A Mind of Their Own

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We live in an anxious world, where many in our society are struggling with their mental health. Our children are no exception to this. They are growing up being told that they can be anyone and can do anything, and to look inside themselves to find what is required to achieve this – a belief that is often reinforced by social media. But what if they don't achieve this? Children grow up feeling anxious, believing they are a failure, with low self-esteem and uncertain about their identity. How can parents build mental wellbeing in their children so they can grow into well-adjusted adults?

From Katharine Hill, author of Left To Their Own Devices? Confident Parenting in a World of Screens, comes this wise, clear and informative book, to equip parents to care well for their children's mental wellbeing from the very start of their childhood.

Offering encouragement, wisdom and practical advice, *A Mind of Their Own* explores the various stages of brain and emotional development and the impact of topics such as social media, peer pressure, family life and socio-economic environment on children and teenagers as they develop. Told through real-life stories and with thorough research, this book also tackles the more difficult topics such as anxiety and depression, eating disorders and self-harm, in a nonsensational way, with practical advice on what parents can do when challenge

Celebrating and affirming each child's unique identity, A Mind of Their Own is a lifeline for parents who want to build resilience in their children, helping them to see good mental wellbeing as part of the bigger story, and to raise children who are secure in their identity.

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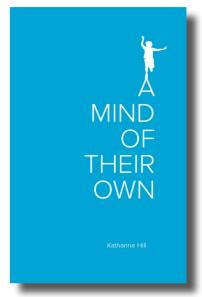
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Key Selling points

- Combines up-to-date research and analysis of mental wellbeing in our society with seasoned parenting advice from a trusted expert
- Practical and approachable, with level-headed advice on parenting styles, developing healthy emotions, building resilience and self-esteem and creating a mental-wellbeing-friendly environment
- Real-life stories from parents and children about the impact of mental wellbeing on family life
- Addresses serious issues like anxiety and depression, eating disorders and sel-harm in a non-sensational way, giving clear steps for when things go wrong
- Celebrates and affirms each child's unique identity as well as the different kinds of families – single parents, blended families, adoption etc.

Readership

- Parents, grandparents and carers of children of all ages
- Parents worried about their children's mental wellbeing and self-esteem
- Youth workers, teachers and other professionals working with children



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