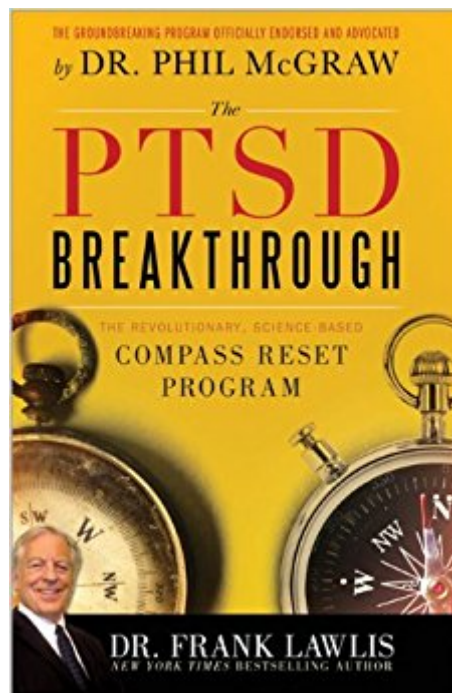




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The PTSD Breakthrough: The Revolutionary, Science-Based Compass RESET Program



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Customer Reviews

"PTSD is not just a problem for our soldiers... It can truly happen to anyone," suggests Psychologist Lawlis (Retraining the Brain) in his slim volume on self-healing. After defining PTSD and presenting illustrative case studies, Lawlis discusses current treatments and consequences. Basing suggestions on the concept that PTSD results from an injury to the brain, he delves into six treatment steps, beginning with healing the brain with a hyperbaric chamber, sleep, and stress management. For detoxification, he suggests certain whole foods and supplements. The PTSD sufferer can, Lawlis believes, regain control over brain processes through breathing exercises and mental activities like games; release fear and rage through biofeedback and aromatherapy; and create a sense of connection through a new beginning and reentry to their community. Containing a number of quizzes to aid in self-diagnosis, exercises to do alone or in teams, a brief workbook, and a mindfulness-based stress reduction script, The PTSD Breakthrough will be of interest to the PTSD sufferer who is seeking a non-pharmaceutical path to recovery. Readers who rely on medically-oriented self help guides as a starting place for further research, however, will be disappointed by the lack of references here (surprising for a method that claims a basis in science). (Oct.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Dr. Frank Lawlis is a renowned psychologist, researcher, and counselor with more than thirty-five years' experience and is a fellow of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Lawlis is the cofounder of the Lawlis Peavey Psychoneuroplasticity (PNP) Center near Dallas, TX, and is the chief content advisor for the Dr. Phil Show and The Doctors.

The book, for me, was not as good as I was expecting. Look, I'm not a person with a degree. I'm a massage therapist that is certified in soothing trauma which deals with PTSD, emotional and physical abuse. When I took the course, I realized I had PTSD. I'm a Vietnam veteran. My condition is very light compared to other veterans, but it explains why my first marriage didn't work out, why I still look to see who is walking behind me, sit with my back against the wall and at times when I'm at a restaurant I turn the knife around if I have to use it in attack mode. I can also hear people walking on grass about 30 yards away.

Millions of people suffer from PTSD, so I was a little disappointed to find it was mostly geared toward PTSD suffered by soldiers. I expected some universal themes or topics. Some parts are also a bit technical. It is hard to write a review when I am somewhat removed from the target audience. Ironically, the writing was a bit depressing. I've read other books that are much more empowering and positive.

Excellent read! Puts many things into perspective and allows you to heal without opening old wounds for those with traumatic PTSD and understanding for those with injury related PTSD.

It took me some time to initially get into the book. Once I did, I found the information fascinating. There is a great deal to digest. There are a great deal of helpful suggestions for both diagnosing either a patient, a loved one or friend or oneself. Excellent read for anyone who has ever been traumatized or wants to understand someone who has been. Never I have read anything about the physiological side of PTSD so well written and explained!

fantastic book

Hope for the PTSD person

I've not finished college but this book is very predictable with the exception that Dr. Lawless believes PTSD comes from some kind of physical head injury- which, with people who've been to war in the past 10 years possibly might. I just don't get his point. This "breakthrough" he speaks of is kind of pointless since most people get PTSD from emotional trauma. I would know.

Didn't work for me.

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