy -- the books of Iain M. Banks are all these things and more" -- NME "An exquisitely riotous tour de force of the imagination which writes its own rules simply for the pleasure of breaking them." -- Time Out

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Finding Peace and Fulfillment When Life Hurts

All the President's Spin

A Guide to Overcoming Fear and Self-Doubt

ACT Made Simple

A Tale of Sex, Love and Side-Effects

A Novel of the Next World War

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A New York Times Notable Book • This fiery and provocative novel from the acclaimed Nobel Prize winner weaves a tale about the way the sufferings of childhood can shape, and misshape, the life of the adult. At the center: a young woman who calls herself Bride, whose stunning blue-black skin is only one element of her beauty, her boldness and confidence, her success in life, but which caused her light-skinned mother to deny her even the simplest forms of love. There is Booker, the man Bride loves, and loses to anger. Rain, the mysterious white child with whom she crosses paths. And finally, Bride's mother herself, Sweetness, who takes a lifetime to come to understand that "what you do to children matters. And they might never forget."

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.

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.

Practical skills grounded in acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) to help you bounce back when life knocks you down. Whether it's the loss of a loved one or a job, the end of a relationship, a pandemic, or a natural disaster—nothing really prepares us for those moments when life hits hard and turns our world upside down. The good news is that you can move forward. There are tools you can use to find your way back from despair and live a fulfilling life. In this candid self-help guide, psychotherapist Russ Harris offers powerful and doable skills grounded in evidence-based ACT to help you recover from grief, loss, and crisis; transcend your pain and suffering; and build a rich and meaningful life—even in the face of adversity. You'll also find tools to help you deal with painful memories, create your own healing "grief rituals," and transform difficult emotions into unexpected allies. Finally, you'll learn how mindfulness and self-compassion can help keep you grounded, even when it seems like your world is in free fall. If you're ready to start building the resilience needed to heal from loss or thrive in the face adversity, this guide will show you how to get there, one step at a time.

God Help the Child

George W. Bush, the Media, and the Truth

A novel

A New Approach to Life's Challenges

How to Stop Dieting and Start Living

When Life Hits Hard

The War on Normal People

The creators of SweetJesusIHateBillOReilly.com present an irreverent profile of the Fox News Channel, arguing that it deliver balanced news reports in accordance with its reputation, and citing what the authors believe to be ratings-c

and a pseudo-patriotic agenda. Original.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell in 1939 Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel, a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters books she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing of epic intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring novels of our time. "The kind of book that can be life-changing." —The New York Times "Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Catcher in the Rye* and *Young Girl by Anne Frank*." —USA Today DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Now a major motion picture directed by Steven Spielberg. "Enchanting . . . Willy Wonka meets *The Matrix*."—USA Today • "As one adventure leads expertly to the next, time simply evaporates."—Entertainment Weekly "A world at stake. A quest for the ultimate prize. Are you ready? In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time Saito really feels alive is when he's jacked into the OASIS, a vast virtual world where most of humanity spends their days. When the eccentric creator of the OASIS dies, he leaves behind a series of fiendish puzzles, based on his obsession with the pop culture of the decades past. Whoever is first to solve them will inherit his vast fortune—and control of the OASIS itself. Then Wada enters the fray. A clue. Suddenly he's beset by rivals who'll kill to take this prize. The race is on—and the only way to survive is to win."—The New York Times OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Entertainment Weekly • San Francisco Chronicle • Village Voice • Chicago Sun-Times • The AV Club "Delightful . . . the grown-up's Harry Potter."—HuffPost "An addictive read . . . part intergalactic sci-fi hunt, part romance, and all heart."—CNN "A most excellent ride . . . Cline stuffs his novel with a cornucopia of pop culture references that wink to the reader."—Boston Globe "Ridiculously fun and large-hearted . . . Cline is that rare writer who can translate geek enthusiasms into prose that's both hilarious and compassionate."—NPR "[A] fantastic page-turner . . . starts out like a fun and winds up feeling like a rich and plausible picture of future friendships in a world not too distant from our own."—The Reality Slap Finding Peace and Fulfillment When Life Hurts New Harbinger Publications Incorporated

