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A Father's Story
of Autism

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They are the lessons of the writer's language and social development. *Keeping Ben* is the story of one family dealing with autism, informed from the viewpoint of a father struggling to comprehend his boy's strange behavior and rescue him from a downward spiral. *Keeping Ben* tells the story of Ben. Take him home, love him, and save your valuable cash for his institutionalization when he turns twenty-1. That was the best advice his doctor could offer in 1990 when three-year-aged Ben was diagnosed with autism. Ben's regression as an infant into the world of autism and his journey toward recovery while a young adult. Ben, now 21 yrs . old, is a work in progress. *Keeping Ben* is a tale of Ben's journey toward recovery, and a family members' " His dad, Dan Burns, places the reader in the passenger's seat as he struggles with medical service providers, the school system, extended family members, and his own limitations in his efforts to pull Ben out of his darkening world. s tale of loss, grief, and recovery. "Keep the faith, never quit." Each year thousands of children are diagnosed with autism, a devastating neurological disorder that profoundly affects a s miraculous journey, saving Ben.



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Ben was a difficult baby, who appeared to be developing pretty much normally, until he give up talking and started withdrawing into his own world. Burns's detailed, carefully observed scenes lead to an easy, page-turner of a memoir. Burns' portrayal of the devastating toll on himself, his marriage, his work, and his life while Ben's behavior regresses is one of the first detailed accounts I have read in which the grief is definitely genuinely portrayed. Funny, touching, and heart-rending by turns, the book is impossible to place down after you've started reading it. "Conserving Ben" is the harrowing story of Dan and Sue Burns, whose youngest child Ben exists in 1993 with autism. it's also an excellent literary memoir for anybody who likes literature. Parents must never try to alienate the child/children from the other parent because children need to spend time with both parents. From my perspective, in searching for information regarding Ben's condition and therapies, I found there was too little information. I loved reading this book. I loved reading this reserve. It has helped me recognize that parents, whether married or divorced, should do what is usually in the best curiosity of the autistic child/children. The picture presenting the writer's breathless search for Wacky Wild Kool-Aid is itself well worth the price of the reserve. This publication illustrates that time beautifully! Mom of a particular needs child I am a mom of a child with multiple disabilities and simply finished a reserve of my own about my son. The daddy, Dan Burns, is usually a fierce and caring advocate for his son, and this love shows through. In the early years, Dan knew that Ben was different, nonetheless it wasn't before exact name of autism was placed on his boy that Dr. I felt that I was being generous in providing it 3 stars! The start of the story is usually disjointed and hard to check out. Burns writes of his choices as he works to recover Ben. He includes a father that enjoys him unconditionally, a mom, that in her very own way, is trying and a grandmother that might not have been able to stomach what her much loved grandson had to endure, but was there for him in the best way she could. Saving Ben by Dan Electronic. That man will never be one "indistinguishable from all others of his age," but he is a content man with a father who loves him. Unforgettable read. For the average reader, this is probably not a problem. But I am reading it from a completely different perspective. The writer spends much time discussing his family members drama, but precious short amount of time discussing the specifics of the therapies and diet plans that helped Ben. The publication is only 150 webpages and covers Ben's life to the age of 21. I do have to state that, the story aside, I have an excellent admiration for the writer as a father who really was identified and was a good advocate for his child. I was able to identify with a few of the struggles he had to face with individuals who got no clue what it really is like to live with a special needs child. I also was extremely disappointed to get that there is no set of resources towards the end of the book. If you're searching for a quick read about a family in turmoil, (I read it in a single morning) then this is a satisfactory book. However, if you are a mother or father of a particular needs child and so are looking critically at the tale for information, then it may not be worth the price of the book. A Perilous Land Reviewer's notice: My grandson, now 4, was diagnosed with autism just after his second birthday. I've a vested desire to know more about all remedies and the day-to-day struggle of other family members raising autistic children. I did so not find the author to become a "powerful" writer or spectacular at all. Burns rises above other books about autism in its honesty. Funny, touching A brilliantly-written book that takes the reader into the heart of what is faced by families with autistic children. By age group 3, Ben had become an out-of-control, nonverbal, resistant risk to himself and his caregivers. Because the dad of a son similar to Ben, I can attest to the living, breathing truth of what's related here. A Teeter-Totter Life Keeping BEN is a well written and candid memoir of a guy whose teeter-totter lifestyle tips between caring for and searching for recovery for Ben, his small son who offers autism, managing his sanity even though his ex-wife temporarily loses hers, all while coming to terms with his sexual orientation. My mother is reading it now and is definitely having difficulty in getting past chapter 1. Burns buckled down and with sheer determination and very small support from his family attempt to find the boy that he knew was lost inside the autism spectrum. The parents stubbornly ignore these suggestions, but find themselves ever more isolated and doubtful. Ben's own mother, Sue, unstable and fighting psychiatric problems, cannot continuously help maintain the timetable that Ben must have adhered to. Like so many other lovers with an autistic child, Sue and Dan Burns divorce, causing more chaos in an already chaotic lifestyle. That Dan Burns can be gay seems the least of his challenges. I liked just how Mr. Burns does not turn himself into a martyr or a know-it-all. He tries, and he fails. Although not deeply spiritual, Dan does discover help through his faith and the capability to let Abba (God) decide his route.

