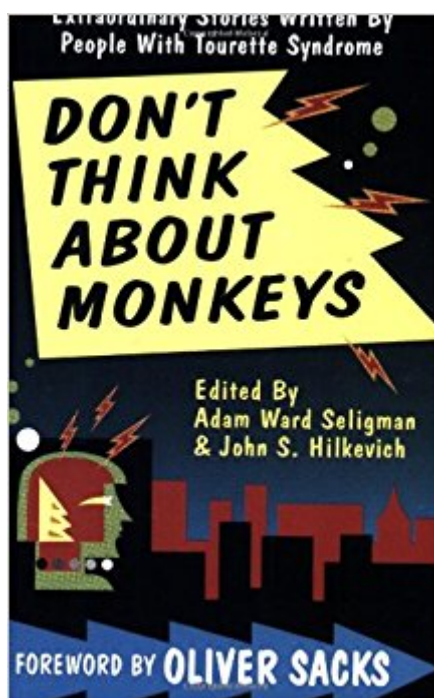


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# Don't Think About Monkeys. Extraordinary Stories Written By People With Tourette Syndrome



## Synopsis

Don't Think About Monkeys is a remarkable collection of stories written by fourteen people who live with Tourette syndrome. Ranging from three teenagers learning to come to grips with teasing to adults encountering discrimination, the collection represents the incredible diversity of a disorder as diverse as life itself. The drama of living with a disability and the comedy of a Tourette syndrome conference show the range of a book the Oliver Sacks called "A fascinatingly varied book."

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We have many medical accounts of Tourette syndrome, but far too few stories "from the inside," stories of what it is like, what it means, to live with Tourette syndrome, every day and minute of one's life; how others respond to it, and how, finally hopefully, one may come to terms with it. --  
Oliver Sacks

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This book gives you a first-hand view to the complexities of this disorder. In reading through these stories, all those things that my child described were relayed in these pages. After reading this book, I finally found someone that described why our situation was so difficult. All those things that the doctors said fell into the "grey-area" were touched upon. "Don't Think About the Monkeys" provides you with the understanding you need to give your child the compassion and empathy he needs. If you're looking for material that will give you some insight -- this is the book.

I. Love love love this book!! My 12 year old daughter was diagnosed with tourettes when she was six. We have discovered not many. Understand tourettes and what it's really about. It's not exactly the "swearing disease" that people often mistake it for. It is very complex, and this book puts it into perspective, and is easy to understand and identify with. We have bought this book for teachers, doctors, friends, family, and even the local library. I highly recommend this book to anyone!!

Bought this for an academic library's collection. Advertised as "Used--Like New." This was Incorrect. The book looked fine closed, but when opened it's obvious it was a bindery problem : first 22 pages at a slant (miscut) and not fully glued. Would not have survived library use. Vendor understanding and communicative; issued credit to my credit card. Will have to find another, sturdy copy. Problem was with physical book, NOT vendor or intellectual content of the book.

There are so few books around like this - it is very hard to find personal accounts of Tourette's Syndrome. I found all the stories very interesting and insightful - the only thing I found lacking is I wanted to read more about experiences of the co-morbidities of TS especially ADHD. There is plenty about OCD in this book but not so much about ADHD. But don't let that put you off - it is just such a great and rare read that it left me wanting more. I also got a lot out of James Patterson's "Torn Apart" because there is much insight into how TS is not just about tics. How I'd love the world to know that and understand my TS son's many quirks and sensitivities.

I've found most books about Tourette Syndrome, and the reason I've avoided reading any till now, concentrate on children. My boyfriend has Tourette Syndrome and I wanted to know more about the experiences of adults with Tourette's. This book does that... mostly. There are some fascinating stories and amazing descriptions of compulsive behavior and the feeling of holding in tics but there are some juvenile stories which really didn't grab me and a few stories that seem to lack any editing at all, complete with spelling mistakes.

Great read that opened up my perspective to people with Tourette Syndrome.

Excellent book about what it is like to live with tourette's syndrome. Helped explain a lot of the ins and outs of daily living for my son. Definite must read!

This was a great book! It has very interesting stories written by people who have Tourette's. thank you! . .

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