The Truth About America's Disappearing Jobs and Why Universal Basic Income Is Our Future

Facing the Storm

The Player of Games

Sophie's World

Stop Struggling, Start Living

How to Transcend Grief, Crisis, and Loss with Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

An Illustrated Guide on how to Stop Struggling and Start Living

' This isn't living, this is just existing. ' A long-term physical health condition – a chronic illness, or even a disability – can take over your existence. Battling against the effects of the condition can take so much of your time and energy that it feels like the rest of your life is ' on hold ' . The physical symptoms of different conditions will vary, as will the way you manage them. But the kinds of psychological stress the situation brings are common to lots of long-term health problems: worry about the future, sadness about what has been lost, frustration at changes, guilt about being a burden, friction with friends and family. You can lose your sense of purpose and wonder ' What ' s the point? ' Trapped in a war against your own illness, every day is just about the battle, and it can seem impossible to find achievement and fulfilment in life if the condition cannot be cured. It doesn't have to be like that. Using the latest developments in cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) which emphasise mindfulness and acceptance, and including links to downloadable audio exercises and worksheets, this book will show you how you can live better despite your long-term condition. It will teach you to spot the ways of coping that haven't been working for you, how to make sure that troubling thoughts and unwanted feelings don't run your life, how to make sense of the changes in your circumstances, to make the most of today and work towards a future that includes more of the things that matter to you. If you stop fighting a losing battle, and instead learn how to live well with the enemy, then – even with your long-term condition – you'll find yourself not simply existing, but really living again.

The instant #1 New York Times bestseller! " It's the best memoir I've ever read. " —Oprah Winfrey " Will Smith isn't holding back in his bravely inspiring new memoir . . . An ultimately heartwarming read, Will provides a humane glimpse of the man behind the actor, producer and musician, as he bares all his insecurities and trauma. " —USA Today Winner of the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Achievement One of the most dynamic and globally recognized entertainment forces of our time opens up fully about his life, in a brave and inspiring book that traces his learning curve to a place where outer success, inner happiness, and human connection are aligned. Along the way, Will tells the story in full of one of the most amazing rides through the worlds of music and film that anyone has ever had. Will Smith ' s transformation from a West Philadelphia kid to one of the biggest rap stars of his era, and then one of the biggest movie stars in Hollywood history, is an epic tale—but it ' s only half the story. Will Smith thought, with good reason, that he had won at life: not only was his own success unparalleled, his whole family was at the pinnacle of the entertainment world. Only they didn't see it that way: they felt more like star performers in his circus, a seven-days-a-week job they hadn't signed up for. It turned out Will Smith's education wasn't nearly over. This memoir is the product of a profound journey of self-knowledge, a reckoning with all that your will can get you and all that it can leave behind. Written with the help of Mark Manson, author of the multi-million-copy bestseller *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck*, Will is the story of how one person mastered his own emotions, written in a way that can help everyone else do the same. Few of us will know the pressure of performing on the world's biggest stages for the highest of stakes, but we can all understand that the fuel that works for one stage of our journey might have to be changed if we want to make it all the way home. The combination of genuine wisdom of universal value and a life story that is preposterously entertaining, even astonishing, puts Will the book, like its author, in a category by itself.

Using mindfulness-based techniques and cognitive behavioral tools, a leading expert on the use of acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) teaches readers to transcend the experience of chronic pain by reconnecting with other, more valued aspects of their lives.

Being a caregiver is a difficult role. It requires patience, tenderness, selflessness, and hard work. Providing care for another

human being, whether a parent, loved one, or as a professional requires a level of self love and self care as well that can not be ignored. While it may be a rewarding experience to care for a loved one, it can also be a stressful, both emotionally and mentally. It is easy to get caught up in taking care of someone else that you forget to take care of yourself and your own physical and emotional well being as well. How do you navigate your role as caregiver without losing yourself? Conscious Caregiver can help readers navigate caring for their loved one, whether that means full-time in house caregiving or hiring support from outside services. With information on talking to their loved ones about their situation, how to handle the emotional stress, practical information on medical needs and finances, and how to take time away to care for themselves, Conscious Caregiver can help them care for their loved one and themselves at the same time.

