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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT MARISSA F. COHEN & HER HEALING PHILOSOPHY

"She has a very dynamic personality. She's very energetic. What she says works. She's very solid, but she's also very sweet at the same time. It comes across in a way that people trust her. I think they already do. When she talks, you can feel her passion about it. She's strong. She's confident. She's not threatening. And that's huge."

—**Jack Canfield,** Star of the movie, *The Secret*Author of the Best-Selling Book, *The Success Principles*Co-Creator, #1 NY Times Best-Selling Book Series, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*®

"Marissa's transparency is what convinces people they can do it. She gives people the power to have their voice again."

—Patty Aubery, Chief Negotiator & President Jack Canfield's Companies Creator of Permission Granted

"Marissa is very down to earth and easy to relate to."

— Maggie C., Healed Survivor

"Marissa is there for you when you need someone you can talk to honestly, and not feel ashamed or embarrassed. She is a kind-hearted, strong woman."

—Vivian B., Healing Survivor

"I have been through a couple different types of abusive relationships in my life. I've struggled for years to talk about it and move on, mainly because I can never find the right words. Ever since reading Marissa's books and especially after listening to her podcast I feel like I've finally woken up. For the first time in eight years I was able to sit down and put into words what happened to me, what I was feeling, and with the help of Marissa's analytical explanations I was even able to create a timeline to lift some of the confusion I've always had about how and why things progressed the way they did. Without Marissa's efforts, I would probably still be in a confused and negative place and it is because of Marissa and the way she continues to help and advocate for survivors that I wanted to break my silence and give my testimony to how much she really does help every single one of us. Thank you Marissa, for sharing your story, for being the warrior that you are, and for being there for all of us."

—Elizabeth D., Healing Survivor

"I really loved Marissa's healing tools. They made me think a lot; everything about them lingers in my mind still. Some of the concepts have become a part of my daily routine and decision making, and have really made a difference!"

—Priscilla L., Healing Survivor

"Thank you so much for helping me, supporting me, and encouraging me to share my story! I'm so grateful to have you and relieve to finally, after NINE YEARS FINALLY talk about my story publicly. It warms my heart and soul to know my story has already helped one person, and that is enough for me to finally let this horrible time in my life go and move on. I can't thank you enough for everything you've done <3 <3 <3"

—Liz D., Healing Survivor

"Marissa is able to openly discuss sensitive topics in a truly empowering way! She uses her own experiences, education and examples to shed light on the power of taking your voice back!"

—Kendra K., Healing Survivor

"Marissa was a wonderful, poised speaker. She stimulated a lot of conversation and she moved me with her story. And the discussion about resources was so important."

— Nursing Licensure Student, at Simmons University

Attended Guest Lecture

"Marissa, you are a warrior and I applaud that you have had the courage to work through your hurt to help others. You are so real and I learned so much from you being authentic and transparent."

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"We started working with Marissa because my daughter had sexual trauma and PTSD, and we were struggling as a family! I, as a parent, was struggling through my own trauma with domestic violence and the trauma of having a child victimized by her other parent. The frustration from dealing with these problems affected my sleep patterns and affected my moods, and how I dealt with things. No matter what I did, it didn't seem right. Marissa's Healing from Emotional Abuse Philosophy is different because Marissa made me feel understood, and that my feelings were valid. She gave me ideas on how to cope, and what I could do to help my children. I knew this was working when I was able to not feel so overwhelmed, and was able to use her strategies and tools in my daily life. That's a big deal!"

—Melinda P., Healing Survivor and Mom of a Healing Survivor



I was talking about one of my partners and I was joking about how he's falling in love with me and I was like "I mean who wouldn't fall in love with me I'm fucking fantastic" without missing a beat and my coworker was like wow I wish I had your self-confidence and wow self love feels amazing. Worth the wait. One true love. 10/10. Will continue to do this. It's amazing what cutting the texic people out of your life will do for your self worth.





Natalie

I'm already beginning to feel I'm healing from my rape trauma after lots of hard work and literally blood, sweat and tears I now feel confident, resilient and strong. I feel happy and I don't hold any guilt or fear (or at least it is reduced significantly since a

few years ago). 💗 🙏 🦙



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Marissa Cohen

that's amazing!!! **Natalie**

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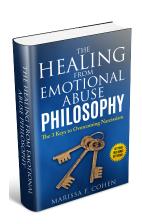
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Be Free, Confident and At Peace!

If you put a frog in a pot boiling water, it'll jump right out. But if you put a frog in a pot of luke-warm water, and gradually turn up the heat, the frog will acclimate and then burn to death.

Abuse doesn't start off horrible and aggressive, or else we would just leave. It starts of slow, and boundaries are pushed, until it becomes explosive and dangerous.

We experience a lot of deception and confusion, and it teaches us to be more weary of the people around us. But know this, there are people you can trust. There are survivors all around you that can relate to what you went through, and can be an amazing inspiration and support system for you. You have a TEAM around you, willing to be there when you need us, and to help guide you through your healing journey.

You are worthy. You are loved. You are smart. You are capable. You are enough.

Your experience doesn't define you. What you do next to overcome your narcissism and abuse, does.

— Marissa F. Cohen

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Before You Get Started...

This book is filled with over 365 Ways To Heal that either I have personally tried, or others have used, and helped them on their healing journey. Every one of these are suggestions — things that I recommend you try. Not everything works for everybody, but you're bound to find at least one tool throughout this work that will help you grow. Under each activity is a *Reflection* section, to allow you to keep track of what's working for you and what isn't.

There are prompts that require some outside materials, such as computer paper, arts and crafts materials, money, and mobility.

Look at this as a healing bucket list. You may not be able to get through all of these suggestions within one calendar year. But the hope is you'll find somethings that help you, and that you can expand on them and grow.

Some of these recommendations might seem scary to you. I want you to stay safe, and not trigger or retraumatize yourself. But I also want you to consider taking some risks. You grow in discomfort. So things like the Chair Exercises may seem silly at the beginning, but they are here for a reason. Try these with someone you trust and feel safe with the first time, if that will make you feel more comfortable.

