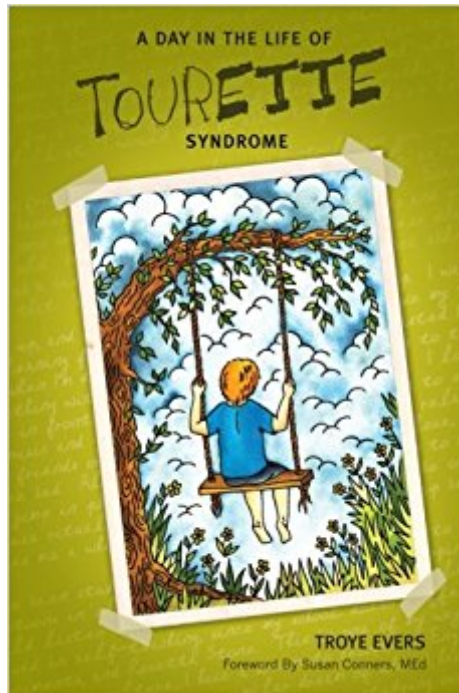




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A Day In The Life Of Tourette Syndrome



Synopsis

Like many people with Tourette syndrome, Troye Evers's symptoms began early in his childhood, but he was not officially diagnosed until he was eighteen years old. He remained in the closet about his diagnosis until his thirties, falsely attempting to pass off his symptoms as the result of bad sleep or a dry throat. After deciding he had enough, he penned a screenplay about his experiences that went on to win third place in the All Access Screen Writing competition. Two years later, he found himself voted on to the board of the Tourette Syndrome Association of New York City. Now using his influence and writing skills, he has collected the stories of seventeen other people, from all walks of life, living with Tourette syndrome. This breakthrough book will dispel several pernicious myths about the disorder. Contrary to media stereotypes about the disease, the vast majority of those with Tourette syndrome do not yell out profanities and other inappropriate remarks. Only ten percent of sufferers are prone to episodes of coprolalia, the yelling of obscenities. Instead, the neuropsychiatric disorder is marked by a combination of motor tics, such as uncontrollable arm waving, neck twitching, shoulder rolling, and speech tics. In these stories, each person reveals how the disorder has transformed their life for both good and bad. "From talking about daily bullying, teasing, mocking, and their fight for acceptance, they open up to the reader, explain how they conquered the fear of honesty, and became strong, confident members of society with a beautiful message," writes Evers. This book is not intended as a medical reference but as an education tool that allows readers to glimpse the lives of others affected by Tourette syndrome. As few others understand the reality of their condition, many spend their whole lives suppressing their symptoms and suppress their own personalities in the process. Incisive and eye-opening, this book makes their realities come alive.

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Born in the suburbs of Chicago, Troye Evers began experiencing tics around the age of ten. His Tourette syndrome was not diagnosed until he was eighteen. He suffered through an adolescence made up of daily teasing, bullying, and inappropriate educational placements in school. After years of attempting to hide his condition and suppress his tics, he became open about his diagnosis in his thirties. He penned a screenplay about his experiences that went on to win third place in the All Access Screen Writing competition. Two years later, he found himself voted onto the board of the Tourette Syndrome Association of New York City.

Good book for understanding adults who still live with TS. Just wish this book was around some 30 years ago.

I found a high percentage of similar experiences of misdiagnosis and prescribed pharmaceutical grasping for straws to no avail. Looking for help for my 8 yr old nephew in San Jose, CA who recently diagnosed with tics by neurologist who is prescribing psychotic drugs and he is on 3-4 different RX in less than 6 months. Drugs only temporarily work and then tics manifest back again. My hypothesis: Drugs may worsen tics and actually lead to Tourettes. Help me find out how to treat effectively with bio-feedback, diet, and meditation until they mainstream "Deep Brain Surgery". Find out how DBS worked and how it corrected the electrical neuronal misfirings going on. Study potential lazar surgery procedure so not as treacherous as first DBS for first Tourettes case in 2001, that effectively halted those misfirings and created new neuroplasticity connections! KEM...Windsor, CA Kezmarquez@gmail.com

i am sitting in my kitchen boiling water for the french press coffee maker. right as i pour the boiling water from the pot into the french press coffee maker, i get a text message. i slightly move the arm that is holding the pot of boiling water and i spill some of the boiling water onto the pointer finger on my left hand. i instantly drop the pot of boiling water (note: i am in shock) and run to the sink to put my hand under cold water. i put my hand under cold water for about ~3 minutes and then i run and immediately eat ~3 aspirin. i read the text message and it says that my friend's dad's best friend died. my friend 'cant stop crying' even though she 'didn't know him at all' but it is still 'so sad'. people want

things to cry over.my finger doesnt hurt at all. i probably didnt need to take the asprin.

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