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Their tale shows the amazingly moving struggle and success that proves love and faith can achieve miracles. How do an 11-year old boy hear a Mozart fantasy for the very first time and play it back note-for-note perfectly-but struggle to navigate the familiar surroundings of his own home? Cathleen Lewis says her child Rex's laugh of total abandon is the one most joyous sound anyone could hear, but his tortured aversion to contact and sound breaks her center and makes her question what God could have had in brain. For me, as someone who is actually blind, the knowledge of reading Rex was an eye-opener I will never forget.

Endorsements "This memoir papers a musical savant in a way we have not seen before, allowing us to reconsider the limits we place on people with disabilities. Strongly suggested for all open public libraries and academic libraries with autism and special needs selections. -- Tom Sullivan, author of *Adventures in Darkness and Together* The inspiring tale of Rex, a boy who's not merely blind and autistic, but who also is undoubtedly a musical savant." -- Jane Seymour, actress, artist, writer, and entrepreneur "The remarkable tale of a mother's love and a child's indomitable spirit, told in a writer's design that riveted me to the web page, is normally singularly the most important work ever written on the relationship between a mother or father and a kid with disability. In this reserve she shares the mystery of Rex and the highs, lows, hopes, dreams, pleasure, sorrows, and faith she has journeyed through with him. Bravo, Cathleen! Bravo, Rex. Your projects and your lives will permanently change the future of disability in America." -- Library Journal, 11/25/2008 "Two of the very most amazing and uplifting people I have ever known.



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Must have written this immediately after I browse it. I found it to be a very interesting book and I liked reading it. I didn't trust a few things Cathleen did, but then I haven't walked in her shoes or boots either with a boy that will require 24/7 care. I was so grateful in order to examine such a deep feeling publication. Then, when Rex was six months old, his parents discovered he was blind. After another surgery, at the age of 1 year, to place a tube in to the human brain cyst, Rex became quite different and Cathleen learned he was autistic (until the surgery, he had seemed to be a standard blind child--right following the medical procedures, he became autistic. It is a book really worth reading. That appeared to by no means be resolved).. HOWEVER, I consider that Rex was quite lucky, as his mom was able to take full time treatment of him. When I noticed this book on sale for my Kindle, I had to try it out. This is one of the best books I've ever read. In the meantime, Cathleen learned that God is always there but doesn't always answer the way we want him to--she transformed her outlook on religion completely. This was, to me, a fastinating book partly because I have always been thinking about genius savants. It appears amazing what they can do--way beyond the normal. This account of Rex will go from right before he was born to when he was about age 12. That's just my opinion. Great tale of a lovely child with disabilities I really enjoyed this reserve! Rex and his mom had many difficult difficulties but overcame them individually. She pointed out that music calmed him, and then later found out that he could simply hear a piece of music, and play it on a little piano. I found this book very interesting. It's refreshing to listen to in regards to a parent of a kid with a disability who really is definitely their child's advocate. As a Speech-Vocabulary Pathologist who functions in schools, I could determine with the author's struggles of getting Rex help within the institution "system". Rex is a winner! Cathleen Lewis did an excellent job telling her tale of her life with Rex so far. His musical genius turns into a means of expression for him to deal with the complexities of his autistic brain and body and eventually brought him world renown. I connected with this book more than the normal my-child-has-a-disability memoir that I've read. Therefore many parents merely send their kids off to school assuming that the institution can fix the youngster, it's their job. We also found Rex to be truly fascinating. I adored hearing his tale of how he arrived of his shell along with his piano. But, even more interesting to me was his 1st words and how his communication came about. I adored hearing about his interactions with peers, adults, and with Derek Paravicini if they fulfilled. When I got eventually to that part at the end of the tale I watched the 5 part series on youtube and it helped to provide the whole book together. But, she didn't give up the institution. She didn't arrive off as somebody who desires pity or anything like that. I thought it had been well written and put together. Love this mom and her amazing son Outstanding story in regards to a mother's love for her son. I came across this part to become a bit distracting from the entire information in the publication. When possible, I would like to know how much he evolves past this age group and what his existence is like as a young adult. For the Kindle edition, there were a few unclosed quotation marks plus some spacing problems where some terms ran together, however they were minor and probably just due to the formatting or development that switches into conversion. Not a big deal. An Amazing tale of a Mother's devotion I read this publication in on the subject of 5 hours taking two days. She dedicates her existence to helping him overcome his disabilities and become a success.. When I browse a book and do not need to skip pages you understand it's an excellent one. As an older mother, Cathleen had an adorable baby boy, Rex, who was simply born with a cyst in his brain. I am forever in debt to the writer of the book. I was just a little upset that it didn't seem that Rex's dad wasn't in the picture more. The kid wasn't the only real hero in this reserve, there were many. But the most particular was the devoted and ever alert Mother. touching and captivating This book touched the core of my soul

and I would recommend it to anyone who is passionate i inspirational I loved this book. She fought on her behalf child. She knew what he could do.I would suggest this publication to anyone, not only just those affected with Autism. The became his way of interacting with people and learning issues at school. Well crafted story of triumph over tragedy The author openly shares her struggles coping with her blind autistic son. She didn't draw him out to home college him or place him in a particular school and while I'm sure she may possess wanted to scream or actually quit, she doesn't appear to have carried out either of those things. When Rex was two, his Father left the family, therefore Cathleen became an individual mom with plenty of problems to handle. ... This publication is a must-read for numerous reasons: not merely does it educate you on all the many complications that both Rex and his mom had to understand to live and work with through and around, it displays the deep, fierce and unabashed unconditional love this mother has for her child. Great book I loved this book! A TRUE story of a mother's unconditional love for her kid. I liked reading when Rex made another mile rock.This book shows what a mother can do to make the life of her child better.Amazing story on the subject of amazing people. I believe he should have been presently there cheering Rex on also. Rex and his music I enjoyed reading this book. Before reading this publication I had seen Rex and/or Derek Paravicini (who's also pointed out in the book) on a 60 Minutes spot. Did the medical procedures cause the autism, or was it a coincidence? BRAVO Rex and Cathleen--I feel honored to have examine your story. She struggled to get him the appropriate help that he required throughout elementary school, and honestly, is most likely still fighting that today. I saw Rex's story on "60 Mins" and was so profoundly moved and touched by him that I had to order this book and go through for myself the in-depth tale of his incredible lifestyle as told by his mother. achieve as normal a life as you possibly can and the wonderful, unforeseen blessing she was presented with A very interesting story of a mother's determination to help her severely handicapped son achieve as normal a existence as possible and the wonderful, unexpected blessing she was presented with.I recommend it to all. Wonderful Highly recommend. This is simply not to be missed. By the end of the the publication, she suddenly got extremely religious in her writing.. His father all but disappears from his lifestyle, as so often happens whenever a child is very poor. Thank god he had a mother who didn't give up. Such an inspiring publication. Also makes one appreciate what we so often consider for granted with this own children. She read the signs and applied them. I couldn't put it down.



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