Blood Meridian

A Mindful Approach to Caring for Your Loved One Without Losing Yourself

Fire Up and Fine-Tune Your Employee Culture

Stand Up Strummer

ACT with Love

Fair and Balanced, My Ass!

The Weight Escape

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.

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.

From 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang, a captivating account of how "a skinny Asian kid from upstate" became a successful entrepreneur, only to find a new mission: calling attention to the urgent steps America must take, including Universal Basic Income, to stabilize our economy amid rapid technological change and automation. The shift toward automation is about to create a tsunami of unemployment. Not in the distant future--now. One recent estimate predicts 45 million American workers will lose their jobs within the next twelve years--jobs that won't be replaced. In a future marked by restlessness and chronic unemployment, what will happen to American society? In *The War on Normal People*, Andrew Yang paints a dire portrait of the American economy. Rapidly advancing technologies like artificial intelligence, robotics and automation software are making millions of Americans' livelihoods irrelevant. The consequences of these trends are already being felt across our communities in the form of political unrest, drug use, and other social ills. The future looks dire-but is it unavoidable? In *The War on Normal People*, Yang imagines a different future--one in which having a job is distinct from the capacity to prosper and seek fulfillment. At this vision's core is Universal Basic Income, the concept of providing all citizens with a guaranteed income--and one that is rapidly gaining popularity among forward-thinking politicians and economists. Yang proposes that UBI is an essential step toward a new, more durable kind of economy, one he calls "human capitalism."

Stitch by stitch... A young artist is confronted by all too realistic hallucinations and is thrown into a dark world where the line between reality and delusion is removed. His visions take a grisly turn when they reveal his closest friend Trey engaged in the bizarre ritualistic torture of mouth sewing. Odder still, Trey's victim is always the same mysterious young woman, a woman who went missing a decade before. Driven to learn more about Trey and the woman who was his victim, the young artist takes on an odd quest; he begins to follow the clues offered during his hallucinations. Some clues direct him to visits with Duffy, Trey's drug-dealing mother. Duffy, an eccentric ex-hippy, lives in Wayne Manor, the famed Pasadena estate used in the old Batman television series. Long estranged from her son Trey, she leads a hedonistic lifestyle while caring for an elderly, drug-addicted, exhibitionist-millionaire. Much later, and with Duffy's help, the elderly addict, manages to shed light on the truth about Trey. Other clues send him on dreamlike romps through the streets of Los Angeles, the beaches of Santa Monica, and others direct him inward, toward his own illustrations, which begin to taunt him during moments of weakness. Against his will, a deep hatred for his former friend Trey grows, all while the visions become more graphic and cruel, until the young artist is led toward an insatiable desire to harm Trey in retaliation. *Mouth Sewn Shut* offers a rare, first person glimpse into the horrific, yet slow onset of psychosis and homelessness, the frivolous nature of the art world and of tightly held family secrets, all through one man's eyes. A world few will encounter or forget.

Truth's Table

How to Survive and Thrive When Life Hits Hard

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

The Reality Slap

Living with the Enemy

The Conscious Caregiver

Living a More Considered Life

Highly Commended in the 2012 BMA Book Awards We live in a world where bad things can, and do, happen irrespective of whether we are good or bad, whether we consider ourselves lucky or doomed, and with no regard to fairness. Any of us can find ourselves facing redundancy, the breakdown of a relationship, bankruptcy or any number of life changing crises, or supporting someone else who is. And sometimes, no matter how much we might try, there's nothing we can do to prevent or reduce the problem. But that doesn't mean you have to be helpless; no matter how bad the situation you're about to deal with, there are things that you can do to become more resilient and that will help you face the storm that's coming towards you or yours. Using Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) techniques and the latest developments in mindfulness and acceptance-based approaches, this practical guide will take you through each stage of preparing for, enduring and recovering from a major life crisis helping you better understand what's going on, and providing new tools for dealing with the

situation. When there's a storm coming towards you, and you can't escape it, then you have to prepare to face it. Here's how.

Discusses the tactics of media manipulation employed by George W. Bush and his administration to promote their agenda to the American people, examining the intimidation, criticism, and deception used, and its impact on American democracy.

