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Editorial Review

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The rate of depression has increased by nearly tenfold in those born in the years following World War II, making it the most common psychological problem in America. Depression expert Yapko presents a book that will help put depression in perspective and equip sufferers with the skills and knowledge to heal themselves of this modern plague. The first part of the book is devoted to discussing the clinical literature on psychotherapy and antidepressant medication. Here, the causes of depression, its diagnosis, and its treatment are explained in language easily understood by the lay reader. The second part is devoted to explaining the patterns of thinking, feeling, and behaving that signal depression. Yapko effectively uses case histories as well as more than 100 exercises to assist the reader in building the skills needed to manage depression. While there are many other titles on depression management, this book is a break from the widely held view that depression is mainly a biochemically based disease treatable with medication. It should serve to complement such books as Colette Dowling's *You Mean I Don't Have To Feel This Way?* (LJ 1/92) or Sandra Salman's *Depression: Questions You Have...Answers You Need* (LJ 2/1/95), which focus more on using drugs as a treatment for depression. An excellent book; recommended for all collections. Dana L. Brumbelow, Auburn P.L., Ala.

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