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"Countless subjects afflicted with bulimia have already benefited from using the original self-help manual, one of the first written after the description of these disorders. The new edition retains the appeal of the original through a friendly style, moving case-vignettes and ingenious illustrations. Some additions enable the inclusion of new research on the body image disturbance and on refined treatment techniques, while an extra chapter facilitates access to sources of help in different parts of the world. I recommend this book with full enthusiasm." - *Gerald Russell*, Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College, London

"Ulrike Schmidt, Janet Treasure and June Alexander make an outstanding team in this second edition of one of the foremost self-help manuals for sufferers with bulimic disorders. Drs Schmidt and Treasure are at the cutting edge in their clinical and research work in this domain, and adding June Alexander to this team provides this edition an eloquent voice that represents sufferers and carers. This book is a great practical guide for those who are unwell, and also for those you are there to guide these individuals through their struggles toward recovery - professionals, families and friends alike." - *Daniel Le Grange*, PhD, Benioff UCSF Professor in Children's Health, University of California, San Francisco, USA

"*Getting Better Bite by Bite* is a beautiful illustrated step-by-step guide for eating disorders recovery. Through rich storytelling and concrete practical exercises reflecting decades of collective clinical experience, this book accompanies the reader across the stepping stones to recovery. Warmth, compassion, and deep understanding flow from every page integrating perspectives of two of the most respected eating disorder clinicians in the world and a survivor/advocate. This guide avoids jargon and provides solid advice for anyone with an eating disorder. A rich resource for every library and a comforting companion for anyone contemplating recovery." - *Cynthia Bulik*, PhD, FAED, Professor, Karolinska Institutet and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Author of *Midlife Eating Disorders* and *Binge Control*

"From the outset, *Getting Better Bite by Bite* engages readers to realistically and wholeheartedly consider what it will take--and what it will mean--to change their lives and become free from bulimia nervosa or binge eating disorder. Drawing upon years of clinical experience and the most up to date treatment research, this volume can be used as a self-help guide to changing long-standing eating disorder patterns and get readers on the road to recovery. In fact, research has found that use of this book is an efficacious therapeutic intervention... Schmidt, Treasure, and Alexander have woven a uniquely authoritative volume that is as engaging and emphatic as it is practical and directive. *Getting Better Bite by Bite* is an invaluable resource for sufferers as well as carers." - *Peter Doyle*, Academy of Eating Disorders Forum

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