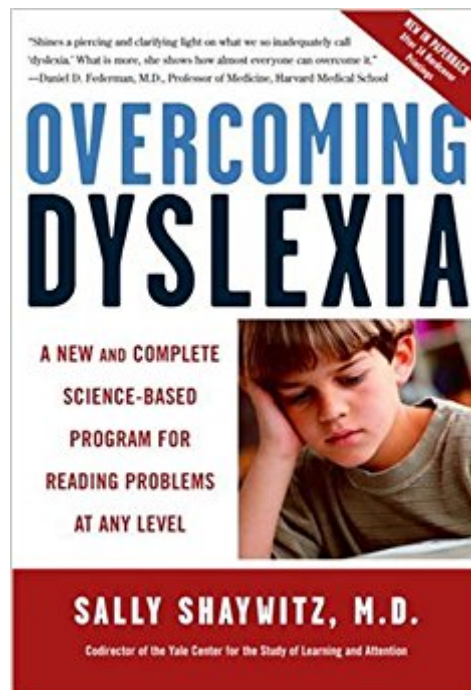




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# Overcoming Dyslexia: A New And Complete Science-Based Program For Reading Problems At Any Level



## Synopsis

FOR EVERYONE WHO STRUGGLES TO READ! Clear, practical, science-based information and advice for successful results One in five American children has trouble reading. But they are not stupid or lazy. In *Overcoming Dyslexia*, Dr. Sally Shaywitz, codirector of the Yale Center for the Study of Learning and Attention and a leader in the new research into how the brain works, offers the latest information about reading problems and proven, practical techniques that, along with hard work and the right help, can enable anyone to overcome them. Here are the tools that parents and teachers need to help the dyslexic child, age by age, grade by grade, step by step.--What dyslexia is and why some intelligent, gifted people read slowly and painfully--How to identify dyslexia in preschoolers, schoolchildren, young adults, and adults--How to find the best school and how to work productively with your child's teacher--Exercises to help children use the parts of the brain that control reading--A 20-minute nightly home program to enhance reading--The 150 most common problem words--A list that can give your child a head start--Ways to raise and preserve a child's self-esteem and reveal his strengths--Stories of successful men and women who are dyslexic

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Yale neuroscientist Shaywitz demystifies the roots of dyslexia (a neurologically based reading difficulty affecting one in five children) and offers parents and educators hope that children with reading problems can be helped. Shaywitz delves deeply into how dyslexia occurs, explaining that

magnetic resonance imaging has helped scientists trace the disability to a weakness in the language system at the phonological level. According to Shaywitz, science now has clear evidence that the brain of the dyslexic reader is activated in a different area than that of the nonimpaired reader. Interestingly, the dyslexic reader may be strong in reasoning, problem solving and critical thinking, but invariably lacks phonemic awareness-the ability to break words apart into distinct sounds-which is critical in order to crack the reading code. The good news, Shaywitz claims, is that with the use of effective training programs, the brain can be rewired and dyslexic children can learn to read. She walks parents through ways to help children develop phonemic awareness, become fluent readers, and exercise the area of the brain essential for reading success. Early diagnosis and effective treatment, the author claims, are of utmost importance, although even older readers can learn to read skillfully with proper intervention. Shaywitz's groundbreaking work builds an important bridge from the laboratory to the home and classroom. 34 line drawings and graphs Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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The book helps one to understand dyslexia in more layman's language than a lot of other books and sites on the internet. The author gives a hands on approach to helping the child, with word lists and mile markers /how to assess the child yourself and to 'test' for specific ages and grades. In that way it has been a very useful book. Decoding words is what the basis of the book is and it does help with challenges when put into practice. They point out all the different facets of dyslexia and the emotional strategies for their well being which is hugely important. Many of the places they advise you to contact for guidance and help is not really helpful for the most part because they are places that charge and assess the child, still leaving one kind of hanging out there wondering what to do anyway. What little information you acquire from the testers and teaching facilities, it still leaves you not quite knowing if they are what you child needs. The costs can be rather high by the time you might or might not know if you have chosen the correct help for YOUR child. It is a financial gamble you have to be willing to take. I have applied a lot of techniques from the book, but it is not a one size fits all program, just like people. It is the second semester right now and it has made a difference to the second grader I am working with. I give it four stars as it's recommendations and referrals for help are not really helpful or very accessible for moderate incomes, which he never

explained or rated them and some of them are not even in business any longer.

This book was published in 2005. It is outdated in some ways by now and some of the criticisms in the negative reviews here are justified. There are better books by now and there is more relevant information on Wikipedia. Midwest Independent Research, educational websites. Education, mwir-education.blogspot. There is information and a book list on dyslexia here.

This is a great book. It was the textbook for a course I took, but it's a great overview. If you have a child or student with dyslexia, this book will be very helpful. I also found the audiobook version online, for a very affordable price. I read some of it and listened to some of it.

Picked this up because it was recommended by a few professionals and parents in a support group we are in for one of my sons. With school starting again soon this book helped add skills to our support activities for our 8 year old. Well written and definitely worth buying.

This is a great book. It is amazing how much they have discovered about the workings of the dyslexic brain in recent years. The book explains how dyslexics process language differently. I am dyslexic and am surprised how little I understood about my disability. I hadn't even thought about my dyslexia for years. I built my bridges in my mind to cope with reading and writing. I recently discovered my little girl is dyslexic and started to research. This book is tremendously helpful. As I read it, it was like a light clicked, "oh yes, that is exactly what I experienced." Besides helping gain an understanding of dyslexia, it also help point me in the right direction to start getting a diagnoses and intervention for my six-year-old daughter. If you think your child may be dyslexic read this book as soon as you can. The earlier the intervention the easier it is to help your child overcome the challenges of dyslexia and harness the strengths common to dyslexics. I really like how this book highlights and reinforces the strengths of the dyslexics minds. It bothers me so much to hear parents bemoan and fear their child's dyslexia. Dyslexia is a challenge, but also frequently a sort of gift. This book reinforces this. This is the attitude that will be the win for your child.

Great book! Full of information that is essential in understanding dyslexia and how to help the dyslexic student. My only disclaimer is that it can be very technical at times. However, if your child or student has been diagnosed then this is a must have for your bookshelf.

Since being diagnosed as dyslexic as an adult, this was the first book I read. It gave me great insight into my struggles as a child and is scientific sound. But as an adult, it gave me little help for the future. After years of struggling with the issues described in the book, I did eventually come to my own way of accommodating for my dyslexia but without the support that is in the book so the process was extremely painful. I know from further research that dyslexia is genetic. I feel this book would be invaluable for my future children, being of very high likelihood to also be genetically dyslexic, to make the process of accommodating for it way less painful than what I had to go through. I will always be dyslexic and the struggles as an adult are much different than that of when I was a child. This book is only helpful for children from the 1-6th grade, and after that age this book will only be helpful to resolve painful memories of the past. I would recommend for information on dealing with dyslexia as an young adult would be the Dyslexic Advantage.

Am still reading this book as it takes a long while to complete. Very detailed and the author is very knowledgeable on the subject. I will be referring to this book in the future once I complete it, I believe. So much to take in at one time. I only gave it 4 stars because I feel that there's quite a bit of repetition in the book. Possibly to make it longer, I'm not sure. But the repetition drove me crazy. I wanted to scream, I get the picture! sometimes. But otherwise the book was so good that I won't need to buy another one. It covers all aspects of dyslexia and I feel that I may at times need to go back into it for titles of programs or books, but I feel I've learned a lot on the subject and don't feel I need to buy more books on the subject.

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