# 8 Keys to Forgiveness (8 Keys to Mental Health)

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## A practical guide by the man Time magazine has called "the forgiveness trailblazer."

While it may seem like a simple enough act, forgiveness is a difficult, delicate process which, if executed correctly, can be profoundly moving and a deep learning experience.

Whatever the scenario may be-whether you need to make peace with a certain situation, with a loved one or friend, or with a total stranger-the process of forgiveness is an art and a science, and this hands-on guide walks readers through it in 8 key steps. How can we become forgivingly "fit"? How can we identify the source of our pain and inner turmoil? How can we find meaning in what we have suffered, or learn to forgive ourselves? What should we do when forgiveness feels like a particularly tall order? All these questions and more are answered in this practical book, leading us to become more tolerant, compassionate, and hopeful human beings.

### Robert Enright, PhD,

is a licensed psychologist and a professor of educational psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He established the International Forgiveness Institute, Inc. in 1994. He is the pioneer researcher in the social sciences on the psychology of forgiveness. Time Magazine referred to him as "the forgiveness trailblazer." The author of over 130 publications, including seven books, he has lectured extensively across the world on the themes of forgiveness therapy and forgiveness education. He has appeared on ABC's "20/20," NBC's "Nightly News," and in the National Public Television documentary "The Power of Forgiveness." He currently is helping schools to establish forgiveness education in Athens, Greece: Belfast, Northern Ireland: Galilee, Israel: and Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.

#### Babette Rothschild, MSW.

has been a practitioner since 1976 and a teacher and trainer since 1992. She is a bestselling author of six books, all published by WW Norton and translated into more than a dozen languages. She is also the creator and Series Editor of the 8 Keys to Mental Health Series.

After living and working for 9 years in Copenhagen, Denmark she returned to her native Los Angeles where she is writing her next books while she continues to lecture, train, consult, and supervise professional psychotherapists of all sorts worldwide. "Geared toward anyone mulling over the concept of forgiveness, this hands-on guide walks readers through each step on how to become more permissive, compassionate, and optimistic human beings. . . . Written in an approachable tone, this book presents concepts that are readily applicable. . . . [It] demonstrates not only successful examples containing real-life people, but hard evidence that forgiveness is a truly liberating process."

Somatic Psychotherapy Today

"This book has the potential to enrich and improve more lives than any psychology book in decades. Robert Enright is the pioneer of the psychology of forgiveness, and his great wisdom, experience, and very practical advice are all compiled in this highly readable guide. Don't give up on forgiveness in your life until you read this book and try its proven strategies."

### Frank Farley, PhD, Former President, American Psychological Association

"As the principal of a Belfast primary school in one of the most deprived areas of the UK, I have witnessed first-hand the damage to children that can be caused by sectarian conflict. I have also witnessed the powerful effect the forgiveness curriculum can bring to the process of emotional healing. 8 Keys to Forgiveness is an invaluable resource for adults seeking emotional and relational healing through forgiveness. The keys discussed, such as understanding the inherent worth of all people, provide a way out of the resentment that can destroy lives and communities, and a detailed road map for the journey towards inner peace. I highly recommend this practical guide for anyone struggling with the effects of injustice against them, whatever that injustice might be."

### Claire Hilman, Principal, Ligoniel Primary School, Belfast, Northern Ireland

"Forgiveness can protect us from unhealthy anger and anxiety, heal our deep wounds, and even save our lives. In this book, Robert Enright offers a smooth path on the journey of forgiving. His advice and reminders are eminently useful to those just embarking on this journey, and they continue to provide great insight as we become experienced in practicing forgiveness."

Tina Huang, Professor and Chair, National Chung-Cheng University, leading researcher on the psychology of forgiveness in Taiwan

#### Other Books

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