Whether it manifests itself as worry, fear, rumination, obsession, compulsion, or shyness, anxiety is everywhere, and it causes no end of trouble for just about all of us. But at its core, anxiety serves an important purpose: to neutralize uncomfortable ambiguities. This book begins with a whirlwind tour of anxiety: what causes it, what we think about it, and what it might look like. Then the book looks at some of the approaches to treating anxiety and poses an intriguing question: What if you don't need to get rid of anxiety in order to live a terrific life?

Things Might Go Terribly, Horribly Wrong approaches this breakaway hypothesis through the mechanisms of acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) and presents a series of thinking points and short games readers can do to easily and effectively begin to incorporate ACT techniques into their lives. This book is not a full-scale self-help approach for someone with serious anxiety problems, but an easy way for readers who have wrestled with worry, fear, and shyness to put those feelings into perspective and focus instead on what they want to do in life. This book will help readers foster the flexibility they need to keep from succumbing to the avoidant forces of anxiety and open themselves to the often uncomfortable complexities and possibilities of life.

You can't sell it outside if you can't sell it inside. You want maximum business performance? Look under the hood and you ' ll find your employee culture: it is the power that drives the enterprise engine. To harness that rumbling power you ' ve got to solve the mystery of what an employee culture actually is, how it operates and how to move it forward. These are the keys that this book will put right in your hands.

Renowned business culture expert Stan Slap knows the difference between understanding your employees and understanding your employee culture. The distinction isn ' t semantics; it ' s the key to whether your strategies will succeed or fail. This myth-busting book reveals why an employee culture is an independent organism with its own rules, beliefs, and motivations—and the power to make or break any management plan (and any manager right along with it). Slap shows you how to get whatever you want from your employee culture, whether it ' s improved accountability, innovation, flexibility, resilience, energy, loyalty, or trust. Along the way he solves mysteries that have puzzled managers since the first Mesopotamian farmer hired some help, including: Why does an employee culture really resist change? What does it care about more than money? Why does it respond to leadership differently than to management? How does it talk to itself, and what does it mean when it won ' t talk to you? Why are company values the most dangerous threat to gaining its trust? If you have a wonderful employee culture, this book will help you scale it. If you have a troubled employee culture, this book will help you fix it. If you have an employee culture under pressure, this book will help you ease it. If you have a new employee culture, this book will help you shape it. And if you are investing in a company, this book will help you protect your greatest purchasable asset. Under the Hood is informed by immaculate research, including surveys of more than 15,000 employees from companies the world over. It ' s packed with original tactics that have driven performance for many organizations and countless managers. And it includes jaw-dropping inside stories of employee cultures from the likes of Samsung, Oracle, Progressive, CNN during wartime, Paul McCartney ' s band, and the Super Bowl film crew. It ' s all delivered in classic Stan Slap style: profound and provocative, heartfelt and often hysterical. This is not simply a management book; it is the business case for humanity.

Management advice doesn ' t get realer or more important than this.

The Book Thief

Or the Evening Redness in the West

Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy to Ease Chronic Pain

Trauma-Focused ACT

How to Find Fulfilment when Life Hurts

A Practitioner's Guide to Working with Mind, Body, and Emotion Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

A Novel About the History of Philosophy

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

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A unique collaboration between cartoonist/author Bev Aisbett and Dr Russ Harris, this is an illustrated, simplified pocketbook version of Russ's original, international bestseller 'The Happiness Trap'. It's an easy-to-read introduction to all those powerful life-changing ideas or a great refresher course for those already familiar with the approach. Commonplace ideas about happiness are often misleading, inaccurate and likely to make you miserable in the long term. For example, positive thinking often does not work — and research shows it actually makes some people feel worse! So open 'The Happiness Trap Pocketbook' and learn how a new scientifically proven, mindfulness-based approach called Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (better known as ACT) can help you find genuine wellbeing and fulfilment. Whether you're lacking confidence, facing illness, stressed at work, struggling with low self-esteem, trying to lose weight or quit smoking, or just wanting to be happier, healthier, and more fulfilled — in this book you will learn effective techniques to: • reduce stress and worry • rise above fear, doubt and insecurity • handle painful thoughts and feelings more effectively • break self-defeating habits • develop self-acceptance and self-compassion • let go of inaccurate and misleading (but very popular) ideas about happiness, and • create a rich, full and meaningful life.

