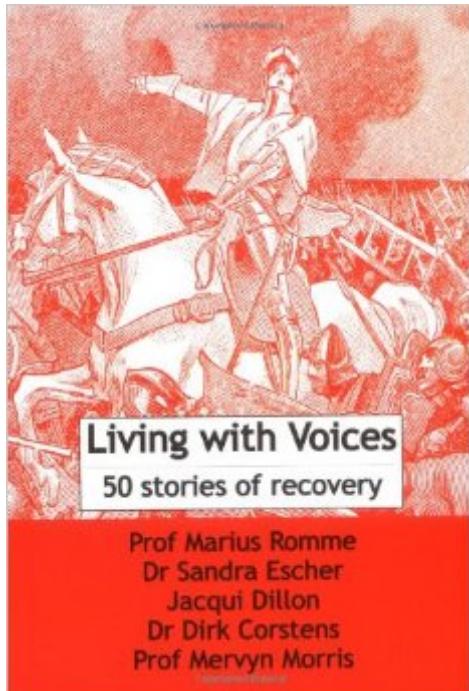


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Synopsis

This book is a groundbreaking development in modern mental health because it recognises the importance of the first hand experience and argues that hearing voices is not a sign of madness but a reaction to serious problems in life. Must-read book for all concerned with mental health issues.

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Finally found a book that I connect with on a cellular level. My son was diagnosed with schizophrenia 10 years ago. I have repeatedly begged my son's doctors to delve into his childhood. I have given ALL of his psychiatrists detailed descriptions of his life. None were interested. They all say that it is a physical brain disorder and ply him with drugs that have reduced him to a subdued version of what he used to be. I have always disagreed, but they don't listen. - This book, written by psychiatrists and health professionals, does a good job of presenting what voice-hearing sufferers experience - and, more importantly, a solution. It is based on the premise that the sufferer has experienced trauma that then results in hearing voices. Identifying the voices, their personalities, tones, words, etc., helps to identify the incident(s)/person(s) that caused the trauma. Recovery occurs when the sufferer learns to identify and connect a voice to a particular time/space/person. - This sounds so simplistic... and I'm probably doing a very bad job of describing the contents of this book. But I am so gratified to read a book that echoes what I have believed from Day 1. Unfortunately, the psychiatric community in the United States will think it's hogwash. Their solution, though, is to push meds. If the meds don't work (and they usually don't), then there is no alternative.

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