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Someone Special, Just Like You (An Owlet Book)



Synopsis

Brown and Ortiz show that the differences that seem to separate children with handicaps from others are not important. What is important is the common delight in life--a desire to love, learn and play, and to be accepted for themselves as other children are.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 11 years

Grade Level: 2 - 6

Customer Reviews

“Shows preschool disabled children actively playing and learning....In dispelling the fear of the unknown and showing our common needs for physical affection, community, skills, and independence, this book should do much to help the disabled [child] gain acceptance from other children.”
—[Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books](#)

Tricia Brown is also the author of *Hello, Amigos!* and *L'Chaim: The Story of a Russian Immigrant Boy*. She has traveled extensively in southeast Asia and is a member of the Chinese Culture foundation. She has a master's degree in international multicultural education and lives in San Francisco, California. Fran Ortiz, an award-winning photojournalist, was also the photographer for *Hello, Amigos!* In 1981 he was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for his social

documentary on the Mono Indians. He lives in Kensington, California.

I really like the message of this book: we are all more alike than different. There are beautiful black and white photos depicting all types of children. The message is that they all like the same things and can participate in the same activities even if they don't do it in precisely the same way. I would say this is a "must have" for a classroom library of a teacher who wants to embrace diversity.

This is the only book I've been able to find with actual photographs of children with different physical and cognitive disabilities. It's invaluable in helping my 4-year-old understand and discuss this important topic, and it's my hope that preparing her in this way will help her react appropriately when she encounters someone who is differently abled. Some of the photos are a little dated, but that's very much beside the point. Definitely a great book for any preschooler!

My 5yr old son has ONH and is in special ed. I bought this book for my children and once I got it, I had to go back and buy another to give to his teacher. She said she has never seen a more perfect book to fit with the PreSchool special ed program. We both agree this book is a must have for families with children of special needs. Love this book!

Just what we were looking for.

I volunteered to put together a group of books for my daughter's preschool (ages 3 1/2-4) which dealt with the topic of diversity and disabilities. I have ordered and read about 15-20 children's books on the subject of children with handicaps. By far this was the very best one that I came across. It had beautiful photographs of children with all types of disabilities and the message in this book (unlike several others which I read) was 100% positive. What I mean by this is that while some other books on disabilities may deliver a message that says "don't be mean, or tease children with disabilities" , etc., this one was totally focused on all children as being lovable and worthwhile people -- very focused on only a positive message. I really enjoyed it and my daughter's class also did. The message is simple, straightforward and very warm. Compared to other books on the subject, this one really was written at a good level for the 3-4 age group.

My little boy who is Autistic and almost 10 years old loves this book. It is very lovingly written and has such a positive attitude about children no matter what their differences are. This is a must have

book for parents, teachers and librarians in schools everywhere. We must teach children that being different is okay, that there is nothing wrong with it. Great illustrations too! My son brings me this book to read nightly and has for months. When this one wears out we will get another one to replace it...

I loved this book! Especially the cute little boy on the left-hand corner of the cover. That's my adorable friend Jon!!

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