You are in the process of finding who you are again, and becoming free, confident and at peace. The road might not be easy, but it's worth it. And know that I'm here, holding your hand, guiding you to your happiness. I've got you.

Sincerely,

Marissa F. Cohen

Founder of The Healing From Emotional Abuse PhilosophyTM
Internationally Best Selling Author of the Breaking Through the Silence series
Motivational Speaker | Thought Leader | Coach | Activist

1. YOGA

I recommend Yoga with Adrienne on YouTube. She has a great assortment of content, and a lot of options for beginners.
Reflection:
2. WRITE ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY

3. CREATE A ZEN GARDEN

Using sand or dirt, fill a small, shallow, decorative bowl, dish, planter, etc.,
about halfway. You can add crystals, rocks, statues, etc. around the dish, to
create a beautiful, calming miniature garden. Anything that makes you feel
peaceful and relaxed.

Place it somewhere in your home where you will see it and reminded to take deep breathes and relax.

Reflection:

4. MAKE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT JAR

Take a jar, any jar, and decorate it with a piece of colorful paper. Fill the jar throughout the year with your accomplishments, written on small pieces of paper, with the dates. Fold them up and put them inside. Then, reread them all on New Years Eve to track how much you've accomplished this year.

Reflection:

5. DOODLE A QUOTE
Pick a quote that you relate to, doodle it, decorate it, and hang it on a wall or mirror.
Reflection:
6. TAKE A WALK IN NATURE
Near or far, just get out and breathe the fresh air today.
Reflection:
7. READ <u>AWAKEN THE GIANT WITHIN</u> BY TONY ROBBINS
You can find used copies here: https://amzn.to/ 3bzXnPh
Reflection:

8. WRITE A BUCKET LIST

Make a list of 100 things you want to accomplish, places you want to go, people you want to meet, and experiences and things you want to have.					

. WRITE SOMEONE YOU LOVE A LOVE LETTER				

10. PUT TOGETHER A CHALLENGING PUZZLE
Reflection:
11. MAKE YOURSELF A HEALING MUSIC PLAYLIST
Pick songs that give you courage, make you feel strong, brave, confident, and heard.
Reflection:
12. DO SOMETHING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST
Reflection:

13. SET YOURSELF 3 POSITIVE REMINDERS ON YOUR PHONE THAT WILL ALERT YOU EVERYDAY

Reflection:	
14. VISIT YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER AND PLAY VANIMALS	WITH SOME
Reflection:	
15. DO A 5 MINUTE MEDITATION	
Reflection:	

16. WRITE	A LIST OF CHARACTERISTICS YOU WANT TO EMBOD
17. GET A I	DAY PASS AND GO LIFT AT THE GYM
Reflection:	
18. START	A CREATIVE ART JOURNAL
Reflection:	

19. EXPLORE A NEW CITY OR TOWN
Reflection:
20. CHAIR EXERCISE
Place two chairs facing each other. You sit in one chair, and leave the other chair empty. In your mind, put someone there that has positively impacted your life and talk to them.
Reflection:
21. LISTEN TO A NEW AND EMPOWERING PODCAST
My podcast is called Healing From Emotional Abuse. You can listen to that or one of the millions of others available.
Reflection:

22. SET A SHORT-TERM GOAL AND ACCOMPLISH IT THIS WEEK
Reflection:
23. WRITE AN ENCOURAGING LETTER TO YOURSELF
Reflection:
24. LEARN TO CROCHET
Pintrest and Youtube have a ton of step-by-step videos available.
Reflection:
25. GIVE YOURSELF A PEP TALK IN THE MIRROR
Reflection:

26. DANCE IN THE RAIN
Reflection:
27. RESEARCH RELIGIONS AND SPIRITUALITIES THAT INTERES YOU
Reflection:
28. PLANT A TREE OR MAKE A GARDEN
Reflection:

29. YOGA FOR FOCUS

Yoga With Adrienne: Yoga For Concentration and Mental Focus Reflection: 30. WRITE A PHILANTHROPIC GOAL 31. START A JOURNAL Reflection:

32. TAKE A SPONTANEOUS ROAD TRIP
Reflection:
33. TAKE A FREE CLASS AT A LOCAL LIBRARY OR COMMUNITY CENTER
Is there something you've been interested in learning or learning about? Now i the time to invest that time into yourself. Sign up for a fun, interesting class or activity.
Reflection:
34. CHAIR EXERCISE
In the empty chair, talk to your abuser or narcissist. Tell them anything you are feeling, or anything you've been holding in. Don't hold back.
Reflection:

35. WATCH THE SECRET

At the time of publishing, it's available on Netflix. If it's no longer available, it should be FREE at your local library, or available through another provider.
Reflection:
36. SET A SHORT TERM GOAL TO COMPLETE WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR
37. WRITE A LETTER TO YOURSELF FROM FUTURE YOU — ONE YEAR IN THE FUTURE
What will you achieve? What will happen to you? How will you feel one year from now?