Living Beyond Your Pain

Under the Hood

A Guide to Life Liberated from Anxiety

Black Women's Musings on Life, Love, and Liberation

How to survive and thrive when life hits hard

What Matters Most

The Happiness Trap 2nd Edition

THE MILLION-COPY BESTSELLER Do you ever feel worried, miserable or unfulfilled - yet put on a happy face and pretend everything's fine? You are not alone. Stress, anxiety, depression and low self-esteem are all around. Research suggests that many of us get caught in a psychological trap, a vicious circle in which the more we strive for happiness, the more it eludes us. Fortunately, there is a way to escape from the 'Happiness Trap' in this updated and expanded second edition which unlocks the secrets to a truly fulfilling life. This empowering book presents the insights and techniques of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), covering more topics and providing more practical tools than ever before. Learn how to clarify your values, develop self-compassion and find true satisfaction with this bigger and better guide to:

- Reducing stress and worry
- Handling painful thoughts and feelings more effectively
- Breaking self-defeating habits
- Overcoming insecurity and self-doubt
- Building better relationships
- Improving performance and finding fulfilment at work

The Happiness Trap is for everyone. Whether you're lacking confidence, facing illness, coping with loss, working in a high-stress job, or suffering from anxiety or depression, this book will show you how to build authentic happiness, from the inside out.

Addresses personal finance issues that are of relevance to today's world of high debt and disproportionate lifestyles, addressing such topics as credit cards, student loans, credit scores, insurance, and mortgages.

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.

The author of *Overcoming Depression* offers an alternative to the traditional western view of compassion, outlining findings about the value of compassion and how it works, and taking readers through basic mind training exercises to enhance the capacity for, and use of, compassion. Original.

An Unbridled Look at the Bizarre Reality of Fox News

The Reality Slap 2nd Edition

Ready Player One

The Happiness Trap

Using CBT, Mindfulness and Acceptance to Build Resilience When Your World's Falling Apart

Things Might Go Terribly, Horribly Wrong

Diet fads and fitness trends may offer the prospect of losing weight, but they rarely work out long-term. The Weight Escape offers something life-changingly different. Using the mindfulness-based method called Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Dr. Russ Harris, author of the best-selling Happiness Trap; psychological practitioner Ann Bailey; and scientist Joseph Ciarrochi show you how to make the lasting changes you want. Focusing on the mental barriers that can keep us from setting and achieving our goals, they promote a holistic approach to well-being and weight loss—one that goes beyond meal plans and calorie counting to apply mindfulness to how you live as well as to what you eat. Through practical exercises and personal stories they show you how to:

- Set goals and give direction to your life
- Overcome destructive habits and exercise self-control
- Deal with cravings and stressful situations
- Develop self-acceptance

This book contains the tools you need not only to get the weight-loss results you want but to maintain a healthy weight—and a healthy sense of well-being—for the rest of your life.

A guide to ACT: the revolutionary mindfulness-based program for reducing stress, overcoming fear, and finding fulfilment - now updated. International bestseller, 'The Happiness Trap', has been published in over thirty countries and twenty-two languages. NOW UPDATED. Popular ideas about happiness are misleading, inaccurate, and are directly contributing to our current epidemic of stress, anxiety and depression. And unfortunately, popular psychological approaches are making it even worse! In this easy-to-read, practical and empowering self-help book, Dr Russ Harries, reveals how millions of people are

unwittingly caught in the 'The Happiness Trap', where the more they strive for happiness the more they suffer in the long term. He then provides an effective means to escape through the insights and techniques of ACT (Acceptance and Commitment Therapy), a groundbreaking new approach based on mindfulness skills. By clarifying your values and developing mindfulness (a technique for living fully in the present moment), ACT helps you escape the happiness trap and find true satisfaction in life. Mindfulness skills are easy to learn and will rapidly and effectively help you to reduce stress, enhance performance, manage emotions, improve health, increase vitality, and generally change your life for the better. The book provides scientifically proven techniques to: reduce stress and worry; rise above fear, doubt and insecurity; handle painful thoughts and feelings far more effectively; break self-defeating habits; improve performance and find fulfilment in your work; build more satisfying relationships; and, create a rich, full and meaningful life.

