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The main aim of this book is to reach those who need help and want to understand themselves and their condition more, in an easy-to-read format without an excess of medical terminology and statistics that may overwhelm the non-medically trained individual. All concepts have been broken down into bullet-points and sub-headings, to allow easy digestion of the concepts and information. This empowers the reader, and may ultimately prompt someone to seek help and support.

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Written and laid out in a simple-to-read fashion, the book avoids medical terminology and statistics. Intended primarily for laypersons, the book provides concise but simple to understand information about depression. It draws on the knowledge gained from biological and psychosocial research as well as the extensive clinical experience of the author. * Doody's Review *

About the Author

Danuta Wasserman is a specialist in general psychiatry and has a psychotherapeutic training. She is an active member of several professional organizations. On a national and Nordic level, Danuta Wasserman has built up the National Centre for the Prevention of Mental Ill-Health and Suicide (NASP) and a strong Nordic research network on the prevention of mental disorders. She has the first Professorship in Europe in Psychiatry and Suicidology, established in 1995 at the Karolinska Institutet. Professor Wasserman received several significant Research Awards, such as the Stengel Award from the International Association for Suicide Prevention, for outstanding contributions in the field of suicide research and prevention; Distinguished Research Award: from the American Foundation for Suicide Research; Hans-Rost-Prize, German Association for Suicide Prevention; and the Nordic Public Health Prize by the Nordic Council of Ministers of Health.

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