8. MAKE A SCRAPBOOK	
intrest will have some fun ideas for you.	
eflection:	

39. REORGANIZE YOUR ROOM
Reflection:
40. DO NOTHING AND RELAX
Take a mental health day.
Reflection:
41. SMILE AT EVERYONE YOU ENCOUNTER TODAY
Reflection:

42. DONATE SOMETHING TO A CHARITY OR CAUSE YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT

Peflection:	
43. MEDITATE ON HEALING	
Youtube a Guided Meditation for Healing, and do it.	
Reflection:	
44. IDENTIFY ONE THING IN YOUR LIFE THAT MAKES UNHAPPY AND RESOLVE IT	YOU

45. CREATE OR DESIGN A PIECE OF JEWELRY
Pintrest and Youtube would be good resources to use.
Reflection:
46. ADOPT OR RESCUE A SHELTER PET
Reflection:
47. DRIVE TO THE NEAREST HIKE AND CLIMB TO THE TOP
Reflection:

48. CREATE A VISION BOARD

Make a poster with pictures of things and places you want to see and have. Use old magazines, and the internet to find and create your ideal future.
Reflection:
49. VOLUNTEER FOR A NONPROFIT
Reflection:
50. LIST ALL THE EMOTIONS YOU'LL FEEL WHEN YOU'RE YOUR BEST SELF

51. MAKI YOUR FF	E A LIST OF ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS YOU LOVE IN RIENDS
52. DIP A SNACKS	ND DECORATE CHOCOLATE COVERED FRUIT AND
Reflection.	<i>:</i>
53. MAKI	E AN EMPOWERING MUSIC PLAYLIST
Reflection.	:

54. STAR GAZE SOMEWHERE DARK, WHERE YOU CAN SEE HUNDREDS OF STARS Reflection: 55. ATTEND A SUPPORT GROUP Reflection:

56. START OR JOIN A CAUSE YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT

Reflection:

57. DO YOGA FOR FORGIVENESS

YouTube: Yoga With Adrienne Reflection: 58. MAKE A LIST OF CHARACTERISTICS YOU WANT IN A **PARTNER** 59. GO FOR A WALK-RUN Reflection:

60. HIT A PUNCHING BAG
Reflection:
61. GET A TATTOO THAT EMPOWERS YOU
Reflection:
62. SWIM IN AN OCEAN, SEA, RIVER, LAKE OR POND
Reflection:
63. READ <u>YOU ARE A BADASS</u> BY JEN SINCERO
Reflection:

64. MAKE A TRAVEL BUCKET LIST

All the places you want to see and the things that you want to do.			
Reflection:			

65. SHOW APPRECIATE FOR YOUR SUPPORT NETWORK

The people who have helped you cope and heal. Send them a nice message or write them a kind letter telling them how important they are to you.
Reflection:
66. LEARN ARCHERY
Youtube and Amazon can help.
Reflection:
67. TEST DRIVE YOUR DREAM CAR
Reflection:

68. SWIM WITH AQUATIC LIFE
Reflection:
69. TRY EMDR THERAPY
Reflection:
70. PARTAKE IN ORGANIZING A CLOTHESLINE PROJECT
Reflection:

71. MEDITATE ON ABUNDENCE

YouTube Meditation for Abundance
Reflection:
72. WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR HERO

73. RUN A 51	K .
Reflection:	
74. FILL YO	UR HOME WITH LIVE PLANTS AND FLOWERS
Reflection:	
75. WATCH <i>A</i>	A METEOR SHOWER
Reflection:	
76. CARVE Y	OUR MANTRA OR FAVORITE QUOTE INTO A TREE
Reflection:	

78. ABDOMINAL BREATHING Lay on your back on a flat surface, like a floor or bed. Take deep breathes in through your nose and out through your mouth, while watching your stomach expand and contact. Do this for 3 minutes. Reflection: 79. WHAT ARE THE QUALITIES YOU LOVE ABOUT YOURSELF? Make a list and put them on your mirror.	77. VOLUNTEER AT A SOUP KITCHEN
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	Reflection:

80. FIND A CAUSE THAT YOU SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEER	
Reflection:	
81. START AN ALBUM ON YOUR PHONE AND FILL IT WITH POSITIVE QUOTES AND MEMES	н
Reflection:	
82. CALL AN OLD FRIEND AND CATCH UP	
Reflection:	
83. BE AN ADVOCATE FOR SOMEONE ELSE	
Reflection:	

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85. DO A YOG			~=~~	
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87. LEARN TO PLAY DRUMS
Reflection:
88. TAKE A GOOD NAP
Reflection:
89. BUY AN OUTFIT THAT MAKES YOU FEEL FIERCE
Reflection:
90. DRAW YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE AND HANG IT UP
Reflection:

91. READ <u>EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE</u> BY DANIEL COLEMAN
Reflection:
92. SET A LONG TERM GOAL
Something that you want to achieve in the next 5 years
Reflection:
93. WRITE YOURSELF A LOVE LETTER

94. JOIN A RECREATIONAL TEAM	
Reflection:	

95. START A SELF-DEPRECATING JAR

Put \$1 in the jar every time you say something bad about yourself. And touch that money until the end of the year.	d don't
Reflection:	
96. DO SOMETHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO	
Reflection:	
97. CHAIR EXERCISE	
Talk to a friend and tell them everything	
Reflection:	

98. WHO IS	S SOMEONE YOU WANT TO EMULATE AND WHY	?
Reflection:		
99. MAKE	A CAREER / PROFESSIONAL BUCKET LIST	
Reflection:		

100. WRITE ALL THE EMOTIONS YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW	
Reflection:	
101. TAKE A HORSEBACK RIDING LESSON OR TRAIL WALK	
Reflection:	
102. MAKE A MUSIC PLAYLIST WITH SONGS THAT GIVE YOU LIFE	
Reflection:	

103. GO SKYDIVING
Reflection:
104. GIVE 12 HUGS TODAY
Reflection:
105. WATCH A BAKING SHOW AND TRY TO RECREATE THEIR CREATIONS
Reflection:
106. MEDITATE ON SELF WORTH
Reflection:

107. WHAT IS YOUR IDEAL LIFE? WRITE OR DRAW IT
Reflection:
108. LEARN TO MAKE STRING FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS OR KNIT
YouTube has some great tutorials
Reflection:
109. EAT YOUR FAVORITE FOOD, GUILTLESSLY
Reflection:
110. MAKE YOURSELF A PICNIC AND EAT OUTSIDE
Reflection:

111. WALK IN NATURE AND THINK WITH INTENTIONAL GRATITUDE

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112. VOL U Reflection:	NTEER A	T A FOOD	PANTRY		
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113. MAKE Specifics the					

