

Books to help you feel better

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# for children

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Reading Well for children recommends reading to help you deal with worries, feel better and boost your mood. The books have been chosen by children, carers, health experts and librarians. You can find the books in your library.

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### Other Reading Well booklists

There are Reading Well booklists for adults on **mental health**, **long term conditions** and **dementia**, and **Shelf Help for young people**. Ask in your library or visit **reading-well.org.uk** 

#### How can books help?

The books on the Reading Well list have been specially chosen to help you **understand your feelings** and cope with **tough times**.

You can read the books on your own, or talk about them with brothers and sisters, friends, parents, carers, teachers, doctors or somebody else you trust.

Download a guide to the books on the list at **reading-well.org.uk/children.** 

# The library

It's **easy and free** to use your library. You can borrow books, take part in activities like the **Summer Reading Challenge**, and use computers. Ask your librarian about what your library can offer.

### **Recommended reading**

### Healthy minds

What's Going on Inside My Head? Molly Potter, Sarah Jennings Bloomsbury

Healthy for Life: Self-esteem and Mental Health

Anna Claybourne, Dan Bramall Franklin Watts

How Not to Lose It: Mental Health Sorted Anna Williamson, Sophie Beer

Scholastic

## Worries

Ruby's Worry Tom Percival Bloomsbury

#### Questions and Feelings About: Worries

Paul Christelis, Ximena Jeria Franklin Watts

**Grobblechops** Elizabeth Laird, Jenny Lucander *Tiny Owl Publishing* 

**Me and My Fear** Francesca Sanna *Flying Eye Books* 

All Birds Have Anxiety Kathy Hoopmann Jessica Kingsley Publishers

Worry Angels Sita Brahmachari, Jane Ray Barrington Stoke

**Outsmarting Worry** Dawn Huebner, Kara McHale Jessica Kingsley Publishers

#### Feelings

How Are You Feeling Today? Molly Potter, Sarah Jennings Bloomsbury

#### Mindful Me: Exploring Emotions Paul Christelis, Elisa Paganelli Franklin Watts

Feeling Angry! Katie Douglass, Mike Gordon *Wayland* 

Sometimes I Feel Sad Tom Alexander Jessica Kingsley Publishers

# The world around you

At school

**Dealing With Bullying** Jane Lacey, Venitia Dean *Franklin Watts* 

Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet Zanib Mian, Nasaya Mafaridik Hodder Children's Books

Ella on the Outside Cath Howe Nosy Crow

## Online

**#Goldilocks** Jeanne Willis, Tony Ross Andersen Press

#### In the news

Something Bad Happened: A Kid's Guide to Coping With Events in the News Dawn Huebner, Kara McHale Jessica Kingsley Publishers

# Dealing with tough times

When someone dies

**Mum's Jumper** Jayde Perkin *Book Island* 

Michael Rosen's Sad Book Michael Rosen, Quentin Blake Walker Books

If All the World Were... Joseph Coelho, Allison Colpoys Frances Lincoln Children's Books

**Clownfish** Alan Durant *Walker Books* 

#### Getting through a tough time

The Boy Who Built a Wall Around Himself Ali Redford, Kara Simpson Jessica Kingsley Publishers

**Up and Down Mum** Child's Play, Summer Maçon *Child's Play Ltd.* 

The Colour Thief: A Family's Story of Depression Andrew Fusek Peters, Polly Peters, Karin Littlewood Wavland

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# When you have a condition

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Can I Tell You About ADHD? Susan Yarney, Chris Martin Jessica Kingsley Publishers

**Check Mates** Stewart Foster Simon & Schuster

#### Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

#### Questions and Feelings About: Autism

Louise Spilsbury, Ximena Jeria Franklin Watts

#### M is for Autism

The Students of Limpsfield Grange School, Vicky Martin Jessica Kingsley Publishers

#### Dyslexia

The Illustrated Guide to Dyslexia and Its Amazing People Kate Power, Kathy Iwanczak Forsyth Jessica Kingsley Publishers

#### Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

**Double Felix** Sally Harris, Maria Serrano Wacky Bee Books

#### Having a disability

Questions and Feelings About: Having a Disability

Louise Spilsbury, Ximena Jeria Franklin Watts



# What if I need more help?

You don't need to struggle on your own. You might find it helpful to talk things through with people you trust such as a parent or carer, a friend, teacher, school nurse or counsellor. You can ask about going to see your doctor if you want more support.

The following organisations offer support and counselling:

# Anna Freud Centre

onmymind.info for tips and advice as well as videos to help children and young people.

# Childline

childline.org.uk
0800 11 11
24 hours a day,
7 days a week.

# YoungMinds

youngminds.org.uk
text YM to 85258
hours a day,
days a week.

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