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A Workbook for Letting Go of Other People's Opinions

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A NOTE FROM DR. NATALIE Self Empowerment Expert

I am so happy you have chosen to take advantage of the benefits of journaling by using this workbook to help you expand your perspective, get clarity on how others opinions may be holding you back, and inspire brave and empowered action. I strongly suggest you watch the companion video, and that you print this workbook out and actually put pen to paper when you journal. Handwriting allows you to have a deeper connection to the information than typing will. I've chosen 4 strategies to help you take a different approach when it comes to the critique of others in your life. I've included a quote for you to read that goes along with each journaling prompt to give you inspiration and show you that these strategies do work and will for you. Believe me, if you put these strategies into practice, you will notice a significant difference in how much less you are affected by others' judgment. And I'll be right here, cheering you on.

What I want for you is that you have the awareness, compassion, and ability to make the empowered choice to live the life you want for yourself, no matter how uncomfortable it is to overcome the habit of being your former self.

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4 STEPS TO EMPOWERED LIVING

In this <u>video</u> you will hear Dr. Natalie go into detail about the following steps towards empowerment. After watching the video, use the Guided Journal to help build the skills needed to take these steps.



BE THE HEROINE IN YOUR STORY

Instead of seeing your life circumstances as outside your control, start to focus on how you are already the heroine in your story.

FOCUS ON THE "NEXT RIGHT THING"

We are not trying to change all parts of our lives at the same time. That is way too much to do at once. We are merely mindfully staying in the present moment and from that vantage point doing the next step that is in front of us.



RE-NARRATE YOUR STORY

While our pasts cannot be changed, we can change our approach to our pasts. The power of narration is that it sets the stage for our story. If you don't like how the stage is set, give it a new backstory.



RE-AUTHOR YOUR STORY

Authoring our stories has sometimes felt like it is outside of our control. We believed the authors were our families, school, friends, work, and onward. Now that we are recognizing our own power, we recognize our power to write a new story for ourselves.



A HERO IS ANY PERSON REALLY INTENT ON MAKING THIS **A BETTER** PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE.

MAYA ANGELOU

Be the Heroine in Your Story

I want you to think of a time that you were struggling, but not too much. I am not asking for you to dig into your life's biggest issues quite yet. Think of a time that is more along the lines of a moderate nuisance to you, and which you were able to handle relatively well. It may not have been your best work in life, yet you handled it. The new trick is that I want you to see this from a different lens this time. Instead of focusing on the outside situation, I want you to turn your attention to what you noticed about yourself in this situation. You survived it, so what was it that allowed you to survive. Tell the story of your being the heroine in this story.



JUST DO THE NEXT RIGHT THING, ONE THING AT A TIME. THAT'LL TAKE YOU ALL THE WAY HOME.

GLENNON DOYLE

Focus on the "Next Right Thing"

When we are caught in the continued process of living on auto-pilot, we are often doing so because our mind is scattered into many different places. Maybe we are caught up in our regrets about our pasts, our self critique of our present, or worrying about our future. Wherever our mind is at, it is certainly not in the present moment. Focusing on the "Next Right Thing" is a principle we use to bring us back into the present and only give ourself the task of the thing we are doing right now...right in front of us. When we are in the present, we have 100% ability to effect change. When we are in our heads or acting on autopilot, we do not. Write about what the "Next Right Thing" is, in your life.



SHE COULD NEVER GO BACK AND MAKE SOME OF THE DETAILS PRETTY, ALL SHE COULD DO WAS MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE THE WHOLE BEAUTIFUL.

TERRI ST. CLOUD

Re-Narrate Your Story

When re-narrating your life, you are putting a different spin on the feeling of failure and regret. You might consider how these parts of your past were a learning opportunity. Finding the meaning in your struggle. Or shift the narration to how it was helpful to those you love. The reason that renarrating can be a little softer method for changing how you interface with the programming and conditioning of your life, is that it doesn't require that you change your opinions of the programming and conditioning. It just asks that you emphasize the parts of your story that empower you and shift the locus of control back to you as the agent of change. Take a look back at a time you struggled and try re-narrating it to be more empowering.



YOU'RE THE CREATOR, **DESIGNER, AND AUTHOR OF YOUR OWN LIFE STORY. EACH** DAY IS A BLANK CANVAS, AND YOU HAVE THE **POWER TO** CRAFT THE FUTURE OF YOUR DREAMS.

GABRIELLE WHITNEY

Re-Author Your Story

I want you to think of another struggle you've had in life, this time focusing on what the underlying programming and conditioning told you that you should think in this instance. Then re-author this to programming and conditioning that you are choosing for yourself. One of the examples I often use to teach this subject, is my divorce. If I were to believe the programming and conditioning of culture, my two divorces would be seen as a "failure" on my part. Instead, I have re-authored this narrative emphasizing the new programming and conditioning that this was a courageous feat, despite others' judgment, and by bettering myself I am a better version of myself in all that I do in the world. Now you try to reauthor a challenging part of your story.



NOTES







ONLINE COURSES AND COACHING

Dr. Natalie offers several online courses and coaching packages all aimed to help you learn how to liberate yourself from a life you feel stuck in and move into one that you love through the power of Self-Awareness, Self-Compassion, Self-Care, and Self Empowered Choices. Check out the resources Dr. Natalie provides you and get your questions answered by checking out the course website via <u>this link</u>.



THANK YOU!

Our time is our most precious asset. I truly appreciate your willingness to try something new with this workbook. I hope that you found a resource with this video and workbook combo. And I am excited for you to have a new way to handle the hustle of our culture and the constant bombardment of social conditioning.

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