114. WHAT I	PEOPLE IN	N YOUR LI	FE INSPIR	E YOU?	
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116. CALL A TRUSTED FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER JUST TO **CHAT** Reflection: 117. DO SOMETHING NICE FOR A STRANGER Reflection: 118. BUY A COLORING BOOK AND COLOR FOR AT LEAST AN **HOUR** Reflection: 119. READ HAPPIER BY TAL BEN-SHAHAR Reflection:

120. DO YOGA FOR HEALING Reflection: 121. WRITE A LETTER TO YOURSELF ABOUT A SHORT TERM GOAL AND HOW YOU PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH IT

122. TAKE A MARTIAL ARTS OR BOXING CLASS	
Reflection:	
123. SAY "NO" TO SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T WANT	то ро
Reflection:	
124. FIND A PRIVATE SPACE AND DANCE TO YOUR FAVO SONG	RITE
Reflection:	

125. CHAIR EXERCISE
Talk to Yourself in the empty chair. Tell yourself what you would want someone else to say to you.
Reflection:
126. HELP ON A FARM
Reflection:
127. DRAW A SELF-PORTRAIT OF HOW YOU FEEL WHEN YOU SEE YOURSELF
Reflection:

128. WHO IN YOUR LIFE BOTHERS YOU THE MOST:
Cut them out.
Reflection:
129. GO ROCK CLIMBING
Outdoors or Indoors
Reflection:
130. LEAVE YOURSELF LOVE NOTES IN YOUR PURSE OR
BACKPACK
Reflection:

131. GO 10 A	131. GO TO A MUSIC STORE AND PLAY SOME INSTRUMENTS					
Reflection:						
132. BREATH	ING EXERCISE					
Set a 3 minute timer. Breathe in for 8 seconds. Hold for 16 seconds. Breat out for 12 seconds. Repeat until the timer goes off.						
Reflection:						
122 DICK SOL	ME FRESH FRUITS AND VEGGIES					
133. PICK SU	VIE FRESH FRUITS AND VEGGIES					
Best if you pick	it off the tree or vine.					
Reflection:						

134. MAKE A LIST OF 50 PEOPLE THAT INSPIRE YOU						

135. WRITE AN HONEST LETTER TO A FRIEND						

136. DRAW A COMIC BOOK ABOUT YOU AS A SUPER HERO
Reflection:
137. READ A LOVE LETTER TO YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR
Reflection:
138. GET A PIERCING
Reflection:
139. WALK IN NATURE WITH A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE
Reflection:

140. READ <u>THE BIG LEAP</u> BY GAY HENDRICKS						
Reflection:						
141. MEDITATE ON FOCUS						
YouTube again						
Reflection:						
142. WHAT DOES RESPECT LOOK LIKE TO YOU?						
Reflection:						

143. GO SNORKELING
Reflection:
144. WATCH YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE OVER AND OVER AGAIN
Reflection:
145. START A SMALL BUSINESS
Reflection:

146. BOOK A HEALING RETREAT www.marissafayecohen.com/events Reflection: 147. HAVE A SPA DAY Reflection: 148. MAKE A LIST OF PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE WHO SUPPORT YOU Reflection:

149. DO SOME STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS WRITING						

150. PLAY TENNIS
Reflection:
151. BUY CANVAS AND PAINT SOMETHING INSPIRING
Reflection:
152. RETAIL THERAPY
Reflection:
153. GIVE YOURSELF 10 COMPLIMENTS
Reflection:

154. READ <u>WILD</u> BY CI	HERYL STE	RAYED	
Doffactions			
Reflection:			
155. WRITE A "MUST H	IAVE" BUC	KET LIST	

156. WRITE ABOUT AN AWKWARD MOME	ENT YOU'VE OVERCOM
57. TRY KRAV MAGA	
Reflection:	
58. WRITE YOUR STORY	
And if you're feeling brave, send it to me to use in Silence Anthology: me@MarissaFayeCohen.co	

159. BINGE WATCH A FEEL-GOOD SHOW Like New Girl, Schitts Creek, Friends, Full House, The Office, etc. Reflection: 160. GET A MASSAGE Reflection: 161. UNPLUG FOR THE DAY Turn off your phone and computer, and enjoy some stress-free relaxing Reflection:

Reflection:

162. WHAT THREE THINGS/PEOPLE MAKE YOU HAPPIEST?

163. CREATE A MOOD-TRACKER CALENDAR

Emotions Calendar You might want to keep this page dog-eared or flagged. You're going to use it every day!

Red → Angry/Upset	<mark>Orange</mark> → Fear
Yellow → Happy/Excited	Pink → Anticipation
Green → Stressed/Anxious	
Blue → Calm/Peaceful/Relieved	Í
Purple → Other - Write feeling	ng next to day

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165. PHOTOGRAPH THE BEAUTY OF NATURE	164. GO WHITE WATER RAFTING
	Reflection:
Reflection:	165. PHOTOGRAPH THE BEAUTY OF NATURE
	Reflection:
166. VISIT A ZOO OR MUSEUM	166. VISIT A ZOO OR MUSEUM
Reflection:	Reflection:
167. CHAIR EXERCISE	167. CHAIR EXERCISE
Tell a trusted friend or family member in the empty chair your story	Tell a trusted friend or family member in the empty chair your story
Reflection:	Reflection:

168. MAKE A LIST OF YOUR KNOWN TRIGGERS
Reflection:
169. WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU WANT IN A PARTNER?
Reflection:
170. WRITE A LETTER TO SOMEONE WHO HURT YOU

171. START A COLLECTION	
Reflection:	
172. CREATE A BLOG OR WEBSITE	
Reflection:	
173. SPEND TIME WITH SOMEONE WHO BOOSTS YOU UP	
Reflection:	
174. WRITE AN AFFIRMATION	
Reflection:	

