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From Publishers Weekly

Koplewicz, a prominent child psychiatrist and founder-director of the NYU Child Study Center, begins his careful analysis of teen depression with a number of alarming statistics. One in five teenagers reports a major depressive episode for which he or she did not receive treatment, and 20-40% of teens with major depressive disorder (MDD) develop bipolar disorder within five years. Depression, says Koplewicz (*It's Nobody's Fault*), often starts "silently and slowly," and it can be difficult for parents to determine what's a psychiatric disorder and what's typical adolescent moodiness. With case studies drawn from his experience as a clinician and a solemn, meticulous exploration of the "arc of depression"; life events that can trigger it; the relationship between mood disorders and gender and sexuality; as well as treatments that provide relief and other pertinent topics, Koplewicz's important volume offers parents both a better understanding of adolescent psychological struggles and a practical guide to finding appropriate healing measures.

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Review

...Koplewicz provides parents with a comprehensive guide to recognizing serious mental health problems in their adolescents... -- *Sally Lee, editor-in-chief, Parents*

...a very readable collection...of case examples.... I recommend this book as required reading for the entire lay public! -- *Marilyn Benoit, MD, President, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*

More Than Moody is nicely written, weaving in anecdotes from Koplewicz's practice...to elaborate on key points. -- *The Washington Post*

More than Moody is highly readable and offers a wealth of information and much practical advice. -- *Stanley Turecki, MD, author of The Difficult Child and Normal Children Have Problems, Too*

More than Moody is the best book...written for the general public about mood problems in children and young adults. -- *Edward Hallowell, MD, author of Driven to Distraction*

[*More than Moody*] is a heartening, knowledgeable and useful guide. And it's fascinating reading, too. -- *Mike Wallace, 60 Minutes, CBS News*

Harold Koplewicz is not just a doctor or a psychiatrist. I truly believe he is a genius in his field. -- *Danielle Steel, bestselling novelist, and author of His Bright Light: The Story of Nick Traina*

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Harold S. Koplewicz, M.D., is the founder and director of the New York University Child Study Center. A multiple award-winning psychiatrist, he was named one of "America's Best Mental Health Experts" by *Good Housekeeping* magazine and one of the "Best Doctors in New York" by *New York* magazine. Widely known as an advocate for children with mental illnesses, he is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology*. He is the author of *It's Nobody's Fault: New Hope and Help for Difficult Children and Their Parents*.

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