Grounded in the latest research, Trauma-Focused ACT presents a highly effective, comprehensive, and trauma-informed treatment guide. If you treat clients with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or other trauma-related disorders, you need a flexible protocol that also addresses the common symptoms among comorbid conditions. In Trauma-Focused ACT, renowned acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) trainer Russ Harris offers a new and innovative ACT-based protocol for treating trauma in clients, which integrates cutting-edge therapeutic developments to treat the broadest possible range of trauma-related disorders--from anxiety and depression to chronic pain and addiction. Designed for ACT practitioners at all levels of experience and tailored specifically for trauma sensitivities, this unique guide is based on the empirically supported protocol Harris developed for the World Health Organization (WHO) to use in refugee camps. Packed with tools, techniques, strategies, and theory, it also includes links to downloadable resources, including videos, MP3s, and worksheets. If you're looking to integrate ACT for trauma into your practice, this book has everything you need to start helping clients live in the present, heal the past, and work toward a better future. In this cutting-edge workbook, you'll learn how to: Help clients find a sense of safety and security in their body Reverse hopelessness and build optimism Rapidly ground and center clients Use values for post-traumatic growth Outlines an approach to achieving happiness that counsels on ways to overcome fear-based hurdles, explains how to evaluate one's internal beliefs, and reveals the importance of pursuing growth rather than security.

The Confidence Gap

2034

Coping with the stress of chronic illness using CBT, mindfulness and acceptance

The Happiness Trap Pocketbook

Mouth Sewn Shut

The Money Book for the Young, Fabulous & Broke

An Easy-To-Read Primer on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

From two former military officers and award-winning authors, a chillingly authentic geopolitical thriller that imagines a naval clash between the US and China in the South China Sea in 2034 - and the path from there to a nightmarish global conflagration. On March 12, 2034, US Navy Commodore Sarah Hunt is on the bridge of her flagship, the guided missile destroyer USS John Paul Jones, conducting a routine freedom of navigation patrol in the South China Sea when her ship detects an unflagged trawler in clear distress, smoke billowing from its bridge. On that same day, US Marine aviator Major Chris "Wedge" Mitchell is flying an F35E Lightning over the Strait of Hormuz, testing a new stealth technology as he flirts with Iranian airspace. By the end of that day, Wedge will be an Iranian prisoner, and Sarah Hunt's destroyer will lie at the bottom of the sea, sunk by the Chinese Navy. Iran and China have clearly coordinated their moves, which involve the use of powerful new forms of cyber weaponry that render US ships and planes defenseless. In a single day, America's faith in its military's strategic preeminence is in tatters. A new, terrifying era is at hand. So begins a disturbingly plausible work of speculative fiction, coauthored by an award-winning novelist and decorated Marine veteran and the former commander of NATO, a legendary admiral who has spent much of his career strategically outmaneuvering America's most tenacious adversaries. Written with a powerful blend of geopolitical sophistication and human empathy, 2034 takes us inside the minds of a global cast of characters - Americans, Chinese, Iranians, Russians, Indians - as a series of arrogant miscalculations on all sides leads the world into an intensifying international storm. In the end, China and the United States will have paid a staggering cost, one that forever alters the global balance of power. Everything in 2034 is an imaginative extrapolation from present-day facts on the ground combined with the authors' years of working at the highest and most classified levels of national security. Sometimes it takes a brilliant work of fiction to illuminate the most dire of warnings: 2034 is all too close at hand, and this cautionary tale presents the readers a dark yet possible future that we must do all we can to avoid. -- 25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION • An epic novel of the violence and depravity that attended America's westward expansion, Blood Meridian brilliantly subverts the conventions of the Western novel and the mythology of the Wild West—from the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Road Based on historical events that took place on the Texas-Mexico border in the 1850s, it traces the fortunes of the Kid, a fourteen-year-old Tennessean who stumbles into the nightmarish world where Indians are being murdered and the market for their scalps is thriving.

The Compassionate Mind