

# Crying Is Cool Too: The Power of Emotional Release

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by emotions and found solace in shedding a few tears? Well, you're not alone. Crying is not only a natural human response, but it can also be incredibly beneficial for your well-being. In a world that often emphasizes the importance of being strong and composed, it's time to embrace the idea that crying is cool too.

## The Science of Crying

Let's dive into the scientific aspects of crying. When you cry, your body releases various chemicals, including endorphins and oxytocin. Endorphins are known as the body's natural painkillers and mood lifters. They help alleviate physical and emotional pain, promoting a sense of well-being and relaxation.

Oxytocin, also known as the "feel-good hormone," is released during emotional bonding experiences such as childbirth, hugging, or even crying. It strengthens social bonds and creates a sense of connection with others. So, the next time you find yourself tearing up, remember that your body is actually nurturing your emotional well-being.



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## **The Therapeutic Benefits of Crying**

Crying can be a cathartic experience, allowing you to release pent-up emotions and find relief. It provides an outlet for sadness, grief, anger, frustration, or any other overwhelming feeling you may be experiencing. By crying, you allow yourself to process and express these emotions, preventing them from accumulating and potentially causing harm to your mental and physical health.

Additionally, crying can act as a natural stress reliever. It lowers the levels of stress hormones in your body, helping you feel calmer and more composed after a good cry. It's like hitting the reset button on your emotions, allowing you to gain clarity and a fresh perspective on the situation that triggered your tears.

## **The Social Stigma and Breaking the Barriers**

Despite the therapeutic benefits of crying, our society often associates it with weakness, vulnerability, or even instability. As a result, many people suppress their tears and feel ashamed when they do cry. It's crucial to challenge this stigma and remind ourselves that crying doesn't make us any less capable or strong.

Breaking the barriers surrounding crying requires a collective effort. We need to create safe spaces where emotions can be freely expressed and understood. By embracing our vulnerability and allowing ourselves and others to cry, we foster empathy, compassion, and emotional growth.

## **Encouraging Emotional Intelligence**

Emotional intelligence is the ability to recognize, understand, and manage our own emotions and those of others. Crying is a powerful tool that helps develop emotional intelligence by allowing us to acknowledge and process feelings.

As parents, guardians, or mentors, we play a significant role in encouraging emotional intelligence in young individuals. By normalizing crying and teaching them about the benefits of emotional release, we equip them with valuable skills to navigate the complexities of life.

### **Crying as an Act of Strength**

Real strength lies in embracing our emotions rather than suppressing them. Crying takes courage, as it requires vulnerability and self-acceptance. It's an act of strength to confront our feelings head-on and allow ourselves to experience them fully.

Overcoming societal expectations and accepting that crying is cool too empowers us to live authentically and embrace our humanity. It's okay to let down our guard and shed tears when our hearts are heavy or when we simply feel overwhelmed with joy. By doing so, we become more in tune with ourselves and are better equipped to support others through their emotional journeys.

### **Crying as an Act of Self-Care**

Crying is an act of self-care. It is a reminder that we deserve emotional release and that our feelings are valid. Just as we prioritize physical well-being through exercise and rest, we must also prioritize our emotional well-being by allowing ourselves to cry when needed.

Seeking a balance between expressing emotions and maintaining composure is crucial. Embracing crying as an essential part of self-care enables us to nurture

our minds, bodies, and souls.

## The Power of Vulnerability

In our pursuit of happiness and success, we often forget that vulnerability is crucial for authentic connections and personal growth. Crying allows us to access our vulnerability, breaking down walls and fostering deeper relationships with ourselves and others.

When we cry in front of someone, we trust them with our truest selves. It gives them the opportunity to provide support and build a stronger bond. By embracing crying, we show others that it's safe to be vulnerable, encouraging them to do the same.

### : Let It Out

In a world where appearances matter and emotional strength is often associated with suppressing tears, it's time to challenge these norms. Crying is not a sign of weakness; it's an act of courage and self-care.

So, the next time you feel the need to let it out, don't hold back. Find a quiet space, let the tears flow, and embrace the healing power of crying. Remember, crying is cool too.



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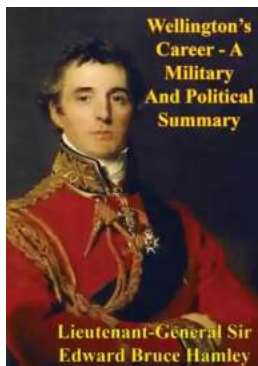
“Thank you for the perfect blend of nostalgia-drenched humor, wit, and heartbreak, Nora.” — Mandy Moore

comedy = tragedy + time/rosé

Twenty-seven-year-old Nora McInerney Purmort bounced from boyfriend to dopey “boyfriend” until she met Aaron—a charismatic art director and comic-book nerd who once made Nora laugh so hard she pulled a muscle. When Aaron was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer, they refused to let it limit their love. They got engaged on Aaron’s hospital bed and had a baby boy while he was on chemo. In the period that followed, Nora and Aaron packed fifty years of marriage into the three they got, spending their time on what really matters: Buffy the Vampire Slayer, each other, and Beyoncé. A few months later, Aaron died in Nora’s arms. The obituary they wrote during Aaron’s hospice care revealing his true identity as Spider-Man touched the nation. With *It’s Okay to Laugh*, Nora puts a young, fresh twist on the subjects of mortality and resilience. What does it actually mean to live your “one wild and precious life” to the fullest? How can a joyful marriage contain more sickness than health? How do you keep going when life kicks you in the junk? In this deeply felt and deeply funny memoir, Nora gives her readers a true gift—permission to struggle, permission to laugh, permission to tell the truth and know that everything will be okay. *It’s Okay to Laugh* is a love letter to life, in all its messy glory; it reads like a conversation with a close friend, and leaves a trail of glitter in its wake.

This book is for people who have been through some shit.

This is for people who aren't sure if they're saying or doing the right thing (you're not, but nobody is). This is for people who had their life turned upside down and just learned to live that way. For people who have laughed at a funeral or cried in a grocery store. This is for everyone who wondered what exactly they're supposed to be doing with their one wild and precious life. I don't actually have the answer, but if you find out, will you text me?



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