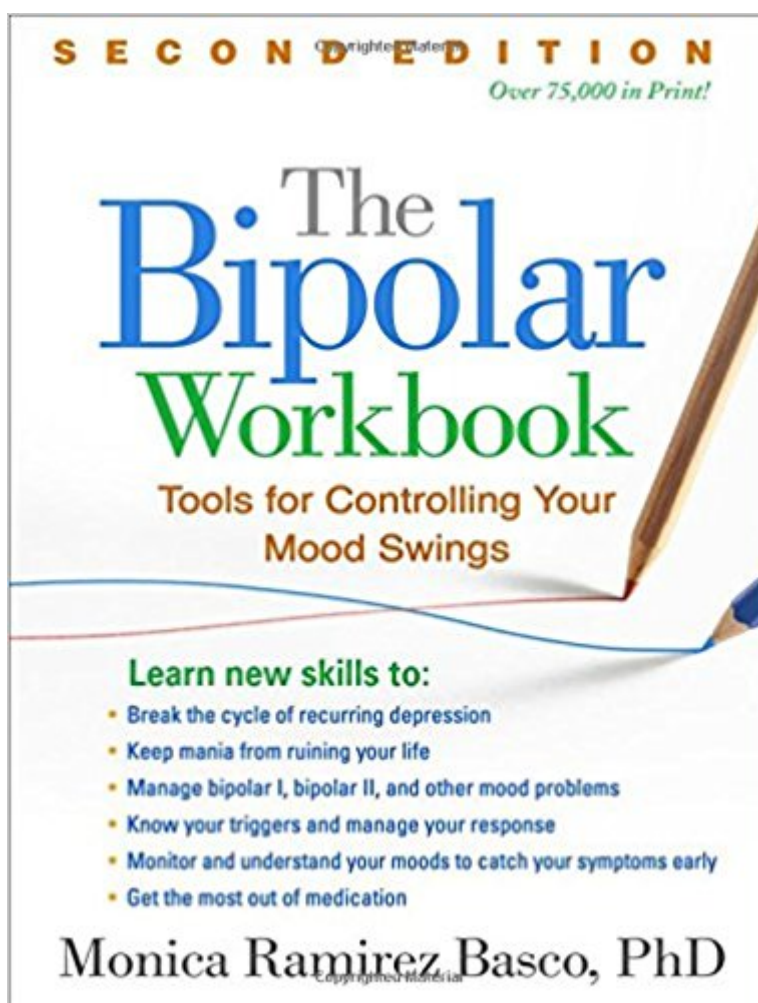


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A Great book to help a person that struggles with mood disorders. I had the previous edition but the newer edition is even better. The workbook is well worth the money. It is great to work thru the workbook with a family, friend or doctor. The workbook has helped me identify my characteristic when I am going into manic or depression. I am still learning what to do to stop going into manic or depression. I am only 1/2 way thru the book tho. The book is written in easy to read and understand terms. You can skip chapters that you feel you don't need. The worksheets to write on can be printed off a website if you don't want to use the ones in the book. Or if you go back and read the book later you can have clean new worksheets to use. The workbook is great for the friend and family member trying to understand about what their loved one is going thru with a mood disorder. Their loved one may not be ready to work thru the workbook but it does give insight for the friends and family member.

you need to actually do the written activities to get the most benefit from it.

I was hoping for a book that would teach me something. This book did not teach me anything the NIMH taught me with their free packet online. I do have a degree in psychology though, so it could help people who've been recently diagnosed or who are really struggling. Four stars for its information being accurate.

There are some insights in this book that have really opened my eyes. While the material itself may

not be completely earth shattering original information, I still find the delivery and packaging of the information to be fairly unique, which helps it to resonate with me.

Informative, useful and well written

Really helpful book with great activities.

I'm going to tell you the truth. My significant other, who is bipolar, was very excited when I ordered these books as he knew he was bipolar and that we needed something to get him over this hump and more into understanding. Well, he went through a manic period shortly after we received the books and he unfortunately ignored them. Change for bipolar people is extremely fearfilled. If you are bipolar and reading this, I urge you to get these materials & face your fears. Let your family love you and read anything instghtful. Do not do what my Soul Mate did.

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