Doctors, IEP's, hyperbaric chamber remedies, loose gut, chelation, gluten-free diet plans, and the strike on systemic weighty metals, I might have been lost in the vocabulary of autism remedies. He comes home again to try once again. Ben allows hugs. Sad to see and hear about gay life, rather than what I thought it was, a publication about autism and a son. Not what its titled. He is helped by his very own stubborn will and many essential teachers and aides. He tries another thing. If I didn't already know about DAN! Sometimes, he quits. Nevertheless, that is a book of both hope and acceptance. Ben and his father weather the storms of the hundreds of hours of screening, the hundreds of hours of breaking an activity down and rewarding each step. The largest issue with this book is it's nearly as well many topics. The tiny boy grows into a twenty-one season old man. I came across the writing very common. Together they share the easy joy of bicycle rides, music, and television. He uses all of the resources open to him and to Ben. Dan allows himself to see that lifestyle will never be one that he planned while he wished upon a superstar because of this baby's birth. But their lives together do have signifying. Ben and Sue try everything in their power to cope with Ben's needs while fending off suggestions -- from family, doctors and educators -- to institutionalize the youngster. The outcome is improvement in baby techniques and finding joy in as soon as, a lesson for all people all over the place. He fights with "specialists" who simply tell him to institutionalize Ben. I couldn't see through the first chapter. "What may happen next? He fights with family members who see operant conditioning (Lovaas' methods) as kid abuse. I really was looking forward to the, but now I'm simply disappointed. It would have already been better if the dad's personal life was overlooked of it. Beautiful to read Of the dozens of books available in the parents-of-children-with-autism market, that is by far the very best written. Actually, the writing is spellbinding. Even though I get the sensation there's even more to the story compared to the author is revealing, what's here is beautiful. Grief, in every its stages, the denial and the anger, the sadness and the program to move on, are clearly comprehensive. Author Dan E. Burns, manages to fit all of this chaos into 155 pages that often read more like a suspense novel than memoir. If you're a christian and need inspiration this is simply not the book." (I used the reserve as a bribe to obtain me through some unpleasant house tasks. I think this reserve does deserve readers.) Parents with or without kids who've autism will relate to Burns' frustrations with doctors, the educational program, and well-meaning rather than so well-meaning relatives. They'll be reminded that children's small successes are often the consequence of parents' grand refusals to give up. It's soon obvious that Ben is not a standard kid, and is clearly falling behind his peers. It's a lot more than an excellent way to understand about autism; Young Ben is endlessly challenging -- a hyper-colicky baby whose continuous screaming is calmed just with constant rocking and manhandling. A work of recovery love A work of healing love Full disclosure: We received a complimentary duplicate of the book from the author. The outcome is not what he expected, a "fixed" or totally recovered child. The institution district turns into an enemy. Increase this already overwhelming group of troubles Dan's efforts to start a small business, his developing as a gay guy in a conservative community and Sue's struggles with the trauma of childhood abuse. The family members careens from crisis to crisis, a train wreck that is impossible to turn away from. I came across the book to be a terrific examine. Dan's style is quite honest, sometimes to a fault, and nearly impressionistic in conveying the drama of his internal life. A heartfelt tale of a caring dad, but this is really 5 books in a single This memoir tells of Ben, a boy (now man) with autism, and his father's struggles to get him the help he needs to progress and grow. I was interested in this book because I experienced that maybe I possibly could connect with the father. He does everything he can to help Ben. I appreciate the honesty in the writing. Ben makes what some might consider to be little progress through the years, but I am sure he has made a lot more than he would have without his father's help. Ben begins to speak again in small bursts. There is materials for 5 books here, but this is just one book. Dan discusses his son's autism, needless to say, but also about his personal homosexuality and his journey to acceptance of it, his wife's mental illness, his work struggles, his extended family---all kinds of topics. This won't leave room or concentrate in a publication of this length to essentially tell the main story. At moments, it seems left behind, and there are sudden jumps in the narrative that are disconcerting. Once I completed a task, I could browse another chapter. We parents with autistic kids or adults are not all polished writers. We don't all live lives that may lead to a laser concentrate on our child's recovery. Though Little, This Book Packs Quite a Punch Dan Burns is determined to "recover" his boy from Autism. Unfortunately, I am astonished that book is rated therefore highly. The medical establishment can be of no help.

Not absolutely all tales in this field possess a content ending, but sometimes joy comes in little stage, a twinkle, a nod of understanding, occasionally you have to find your personal giant leap and that is what I think Ben found. If you can see through that first chapter, that is an adequate story about family members drama (much just like a novel). If you are searching for a step by step plan to "remedy" an autistic child, after that this isn't the right book for you, but if you are looking for a book the details one families struggle, after that take a look. Observe how another family members is usually battling the giant bureaucracy and find that there just might be considered a middle ground. A place where a family will get some peace and understanding.



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