

## Firsthand Accounts

### Helpful DVD Resources

#### **West 47th Street**

A film by Bill Lichtenstein and June Peoples.

Year: 2003

Length: 108 minutes

#### Summary:

This documentary follows the lives of four people with a mental illness (Frances Olivero, Fitzroy Frederick, Zeinab Wali, and Tex Gordon) over three years. The four are members of Fountain House, a rehabilitation program for people with serious mental illness located in New York City's Hell's Kitchen.

#### **Bellevue: inside out**

A presentation of Films for the Humanities & Sciences ; a presentation of Home Box Office ; director, Maryann De Leo ; producer, Sarah Teale.

Year: 2003

Length: 77 minutes

#### Summary:

Filmed over 12 months at the psychiatric units of Bellevue, this program looks at the daily operation of the center by focusing on a handful of people as they struggle with their illnesses. The entire experience is presented, from admissions of new patients, to long-term treatment and therapy groups.

#### **Beyond memory: a documentary about dementia**

Produced and directed by Sharon Bartlett & Maria LeRose.

Year: 2007

Length: 76 minutes

#### Summary:

Profiles five individuals and their families to provide a look at what it is like to live with dementia or to love someone with this disease.

#### **Beyond the borderline**

Year: 1995

Length: 54 minutes

#### Summary:

Interviews five women with borderline personality disorder six years after they were the subject of the film "Borderline syndrome". Focuses on how each, with a heightened understanding of her own illness, has coped with the effects of the

disorder and made progress in personal functioning. Intercuts brief footage from the earlier film.

**Eternal high: a teenager's experience with depression and suicide that will change your life**

A film by Bryce Mackie.

Year: 2006

Length: 30 minutes

Summary:

Produced by Bryce Mackie, this program recounts his personal struggles with suicidal thoughts and depression.

**Kay Redfield Jamison: surviving bipolar disorder**

ABC News Productions.

Year: 2004

Length: 21 minutes

Summary:

Ted Koppel interviews Kay Redfield Jamison, Professor of Psychiatry and Clinical Psychologist at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Jamison speaks about her life and living with bipolar disorder.

**Shadow voices: finding hope in mental illness.**

Year: 2005

Length: 58 minutes

Summary:

Ten people with mental illness tell their stories, plus experts and advocates in the field add perspectives and insights, offering an inside look at what it is like to live with a mental illness and how individuals and their families find their way through medical, governmental, societal and spiritual issues.