175. READ PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER BY STEPHEN **CHBOSKY** Reflection: 176. START DEEPAK CHOPRA'S 21 DAYS OF ABUNDANCE **MEDIATIONS** You can find it on YouTube Reflection: 177. WRITE A LIST OF THINGS YOU BLAME YOURSELF FOR; THEN BURN IT Reflection:

178. DO 30 MINUTES OF CARDIO Reflection: 179. WRITE ALL OF YOUR STRESSORS AND UNFINISHED **HOUSEHOLD PROJECTS** Reflection:

180. START AN ETSY OR SHOPIFY SHOP
Reflection:
181. TALK TO A THERAPIST
Reflection:
182. DO SOMETHING TO MAKE THE WORLD BEAUTIFUL
Reflection:
183. WRITE A ONE YEAR PLAN
Reflection:

184. HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR EXPERIENCE TO HELP OTHERS?
Reflection:
185. WALK-RUN ONE MILE
Reflection:
186. ELIMINATE ALL TOXICITY FROM YOUR ENVIRONMENT
Reflection:

187. ASK A PHOTOGRAPHER OR FRIEND TO DO A PHOTOSHOOT **WITH YOU** Reflection: 188. FIND A CHAMPION RETREAT OR EVENT www.marissafayecohen.com/events Reflection: 189. TELL A FRIEND YOUR STORY Reflection:

Reflection:	
191. CUT SOMEONE TOXIC OUT OF YOUR LIFE	
Reflection:	
192. TAKE A KICK-BOXING CLASS	
Reflection:	
193. GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO EAT JUNK FOOD A LAUGH	AND

194. WRITE A CREATIVE STORY	

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195. LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR BEAUTY Reflection: 196. LISTEN TO A FUNNY PODCAST Reflection: 197. YOGA FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING Reflection: 198. LIST ALL OF YOUR GOOD QUALITIES Reflection:

199. GO SCUBA DIVING	
Reflection:	
200. BUY VALOR ESSENTIAL	OIL AND PUT IT ON YOUR HEART
www.marissafayecohen.com/oils	
Reflection:	

201. ORGANIZE A PICKUP GAME
Reflection:
202. CALLA LIFE COACH
www.marissafayecohen.com/private-coaching
Reflection:
203. READ <u>THE SUCCESS PRINCIPLES</u> BY JACK CANFIELD
Reflection:

204. WRITE A TEN YEAR GOAL	
Reflection:	
205. REFLECT ON ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPENE YOU TODAY	ED TO
Reflection:	
206. CLIMB A MOUNTAIN	
Reflection:	
207. MOVE YOUR FURNITURE AROUND	
Reflection:	

208. HAVE A GIRLS NIGHT/ GUYS NIGHT
Reflection:
209. RESEARCH HEALING ESSENTIAL OILS
Reflection:
210. READ OTHER SURVIVOR STORIES
www.marissafayecohen.com/the-books
Reflection:

211. FIND A MEDITATION RETREAT Reflection: 212. WRITE A LETTER TO YOURSELF TODAY FROM FUTURE YOU THREE YEARS FROM TODAY

213. WRITE A SONG OR POEM	

214. MAKE AN "I SURVIVED" MUSIC PLAYLIST
Reflection:
215. GO TO A CONCERT
Reflection:
216. TALK TO AN ENERGY HEALER
Reflection:
217. SUPPORT A LOCAL OR NATIONAL MOVEMENT
Reflection:

218. MEDITATE NEXT TO A BODY OF WATER Reflection: 219. WRITE A LETTER TO YOURSELF FROM FUTURE YOU FIVE YEARS FROM NOW

220. GO CAMPING
Reflection:
221. REORGANIZE YOUR CLOSET
Reflection:
222. PLAY A HARMLESS PRANK
Reflection:
223. CALL A FLOWER ESSENCE PRACTITIONER
www.strongestminds.com
Reflection:

224. MAKE A SHORT TERM GOAL TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MONTH
Reflection:
225. WRITE A THREE YEAR PLAN
Reflection:

226. DESCRIBE YOUR DREAM HOME
Reflection:
227. TAKE A POTTERY CLASS
Reflection:
228. WRITE A SCREENPLAY ABOUT YOUR LIFE Reflection:
229. PARTAKE IN DENIM DAY
Reflection:

230. TRY REIKI
Reflection:
231. START A MEMORY JAR
Reflection:
232. MEDITATE ON FORGIVENESS
Reflection:
233. MAKE A LIST OF TEN MAJOR ABUSE SITUATIONS YOU'VE OVERCOME
Reflection:

234. TAKE <i>A</i>	A PHOTOGR	APHY CLA	ASS	
Reflection:				
235. PUNCH	I A PILLOW			
Reflection:				
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236. WATCH A BAD MOVIE
Rotten Tomatoes will give you some awesome ideas of bad movies.
Reflection:
237. TELL YOUR STORY IN FRONT OF A GROUP
Reflection:
238. REWRITE YOUR FEARS AS IF YOU'VE OVERCOME THEM.
Reflection:

239. DO TRAUMA-INFORMED YOGA Reflection: 240. WRITE A LETTER TO THE PERSON THAT ABUSED YOU

241. START A BAND			
Reflection:			
242. GET IN THE CAR AND I	DRIVE		
Reflection:			

243. PICK WILDFLOWERS	
Reflection:	
244. TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK	
Reflection:	
245. VOLUNTEER AT A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	
Reflection:	
246. MAKE A 5 YEAR PLAN	
Reflection:	

247. WRITE A LETTER TO ANOTHER SURVIVOR WITH WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT OR COMFORT

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248. JOG AROUND A LAKE
Reflection:
249. MAKE AN HONEST POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA
Reflection:
250. PLAN A GROUP ACTIVITY
Reflection:
251. ASK FOR HELP WITH SOMETHING
Reflection:

252. DO A TOUGH MUDDER	
Reflection:	
253. TRY TRAUMA-INFORMED MEDITATION	
Reflection:	
254. REFLECT ON THINGS YOU STRUGGLE WITH AND BRAINSTORM WAYS TO HEAL	
Reflection:	
255. CAMP ON A MOUNTAIN	
Reflection:	

