

The Anxiety Reset — *30 Days*

A 30-day daily journal that helps you observe your anxiety patterns instead of fighting them — ten minutes a day, no breathing apps, no woo-woo.

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A daily practice for people who'd like to stop white-knuckling it.

You don't need another breathing exercise. You don't need an app that tells you to feel calm at 7:43 in the morning. You need ten minutes a day for thirty days, a pen, and a structure that lets you observe your anxiety instead of arguing with it.

If you've tried meditation apps, "manifest calm" affirmations, journaling prompts that ask you to write down what you're grateful for — and walked away by day five — this isn't another version of those. The reason those failed wasn't your willpower. It was that they asked you to feel something on command, instead of asking you to notice what's actually happening.

This is not for you if you're in acute crisis, you need clinical care, or you're looking for a quick technique that makes anxiety go away on Tuesday. None of those are here.

This is for you if your anxiety has settled into a low hum that runs underneath your day. If you'd rather understand the pattern than fight it. If you want ten minutes of writing to give you something the breathing app never did: a record of yourself.

By day 30 you'll have:

- A written log of every spike — when, what triggered it, what story it told.
- A clear map of the two or three loops your anxiety actually runs.
- A daily ritual that works on bad days because it doesn't ask you to be calm.

How to use this book

Read the next two chapters in one sitting. Together they take about fifteen minutes. They explain why most anxiety advice stops working and lay out the ritual you'll repeat for thirty days.

Then start. The book splits into four weekly chapters, each with daily prompts. Do them in order. Don't skip ahead.

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Read the weekly review on day 7, 14, 21, and 28. The final chapter is the debrief — read it on day 30 with all thirty entries open in front of you.

Ten minutes a day. Thirty days. One book.

1. Why anxiety apps stop working by day five

The standard anxiety playbook tells you to do four things. Breathe in for four. Notice three things you can see. Write down what you're grateful for. Try not to catastrophize.

Each of those things is fine. None of them is the input that actually changes anything.

The problem with the standard playbook is that it asks for a state — calm — and gives you no way to know what's actually driving the anxiety. So when you do the breathing on Monday and you're still anxious on Wednesday, you have two options: convince yourself you're not breathing deeply enough, or quit. Most people quit. The ones who don't quit usually end up worse, because they're now blaming themselves for an emotion they can't control with technique alone.

The thing that actually changes anxious behaviour is much smaller and much more boring.

It changes when you write down what happened, write down the story your mind told about it, write down one small action you can take in response, mark whether you did the action, and look at the pattern. That's it. That's what every system that works under a different name — exposure work, cognitive therapy, even good supervision — has converged on.

This book is built around that loop. There's no chapter where we ask you to release your anxiety or visualize a calm ocean. There's a daily, ten-minute act of writing that, over thirty days, gives you something most anxious people don't have: a written record of themselves paying attention.

What works, in one paragraph

You notice one specific anxiety spike from yesterday — when, what triggered it, what your body did. You name the story your mind told around it. You write the smallest action you can take today that doesn't make tomorrow's anxiety worse. At the end of the day, you mark whether you did the action. Repeat thirty times. Look at the pattern.

That's the whole technique.

Journal prompts

- 1. What's the loop your anxiety runs most often? Two sentences.*
- 2. What have you previously believed would "fix" it? What did trying that cost you?*
- 3. What would change if, in thirty days, you had a written record of every spike and the story behind each one?*

2. The 4-pillar daily ritual (10 min)

Here is the structure you'll repeat every day. It has four parts. Each takes two to three minutes. The whole thing fits inside a normal morning.

You can do it on paper, in a notebook, in Notion, in any blank doc. The medium doesn't matter. The four pillars do.

Pillar 1 — Notice (2 minutes)

Write down one specific anxiety moment from yesterday. Not a feeling — a moment. Three things:

- When it happened (the trigger).
- What your body did (tight chest, fast breathing, frozen, jaw clenched, etc.).
- How long it lasted.

It can be small. *"At 3pm, before opening the email from my boss. Chest tight, jaw clenched. Lasted about ten minutes."*

The reason this comes first is that most days your anxiety has already happened. You just didn't see it clearly. This pillar trains the seeing.

Pillar 2 — Name (3 minutes)

Write down the story your mind told around the moment. In one sentence. In your own words.

"My boss is going to tell me I'm not delivering enough."

"I'm going to embarrass myself on the call."

"Something bad is about to happen to the kids."

You'll write these almost the same way thirty days in a row. That's the point. By day eight you'll start to see the same three or four stories recurring. By day twenty you'll know your patterns better than your therapist does.

Don't argue with the story. Don't write a "more rational" version yet. Just name what's actually being told.

Pillar 3 — Move (3 minutes)

Write down the smallest action you can take today that doesn't make tomorrow's anxiety worse. The bar is "smallest action," not "best action."

This is not about doing the thing your anxiety is afraid of. It's about taking one small, concrete step that doesn't reinforce the loop.

If the story was *"my boss thinks I'm not delivering enough,"* a small action might be: *send the boss a one-line update at 5pm.* Not a long defensive email. One line.

If the story was *"I'm going to embarrass myself on the call,"* a small action might be: *open the deck for five minutes the night before.* Not rehearse it twelve times.

If you can't think of one, look at yesterday's entry. The next move is usually close to the last one.

Pillar 4 — Mark (2 minutes, evening)

At the end of the day, come back to the page. Mark whether you did the action. Yes or no. No explanation.

The mark is the most important pillar. Without it, the whole exercise is journaling. With it, the whole exercise is a feedback loop.

If you only do one thing

Do Pillar 4. Even if you skip Notice and Name and Move on a hard day, find a way to mark whether you did the thing you said you'd do. The mark is what makes this work.

Journal prompts

- 1. Test the ritual now. Take five minutes to write your first Notice, Name and Move.*
- 2. What time of day will you do the morning portion? Be specific.*

3. *What time of day will you do the evening mark? What will remind you?*

This is where the preview ends.

You've just read the introduction and the first two chapters.

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