

# Bad Things That Happen To You Can Drive You Crazy!

## Understanding Abuse, Trauma, and Madness and Working Toward Recovery

The medical model of human suffering sees experiences like voices and visions as symptoms of serious mental illness requiring treatment and eradication. But a growing body of evidence reframes experiences like these as meaningful responses to overwhelming events, capable of being understood and integrated into a person's life. Learning how voices and visions function as techniques of survival can be crucial to developing coping strategies and aiding full recovery.

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