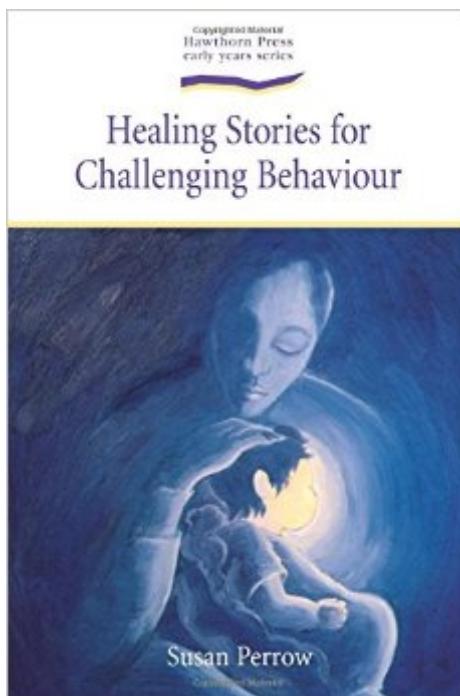


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# Healing Stories For Challenging Behaviour



## Synopsis

Features: A resource for families and professionals who work with children in challenging situations More than fifty stories to help deal with a range of common "challenging behaviors" A story-making model to help readers create their own stories to address challenging behaviors Healing Stories for Challenging Behaviour offers a creative approach to helping children who are facing trauma or other difficulties in their life. This collection of modern and traditional folk tales includes stories for behavior difficulties, such as dishonesty, stealing, bullying, and fighting. Also included are stories to help with challenging situations such as moving to a new house, a new baby in the family, nightmares, illness, and grieving. Each story in Healing Stories for Challenging Behaviour is introduced with notes and suggestions for ways to use them. Also included is a guide to help parents and teachers create their own healing stories. A great book for emotional first aid."Susan Perrow's inspirational adventures with storytelling have grown into this inspirational book. May its pages encourage you to speak healing words that help both children and adults to flourish." •Nancy Mellow, author of Storytelling with Children "Susan Perrow gives us the tools to use and create stories that respond to the way children imagine their world. Practice what she teaches; it will enrich your life." •Michael Moran, storyteller and psychiatric nurse

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## Customer Reviews

Since reading this book, I have gone from being a storytime reader to story teller. I have used Susan Perrow's stories with my son, family, friends, and in the classroom. Her book has been instrumental in helping me to understand the power of storytelling and the benefits. The stories are very satisfying to the listener and when the children see me again, they ask for another story. On my end, storytelling does not come naturally. The tips on successful story telling and how to create your own stories have been especially useful.

It was recommended at the annual Waldorf conference this year. I have read a few stories and they have worked out for our family. The discipline chapter about how to approach dealing with bad tempers is very buddhist related (which also serves as a learning guide for both parent and child). They loved the story on the water sprites for going potty. I believe it is geared for younger kids; perhaps seven and below (depending on child). I wish I read this for my first child!

I love the premise of this book. It is such a healthy and nurturing way to be with, to discipline and to lead our children. I am a mother of three girls, one very fiery- we butt heads a lot. I haven't had time to read the whole book yet, but I skimmed and perused and got the gist of it, and put it into action today! My three year old was screaming at me for something (a regular occurrence) and so suddenly (remembering "Healing Stories..") I asked her if I had ever told her the story of Screamey Mimi. She quieted instantly and all ears perked up. I told a story, using what I had learned, about a little girl who screamed at everyone instead of talking and so no one could understand what she was saying. Anyway, she finds an owl in the forest who teachers her how to communicate in a way that people will listen and finds great friendship and happiness. No more screaming! Today at least :) The wisdom is invaluable, I can see this book as possibly the defining outside source of my parenting style (along with Simplicity Parenting, of course). Highly recommended.

This book lays out ways to develop yourself as a storyteller while giving background in how healing/encouraging stories are important for children's development and stages of growth. (Stories give an inner picture for the developing) My husband and I both appreciate this book and have pulled out the book for times when we are noticing a pattern in our child that is developing (eg. not sharing with others). The index for stories if very easy to use... and both our children have enjoyed the stories for over a year now... (children 4 and 7 now). In fact, we have read these stories even when we have not had "challenging behaviour"-- they are simple and enjoyable.

Love this book. The title is deceptive (I think) and this is my only critical remark on it. If you could only buy one book on storytelling to children, this would be it. This is not only about storytelling but gives actual stories that are unique and easy/fairly easy to memorize. And the children love them. I ignored this book for months because of the title, since I didn't have "problem" children or behaviour problems to speak of. But once I actually looked into the book I saw that there was much more here than what the title incurred. I recommend this to anyone serious about teaching or raising healthy children through the wonder of storytelling.

A wonderful collection of therapeutic stories to integrate into therapy sessions. Stories are beautifully written to address a wide range of issues including dishonesty, disruptive behaviour, shyness, bullying, grief, and separation anxiety. An important addition to the field!Liana Lowenstein, MSW, Author of "Creative Interventions for Troubled Children and Youth"

I have had the pleasure of attending Susan's Storytelling Workshop which I really enjoyed. For almost a year now I have been reading the stories from this book to both my 6 and 3 (age appropriately) year olds. They absolutely love these stories and I am constantly asked to read "just one more please mummy". They even ask to read these stories when they wake first thing in the morning too. These stories will delight all children and are not meant only for those with challenging behaviours. Susan's model for story writing is simple and clear. If you wish to learn to write your own stories or share some wonderful stories with your children, I highly recommend this book. Susan's stories are wholesome and so enjoyable. I am quite inspired to start illustrating these stories with my children as an artistic activity, thereby allowing the stories to live more fully within us. Thank you Susan !!!

I am always looking for good stories for my son (3 years old) - He is so quick to internalize and begin imitating stories I give him that I want each one to be worthy of our time and his attention. This book is FULL of wonderful short stories for nap time or bed time. We have never had a book before without pictures, but ever since I opened this one, he has not wanted to go back to his picture books. He enjoys imagining the scenes in his mind as I read. I appreciate that the book is divided into topics (stories for situations a child may be facing, such as feeling shy, clinging to mom, being uncooperative, feeling impatient). Also, the stories are prefaced with a guide for what is age-appropriate. I can tell that we will be using this book not just now but well into his 7th or 8th year.

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