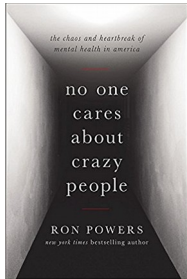


# Books by the Stack



## ***No One Cares About Crazy People: The Chaos and Heartbreak of Mental Health in America* by Ron Powers**

Journalist Ron Powers offers a fast-paced, carefully researched narrative of the social history of mental illness, focusing specifically on schizophrenia, the taboos that compromise mental health care and the way the disease devastated his own family.

**Why you'll like it:** *Heart-wrenching. Moving. Candid. Persuasive.*

**About the Author:** Ron Powers is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, novelist, and non-fiction writer. He was born in Hannibal, Missouri -- Mark Twain's hometown. Hannibal was influential in much of Powers' writing. His works include *White Town Drowning: Journeys to Hannibal*, *Dangerous Water: A Biography of the Boy Who Became Mark Twain*, and *Mark Twain: A Life*. He also co-wrote the New York Times bestseller *Flags of Our Fathers* with James Bradley. (Bowker Author Biography)

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Does Powers wish to reform the mental health or mental illness culture? If so, how?
2. Does the author make a call to action to readers – individually or collectively?
3. Does the author provide enough background material to allow the readers to get involved?
4. Does the author attempt to remain objective or is he strongly biased?
5. What did you find surprising about the facts introduced in this book?
6. Have you read any other books by Powers? Were they comparable to this one?
7. Do the issues of mental illness affect your life? How so – directly, on a daily basis, or more generally?
8. What solutions does the author propose?
9. Was there a specific passage that had left an impression, good or bad?
10. If you didn't like the book how can it be improved upon?
11. Have any of YOUR views or thoughts changed after reading this book?

