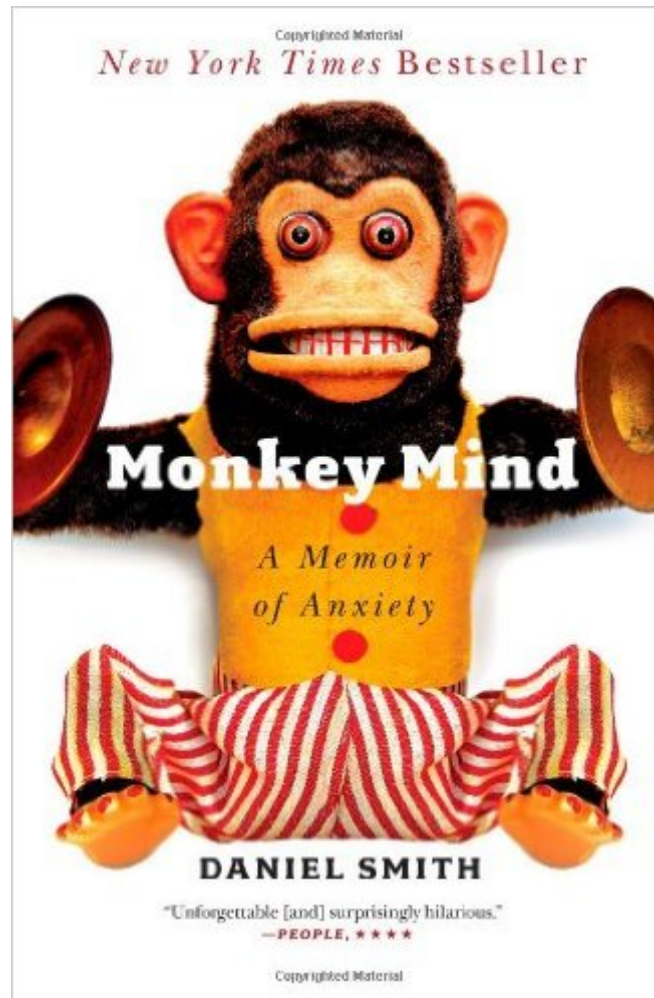


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Monkey Mind: A Memoir Of Anxiety



Synopsis

A wildly acclaimed New York Times bestseller, this uplifting, smart, and funny memoir provides hope and understanding to the 40 million Americans who suffer from anxiety disorders. Daniel Smith's *Monkey Mind* is the stunning articulation of what it is like to live with anxiety. As he travels through anxiety's demonic layers, Smith defangs the disorder with great humor and evocatively expresses its self-destructive absurdities and painful internal coherence. Aaron Beck, the most influential doctor in modern psychotherapy, says that "Monkey Mind does for anxiety what William Styron's *Darkness Visible* did for depression." • Neurologist and bestselling writer Oliver Sacks says, "I read *Monkey Mind* with admiration for its bravery and clarity. . . . I broke out into explosive laughter again and again." • Here, finally, comes relief and recognition to all those who want someone to put what they feel, or what their loved ones feel, into words.

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Customer Reviews

Knowing Daniel's struggles with anxiety I feel a certain amount of anxiety myself writing this review. I wouldn't want to put undue stress on someone who comes off as a mensch with a whale on his back. Happily, *Monkey Mind* is a fine book; so the pressure is off. First, if you're interested in this book to discover anxiety cures, you will likely be largely disappointed. Although Smith finds some relief through cognitive therapy and meditation, only the last five percent of the book addresses how he handles his condition. What *Monkey Mind* does do very well, however, is provide a detailed and in-depth look at anxiety in its various forms. Smith knows anxiety the way Eskimos are reported to

know different types of snow (apparently it's a myth that Eskimos have tons of names for different types of snow, but the cliché/point seems relevant.) Smith entertainingly and poignantly uses his own battles with anxiety (apparently excessive sweating is a serious problem for those with extreme anxiety) to explore the various forms and facets of anxiety. As someone who is much more prone to anxiety than depression, these explorations are definitely of interest. Also, Smith's tendency to anxiety is so much worse than mine, that it makes me feel maybe I'm not so bad off. One Line Summary: Overall, recommended for anyone interested in exploring anxiety in an in-depth, interesting, and personal way. Possible Related Recommendations- Anyone interested in a solid (and at moment very inexpensive for used copies on) practical guide for dealing with anxiety might consider

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