256. FIND A MENTOR	
Reflection:	
257. PLAN A DREAM VACATION	
Reflection:	
258. TAKE A RISK	
Reflection:	
259. BE A MENTOR	
Reflection:	

260. SAY A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE	
Reflection:	
261. WRITE A LETTER FORGIVING SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE	

262. LEARN T	O DJ
Reflection:	
263. PLAY WI	TH PUPPIES
Reflection:	
264. MAKE TI	HE CRAZIEST MILKSHAKE EVER
Reflection:	
265. WALK IN	NATURE AND REFLECT ON YOUR JOURNEY
Reflection:	

266. REFLE	CT ON WHAT HAS HELPED YOU HEAL
Reflection:	
267. READ <u>1</u>	THE PASSION TEST BY CHRIS AND JANET ATWOOD
Reflection:	
268. IDENTI	IFY YOUR HEART FAMILY
Reflection:	

269. RIDE A HOT AIR BALLOON
Reflection:
270. TAKE A RELAXING BUBBLE BATH
Reflection:
271. STARGAZE ON A BEACH
Reflection:
272. CHAIR EXERCISE
Talk to your child self. Tell them anything they should know about life.
Reflection:

273. DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOUR COMMUNITY
Reflection:
274. MEDITATE EVERY MORNING THIS WEEK
Reflection:
275. REFLECT ON YOUR MOMENT OF CLARITY — WHEN YOU DECIDED TO HEAL
Reflection:

276. MAKE A QUILT
Or send things that are meaningful to put into a quilt to someone who will make it for you.
Reflection:
277. PAMPER YOURSELF
Reflection:
278. LAY IN A HAMMOCK
Reflection:

279. FACE A FEAR
Reflection:
280. MAKE A GIANT ICE CREAM SUNDAE
Reflection:
281. DO YOGA EVERY DAY THIS WEEK
Reflection:
282. WRITE A LETTER FORGIVING YOUR ABUSER

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283. LEARN TO SHOOT AT A SHOOTING RANGE
Reflection:
284. SHOW YOURSELF A GRAND ROMANTIC GESTURE
Reflection:
285. SPEND THE DAY AT A USED BOOK STORE
Reflection:
286. TRY HYPNOSIS
Reflection:

287. READ THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES BY GARY CHAPMAN, AND TAKE THE QUIZ Reflection: 288. VISIT A NATIONAL PARK Reflection: 289. MAKE A LIST OF ALL OF YOUR BEST QUALITIES AS STATED BY YOUR LOVED ONES Reflection:

290. BELT AN EMPOWERING ANTHEM
Reflection:
291. BLAST MUSIC AND DANCE AROUND THE ROOM
Reflection:
292. TAKE A FREE ONLINE CLASS THAT INTERESTS YOU
coursera.com
Reflection:

293. ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Make a list of 3 accomplishments you've had during each phase of your life. Split your life into three sections. (Example: Birth-10; 11-20; 21-30)

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294. LIST YOUR "COULD HAVES" AND "SHOULD HAVES" AND BURN IT		
Reflec	tion:	

295. DRAW THE LIFE YOU WANT TO LIVE	
Reflection:	
296. ATTEND A PAINT NIGHT	
Reflection:	
297. TAKE A LONG BIKE RIDE	
Reflection:	
298. SCREAM INTO A PILLOW	
Reflection:	

299. SWIM IN A WATERFALL
Reflection:
300. GET A DEEP TISSUE MASSAGE
Reflection:
301. VOLUNTEER AT A STABLE
Reflection:
302. WRITE A ROMANTIC STORY

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303. PAINT A ROCK AND PLACE IT SOMEWHERE	
Reflection:	
304. PAINT A WALL	
Reflection:	
305. PLAY WITH KITTENS	
Reflection:	
306. GET A MAKEOVER	
Reflection:	

307. TELL A STRANGER YOUR STORY
Reflection:
308. CREATE A MOVEMENT
Reflection:
309. MEDITATE ON CONSCIOUSNESS
Reflection:

310. WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED THROUGH THIS JOURNEY?

Reflection:	

311. REPURPOSE AN ITEM
Reflection:
312. TAKE YOURSELF ON A DATE
Reflection:
313. MAKE A CRAZY PIZZA
Reflection:

314. CHAIR EXERCISE
Speak to yourself at the age you were abused.
Reflection:
315. READ <u>GIRL, STOP APOLOGIZING</u> BY RACHEL HOLLIS
Reflection:
316. YOGA FOR EMOTIONAL BALANCE
Reflection:
317. WRITE A LETTER TO THE PERSON WHO HELPED YOU MOST

318. TAKE FLIGHT LESSONS
Reflection:
319. CHANGE YOUR EATING HABITS TO A HEALTHY DIET
Reflection:
320. DECORATE A DENIM PIECE OF CLOTHING
Reflection:

321. BREATING EXERCISE
Set a time for three minutes. Breathe in for 10. Hold for 20. Exhale for 15. Repeat until timer runs out.
Reflection:
322. BUILD A JEWELRY BOX OR BIRD HOUSE
Reflection:
323. PRACTICE MINDFUL BREATHING
Reflection:

324. CAMP BY A LAKE
Reflection:
325. MAKE YOUR OWN WINE OR BEER
Reflection:
326. DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM EXHAUSTING PEOPLE
Reflection:
327. HAVE A DINNER PARTY WITH FRIENDS
Reflection:

328. MAKE YOUR BED	
Reflection:	
329. PLANT A GARDEN	
Reflection:	
330. SET A LIFETIME GOAL	
Reflection:	

331. GIVE EVERYONE YOU SEE TODAY A COMPLIMENT
Reflection:
332. LEARN TO PLAY YOUR FAVORITE SONG ON GUITAR OR PIANO
Reflection:
333. HIRE A PERSONAL TRAINER
Reflection:
334. TAKE A COOKING CLASS
Reflection:

