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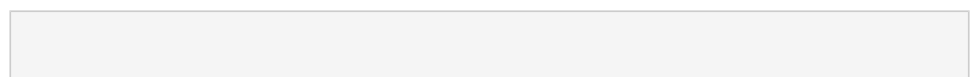
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Review

'This is wise stuff, with resonance that lingers on long after it is over, none more than the hope it offers, born of experience.' -- Ann Pilling *The Door*

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SUE ATKINSON is the author of *CLIMBING OUT OF DEPRESSION*, a highly successful book which has proved invaluable to many sufferers because it is written from the point of view of a sufferer rather than an 'expert'. She is a specialist in mathematics education and has co-authored a definitive maths teaching scheme. The wife of a CoE bishop, she has two adult children and seven grandchildren, and lives in London.

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For those who held on to the lifeline
when the going was tough,
for those who sat with me at the bottom of the cliff
and held my hand,
and for those who showed me,
by their love,
that the climb was worthwhile

Preface to the new edition

It has been so thrilling to meet and talk to depressed people and their caregivers since *Climbing Out of Depression* was first published twelve years ago. People from all over the world have written to me, and I've made some good friends through those letters. I have asked some of these people to make suggestions as to how the book could be improved.

I've tried to incorporate a number of those suggestions into this new edition, but some information is better

found elsewhere. For example, I didn't think I should focus on medication. Such information gets out of date, and it is best to talk to a doctor or look at the Depression Alliance website.

What has changed?

I have seen such dramatic change in some depressed people (including myself), and that is something for all of us to hold on to.

We can and do change!

Some people I have met resist that change with great energy and vigor. Others have steadily improved to the point where they can completely turn their lives around.

Some go back to work.

Some make much better relationships.

Some start up a new self-help group for other depressed people.

Some say how much they enjoy being fit enough to laugh and play with their children or go out with their friends.

What's new in this edition?

In this second edition of the book, I have made some changes to the text, either where I felt it important to add to my new understanding of depression or where I have changed my mind!

Now that I run workshops (as a sufferer, not a trained professional) with depressed people, caregivers, and counselors, I've learned much from brave and struggling people, and from those who care for them. Thank you so much to those people who have helped me make this new edition clearer and more up-to-date.

I've added much more about coping strategies to manage our depression better. This was one of the most requested topics at sessions I've run for self-help groups, and I have started working on these strategies also with groups of counselors.

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