### **Return to the Drooling Ward**

#### A Patient's Memoir of Madness and Recovery

In 2004, I was admitted to a psychiatric ward for the first time. I was in the throes of a psychotic break, and I had no idea what was happening to me. I was terrified, confused, and alone.

The ward was a strange and frightening place. The other patients were all sorts of people, from the harmless to the violent. The staff was overworked and underpaid, and they often seemed more like guards than caregivers.



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I spent two weeks in the ward, and during that time I experienced the full range of human emotions. I was scared, angry, sad, and hopeful. I met people who I will never forget, and I learned things about myself that I never knew.

When I was finally released from the ward, I was a changed man. I had a new understanding of mental illness, and I was determined to get my life back on track.

In the years since my hospitalization, I have been through a lot of therapy and medication. I have also learned a great deal about myself and my illness. I am now in a much better place, and I am grateful for the experience I had in the ward.

I wrote this book to share my story with others who have struggled with mental illness. I want to let people know that they are not alone, and that there is hope for recovery.

I hope that this book will help to break down the stigma surrounding mental illness. I want people to understand that mental illness is a real illness, and that it can happen to anyone.

I also want to help people to understand the importance of treatment.

Treatment can save lives, and it can help people to get their lives back on track.

If you are struggling with mental illness, please know that you are not alone. There is help available, and you can get better.

Here are some resources that can help:

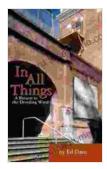
- The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): 1-800-950-NAMI
   (6264)
- The Mental Health Association of America: 1-800-969-6642
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

You can also find more information on the websites of these organizations.

Thank you for reading my story. I hope that it has been helpful.

Sincerely,

The Author



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