335. DOODLE AN EMPOWERING QUOTE AND HANG IT ON YOUR WALL Reflection: 336. MARCH OR PROTEST FOR SOMETHING YOU BELIEVE IN Reflection: 337. SET A 5 YEAR GOAL Reflection:

338. WRITE A LETTER OF GRATITUDE TO A RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL LEADER	

339. WRITE A FAIRY TALE			

340. GO AXE THROWING
Reflection:
341. CREATE AN ALIAS AND LIVE IT FOR A DAY
Reflection:
342. GET A FACIAL
Reflection:
343. CELEBRATE YOUR LIFE
Reflection:

344. MEDITATE ON EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
Reflection:
345. CLOUD WATCH
Reflection:
346. LEARN TO PLAY ANY SONG ON GUITAR OR PIANO
Reflection:

347. DECIDE WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T CONTROL OR CHANGE

Accept what you cannot change and change what you can.
Reflection:
348. EAT THE BEST CHOCOLATE CAKE YOU CAN FIND
Reflection:

349. DO A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS	
Reflection:	
350. BUILD A WALL OF PAINTED BRICKS AND STONES	5
Reflection:	
351. YOGA FOR CORE STRENGTH	
351. YOGA FOR CORE STRENGTH Reflection:	
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353. GO THRIFTING AND CREATE SOMETHING NEW	
Reflection:	
354. STRETCH YOUR MUSCLES	
Reflection:	
355. HAVE A BONFIRE WITH FRIENDS	
Optional: Burn items that have negative emotions attached to them	
Reflection:	
356. TOSS AWAY ALL YOUR REGRETS	
Write them on a piece of paper and burn it	
Reflection:	

357. BUILD A PILLOW FORT / TENT AND SPEND TIME WITH **FRIENDS** Reflection: 358. MEDITATE ON SUCCESS Reflection: 359. WRITE A LETTER TO YOURSELF, FORGIVING YOURSELF FOR ANYTHING YOU BLAME YOURSELF FOR

360. PAY IT FORWARD		
Reflection:		

361. TAKE TIME WHERE YOU CAN REDUCE INTERRUPTIONS, REFLECT, STRETCH, AND SIMPLY BE Reflection: 362. MAKE AND DECORATE YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT Reflection: 363. REBUILD YOUR ROUTINE Reflection: 364. REFLECT ON THE HAPPIEST MOMENTS OF YOUR LIFE Reflection:

Reflection:			

365. TAKE A POLE DANCE CLASS

BONUS IDEAS:
1. WRITE AND PUBLISH A BOOK
www.marissafayecohen.com/publishing-services
Reflection:
2. GO SAILING
Reflection:
3. GO SNOWBOARDING OR SKIING ON A MOUNTAIN
Reflection:

4. JOIN A SPEAKERS BUREAU
Reflection:
5. HIRE A HEALING COACH
www.marissafayecohen.com/private-coaching
Reflection:
6. GO FISHING
Reflection:

8. MAKE A GRATITUDE JAR Reflection: 9. LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE
Reflection:
Reflection:
9. LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE
9. LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE
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Reflection:
10. TAKE BOUDOIR PICTURES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL UNSTOPPABLE
Reflection:

How To Live Happily

So now what? Among the other things you've accomplished today, you've finished this book. But your journey is just beginning. Now, you have a choice, and the ball is in your court. You can put this book on the shelf, and not touch it or think about it ever again. You can cross it off your reading list and not take action, which would leave you exactly where you are. Or, you can follow the Healing From Emotional Abuse Philosophy and take your life back. You can feel free, confident and at peace. But in order to do that, you have to use this framework and mix it into your new, rebuilt routine.

I don't need to hear any of this stuff, I didn't write it for me. I wrote it because I've been where you are. I've sat exactly where you are - , sulking and wishing my life was different.

Finally, I decided I wanted to make a change. I wanted to start having healthy friendships and ridding myself of the toxic energy. I wanted to take my life and voice back from Dave and start healing. I wanted to feel free, and light, and at peace. I wanted the constant chatter and negative self talk in my head to just shut up. I made it all go away. I did that by following this philosophy.

Abuse isn't the end of your life. It doesn't define you. And it can't stop you unless you allow it. Release it, be Resilient, and Rebuild your life. The person who did this to you isn't worth the amount of control you're giving them. So force their voice out of your head.

A brave survivor allowed me to share this story with you.

She took her life back and is living the life she dreamed of four years ago.

"I left my narc 4 years ago. I was married to him for 8 years and friends for longer. Just as a wee-bit of positive inspiration. I want you to know we do make it.

I went unconditional on a house today that I never thought I'd be able to buy. I'm going to live by a beach. I'm able to live peacefully. My kids are by my side and are my best friends.

My new friends I made after leaving my narc ex 4 years ago are helping me celebrate moving and helping me move, of course.

Continue knowing who you are. Continue being who you are. We are all fu*king amazing people who have survived. Now it's about living. Have the peace and knowledge knowing that we were discarded because we deserve better. We survived them... And we will always fight for better and will get it."

As a survivor-sister, I could not be more proud of her and her incredible accomplishment. This could be your life, too. There is nothing stopping you but your own reservations, fear and self-doubt. Release that, build resilience, and rebuild your life. If I can do it, so can you.

One Last Message

Congratulations!

I am so proud of you for making the great decision to better yourself by reading this short book. I truly admire and respect you for wanting to improve your life, health and happiness.

My mission with this book was to address your needs and make a more positive difference in your life by inspiring you to take your life back.

My hope is that you have become more empowered and excited to BE MORE, DO MORE AND LIVE HAPPIER!

Whether you achieve your dreams and goals is solely you. No one can promise guarantee what will happen

However, by following the healing strategies like in this book, <u>YOU CAN</u> to live a FREE, CONFIDENT, and PEACEFUL life!

