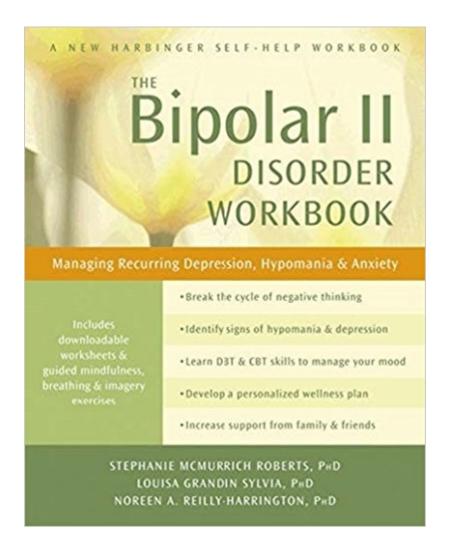


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# The Bipolar II Disorder Workbook: Managing Recurring Depression, Hypomania, And Anxiety





# **Synopsis**

Most people have heard of bipolar disorder, a mental health condition that is marked by manic episodes and periods of intense depression. Bipolar II disorder differs from bipolar I in that sufferers may never experience a full manic episode, although they may experience periods of high energy and impulsiveness (hypomania), as well as depression and anxiety. If you have been diagnosed with bipolar II, or even if you think that you may have this disorder, you may be frightened by the highs and lows of your intense emotions. Fortunately, there are proven-effective treatments that can help you find a sense of calm and peace of mind. Written by an extremely accomplished team of bipolar experts, The Bipolar II Disorder Workbook is designed to help you manage the recurring depression, hypomania, and anxiety that can arise as a result of your condition. The convenient workbook format combines evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT), and other mindfulness-based exercises to help you manage your emotions, track your progress, and ultimately live a happy and more productive life. This is the first self-help workbook available specifically for individuals diagnosed with bipolar II disorder.

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"[The authors] have provided patients with an essential map and guidebook for people with bipolar II disorder who, by no fault of their own, have become strangers in a strange land. This book includes essential tools that can help people manage their disorder and find their way to wellness and functioning.â • —Andrew A. Nierenberg, MD, professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical

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This was very beneficial for me to understand the disorder and ramifications of untreated illness. It is a great "bipolar 2 -101" guide for professionals, family and friends, paraprofessionals and any other people who would like a quick guide to facts and understanding.

Awesome and it's geared specifically to bipolar 2 which is excellent!

This has helped my daughter more than drugs prescribed for her awful depression. She told me that it is helping her get a handle on coping mechanisms and is optimistic about learning new ways of handling her bipolar II condition.

This book has been very helpful to my daughter who suffers from Bipolar II and is currently in DBT Therapy. The book is very thorough and integrates DBT Therapy effectively. I highly recommend.

A very helpful workbook. Cheaper and more effective than any therapist I've seen.

Excellent resource for my patients.

Excellent book. Very helpful and informative.

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