# The first book about teenage depression written by a teenager!

A self-help book for people who hate help. And themselves.

## Advice I Ignored: Stories and Wisdom from a Formerly Depressed Teen

When Ruby Walker was 15 going on 16, she went from a numb, silent, miserable high school dropout to a joyous loudmouth in one year flat. *Advice I Ignored* answers the question everyone's been asking her since: What happened?

Full of stories, honest advice, fierce hope, and over 100 hand-inked illustrations, *Advice I Ignored* is an important resource for teens suffering from depression (which has reached epidemic proportions), parents who have one, and educators who want to help. Applicable for adults suffering too!

### TALKING POINTS

- · 4 tips on how to gain a sense of free will and finally start taking showers again
- Self-talk: 3 ways to stop bullying yourself and learn how to start talking to yourself like you talk to your friends
- 7 steps to stop the hate and treat yourself right
- · Opening up about sexual abuse/trauma
- · Advice for parents whose teens are suffering from depression
- For parents and educators signs to look for that a teen needs help, and what to do
- · Advice on how to start exercising to fix your brain chemistry
- The importance of planning: making lots of small goals = accomplishing a big goal
- 4 lies your trauma is telling you and why you must not believe them
- 4 ways to find some quiet, make friends with boredom, and give yourself a break
- · Art and writing as a creative outlet for coping with depression

## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Ruby Walker is an 18-year-old college student, artist and writer. Ruby grew up in Austin, moved down to Buda (TX), dropped out of high school, earned herself full tuition to a private university, and is currently studying art at Trinity University in San Antonio. *Advice I Ignored: Stories and Wisdom from a Formerly Depressed Teen* is the only book on teenage mental health actually written by a teenager.

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## **BOOK DETAILS**

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- · February is Relationship Wellness Month
- February is International Expect Success Month
- · February is Boost Your Self Esteem Month
- February 13 is International Day of Self-Love
- · March 20 is International Day of Happiness
- · April is Stress Awareness Month
- · April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- · April is Counseling Awareness Month
- · May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- · September is Suicide Prevention Month

## **ENDORSEMENTS**

"If you are a teen struggling with depression and anxiety, an adult working with teens, or an adult who is yet to shake off those traumatic teenage situations, Advice I Ignored is for you." - Jo-Ann Duff, <u>duffythewriterblog.com</u>



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