YOU CAN DO IT — THE TIME TO START IS NOW!

Again, congratulations!

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"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain."

--Vivian Greene

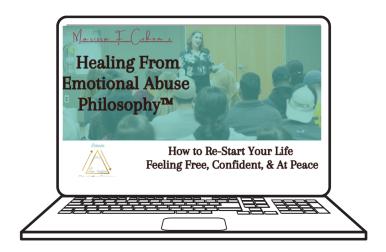
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Additional Resources

Don't just live with trauma. Overcome it.



Podcast: <u>Healing From Emotional Abuse</u>

Hosted on: Spotify, iTunes, iHeartRadio, Stitcher, Youtube, Google

Podcasts, Hubhopper

www.MarissaFayeCohen.com/podcast-videos

Coaching Programs:

www.MarissaFayeCohen.com/private-coaching

Self Esteem Workshop:

https://marissafayecohen.com/self-esteem-workshop/

Confidence Building Mini-Course:

https://marissafayecohen.thinkific.com/courses/empowered-confident-with-marissa-f-cohen

Other Healing Materials:

www.MarissaFayeCohen.com/the-books

Healing From Emotional Abuse: Heal With Marissa

Using my signature healing philosophy, The Healing From Emotional Abuse Philosophy, together, we identify the area's where you're struggling to overcome your trauma, and build you a program around that. This is a personal journey, but you're not alone.

To claim your **3 FREE coaching** sessions with me (\$750 Value), scan the QR code below and fill out the information; or visit:

https://marissafayecohen.com/bonus-free-coaching/!

I have healed and overcome my abuse. It doesn't define you. Let's give you a fresh start!

Scan QR Code for Details



But don't take my word for it. Listen to your community members who are living free, confident and peaceful lives with healthy partners and lot of love!

"I really loved the healing tools. It made me think a lot, everything about it lingers in my mind still. Some of the concepts have become a part of my daily thinking and decision making and it has really made a difference!"

—Priscilla L. Healing Survivor

"This program is different because Marissa would call me when I needed to just talk and she made me feel like my feelings were valid. She gave me ideas on how to cope and what I could do to help my children. I know this was working when I was able to not feel so overwhelmed and was able to decompress and work through things with logic."

—Melinda P. Healing Survivor

"Thank you so much for helping me, supporting me, and encouraging me to share my story. I'm so grateful to have you and relieved to finally, after NINE YEARS FINALLY talk about my story publicly. It warms my heart and soul to know my story has already helped one person and that is enough for me to finally let this horrible time in my life go and move on. I can't thank you enough for everything you've done <3 <3 <3"

—Liz D. Healing Survivor

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How To Be A Writer (And How To Publish A Book)

Writing and Publishing my story in <u>Breaking Through the Silence: The Journey to Surviving Sexual Assault</u>, was a game changer for me. More than ever before, I felt strong and supported in my experiences, and was contacted by friends and strangers to tell me how much my stories helped them break their silence, and start healing from their abuse.

It is my belief that writing is one of the strongest ways for us to release our emotional abuse and trauma. I urge you to consider doing the same. There is no better revenge than a life well lived. And to do that free of your trauma and the chains it used to hold you down with, AND while helping other survivors find there voice. That's the best revenge you can have.

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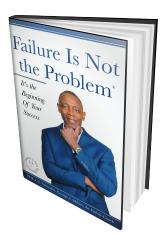
Before I connected with Marissa and her publishing company it was a nightmare trying to understand how the process work. I emailed and called several organizations prior to linking up with Marissa. During those conversations the potential publishers were either aloof, too expensive or demonstrated very poor customer service skills. There was one who even thought they were entitled to my book; And I would be lucky to work with their organization.

My frustration with these organizations were twofold. One, I thought it would be easy to find a skilled, customer service focused publisher. Looking for a company proved to be extremely difficult landscape to navigate. Two, way more costly than I anticipated. Of course it's a business but I thought there would be organizations who would be more reasonable than what I found.

What I really enjoyed about Marissa right up front was her customer service focus. From the moment I met her and long before I used her to help me publish my books, she was willing to give me great advice on how the process worked. She is unbelievably knowledgeable and made me a lot smarter about how the publishing arena operates. Her diversification in regard to connecting me other services which promotes and support publishing a book was second to none. I had no idea how to publish a book.

I am someone who puts a lot of emphasis on researching the topic that I am involved in. Because I had spoken with several companies over about a two month period of time almost daily, by the time I began my conversations with Marissa, it was immediately clear that any issues and concerns I had reference to her assisting me with publishing my books would be resolved. And her work proved to be right.

After utilizing Marissa to help me with publishing my first books, life has gotten much better for me. I am more confident in my abilities to understand the publishing process, I now have a company who I am comfortable with in helping me publish my future books, and finally, I am a published author which give me credibility.



—George A. Milton, Colonel (Retired) United States Army Founder of Failure Is Not The Problem Canfield Success Coach

About the Author

Marissa F. Cohen is the Founder of the Healing From Emotional Abuse Philosophy[™]. She is the Award-Winning and Best Selling Author of the Breaking Through the Silence[™] Anthology series, in which survivors break their silence and tell their stories of survival.

In her first book, <u>Breaking Through the Silence: The Journey to Surviving Sexual Assault</u>, she breaks her own silence about her sexual assaults starting at age nineteen. This book was awarded by Readers Favorite International Book Awards.

In addition to writing, Marissa uses her experiences as a platform to help others overcome the abuse, sexual assault and narcissism that survivors face daily. She feels that survivors have been shamed and silenced for too long, and it's time that we take our voices back, take our lives back and teach society that Enough is Enough!

For over 11 years, she has been working to help survivors of through private and group coaching, online and live programs, and creating resources, using the same tools and techniques she used to overcome her own.

Marissa currently resides in Chicago with her two dogs, Charlotte and Eevee, and her fiancé. New York pizza is better than Chicago pizza, and pineapple doesn't belong on either of them.