Where could you go in a wingbeat?

Birds' wings have feathers. People's 'feathers' are words. But not every word helps you to soar – only words that clearly express how you feel increase your chance of flying.

This dictionary of emotions – this Emotionary – will inspire you to a very special wingbeat.

And you will never want to stop moving your wings!





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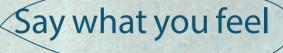
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An Emotionary. What a fantastic idea to help a person get to know themselves.

This Emotionary will help even the youngest reader to recognise their emotions and discuss their feelings. This makes it possible to channel those emotions properly, in turn allowing us to reach our full potential, without compromising our abilities.

The Emotionary can be seen as a fundamental pedagogical support. It allows the development of a child's emotional intelligence, which is key to his or her self-acceptance and to healthy psycho-evaluative development. For us to be happy, we must learn to integrate an understanding of our emotions into our psychological development.

The discovery, identification and differentiation of our emotions through this Emotionary provides young readers with a safe educational context in which to discover themselves and to grow into emotionally self-aware adults with the sensitivity required to meet life's challenges.

Experiencing emotion is a human privilege, and learning to express our emotions will help us get closer to those we love.

Emotions are instinctive or intuitive states that affect our bodies, minds and how we behave. The purpose of emotions is to help us to deal with what is happening around us.

Feelings provide you with information about yourself and how you are reacting to a particular emotional state. Feelings serve as a way of expressing/communicating our emotions – to ourselves and also to others.

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Tenderness

Some living things stir our tenderness: a puppy, a sprouting tree, a new-born baby... Tenderness is closeness, affection and compassion.

We feel tender towards people, creatures and things that are defenceless or non-threatening.

Where is tenderness?

Tenderness is inside all of us. But it takes others to open the door to our tenderness. Their fragility awakens our desire to be kind, attentive and understanding.

Tenderness is an invitation to love.



Shyness

Shyness stops us from behaving naturally. It tends to get the better of us around strangers or people who seem untrustworthy or threatening.

How does a shy person feel?

A shy person feels uncomfortable and clumsy. They fear saying or doing something wrong, so they stay still and quiet in order not to be noticed.

Imagine that you have to spend the night with some elderly neighbours. Even though they are kind to you, you stay silent at one end of the sofa. You don't feel at ease. You might even begin to feel **confused**.



Gratefulness

Gratefulness, or gratitude, is the soul of the phrase "thank you". It is multiplied every time you see a gift in the ordinary and everyday: in the smile of a friend, in a song.

Gratefulness teaches you to appreciate life more. It paves the way to happiness.

When I was ten years old, my grandma gave me a Diary of Thanks. She said to me:

"I have one the same. Every night, I write in it all the things that have made me grateful that day. Then, when I sleep, the contents and characters of my diary find their way into my dreams and fill the rooms of my Happy Palace... and the happiness they bring stays with me all the next day."

What have we written today?

- —Thanks to all those who have filled the pages of this book with their magic.
- —Thanks to the person who bought it for you.
- -Most of all, thanks to you for sharing in our **emotionary**.

