WILL YOU READ THIS, PLEASE?

HAVE YOU GOT A STORY TO TELL?

If you have experienced mental illness and would like your story told with the help of a bestselling writer, we want to hear from you. We are creating a book of real-life stories, written by 12 professional authors, based on real lived experience of people who have faced mental illness in the UK.

A lot is spoken about mental illness in the press and the media, but we rarely hear the most important voice of all: the voice of lived experience. We strongly believe there are many stories out there still waiting to be told, stories that will help others to understand the challenges of living with mental illness and hopefully go some way in eradicating the stigma and isolation, which is all too often endured.

Perhaps you have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder or schizophrenia, or you have been told that you have a personality disorder. Maybe you have experienced severe depression or anxiety. You may have been treated with ECT or admitted to hospital under the Mental Health Act. Perhaps you have previously attempted suicide or lived alongside the challenges of OCD or an eating disorder. These are only examples and your experience may not be listed here. Everyone's voice is unique and valuable, and whatever your story is, we would love to hear it. Please tell us using the attached form and send it to
willyoureadthisplease@harpercollins.co.uk

If your story is chosen, you will work with an experienced writer to tell your story on your own terms. The piece you produce together will be included in a collection published by The Borough Press, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, and will be edited by the creator of this project, bestselling novelist and former doctor of psychiatry Joanna Cannon. You will be paid an advance of £1000 plus one twelfth of subsequent royalties. Submissions open on the 1st of December 2021 and close on the 7th of February 2022. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please see our terms and conditions for more information.