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Foreword by Bill Gerveta

A photograph of a person with dark hair, wearing a blue and white short-sleeved shirt and dark pants, standing on a large, colorful puzzle mat laid out on a green lawn. The mat is composed of several large interlocking puzzle pieces in blue, red, yellow, and light blue. The person is standing on a light blue piece, looking down at it. Their shadow is cast onto the mat to the left.

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What is the role that faith has in helping families cope? Challenging behaviors, a myriad of specialists, problems with schools, special diet programs this developmental disability turns a family's globe upside-down. S. Census Bureau figures, 1 in 150 American kids possess autism, and the numbers are steadily growing daily (an increase of 13% in the last ten years). Based on the latest U. During the past two or three years, autism has garnered stories with time, Newsweek, and USA Today. Is it possible to sing alleluia in the midst of a very true adversity? In this series of slice-of-life vignettes, God's grace glimmers through the shadows as Joel, an intellectually challenged teen with autism, teaches those who love him that strolling the labyrinth of life needs childlike faith, humility, trust, compassion, forgiveness, and an attitude of openness to all of God's presents.



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She models for all of us down-to-earth faith that prepares us to catch a glimpse of God's presence inside our own family members with autism, our very own families, and our very own lives. This is such a treat to read as a mom. It breaks to the fact of the situation. It isn't another steps to make your kid better or make your self better to look after him. Your child is a kid of God. They're special and there are moments when you understand that they help you see the world in a different/better way."The beauty of Kathy's reserve is watching her undertake stressful situations to an acknowledgment of God's hand and treatment. This book is certainly a blessing to help us see the remarkable in the ordinary." Autism & Someone wrote in ink on the cover of 1 of the books, but nothing distracting. You just haven't found it however. Very great perspective from a fellow parent of a kid with Autism Spectrum Disorder. As a pediatric occupational therapist, this reserve gave me an authentic and honest perspective into the life of a family with a child with autism.) This reserve gave me permission to feel the anger, the frustration, the embarrassment of this kid when he behaves in less than "normal" methods and the stares which can be received. Autism & This reserve shares the true, raw truth of parenting a child with Autism. The struggles are shared from the center. Alleluias This book is quite encouraging for any one dealing with autism. So Personable Loved the book! 124) by her buddy Patty, on the "poopy morning" once the toilet overflowed: "I seem to remember that several of your chapters start out with a groan before you can the alleluia. The globe created and deeply cherished by an all-powerful God isn't supposed to be such as this! alleluias, Bolduc uses short chapters, "slice of lifestyle vignettes" to share real occasions from her life and experience, occasions that demonstrate God's hands on her family. It is a book about selecting glimpses of God through life's adversities. The chapters are short and readable, which is a plus. However, do not be deceived by the brief chapters! I waited 9 years to be validated this way. Kathy also sprinkled a few of her poetry through the entire book, offering another type of reading knowledge. The thing I enjoy most about Kathy's book is the way she lets us into her life. She does not put in a high-gloss sheen to her story. Her candor draws the reader in, specifically those that walk in a similar route.' I ask with a groan. I read "Joel requires a mom who smiles more" in amazement, as I've often felt this way. Where on the planet may be the alleluia in a poopy morning hours? Without this special person, you'll not stop to smell the roses so to speak. This snippet reveals the heart and soul of her publication: "One hour later, in the automobile, I call my pal Patty, hoping to find a way out of the cloud that has darkened my morning hours. . . . Luckily Patty is home. I tell her the tale of the poopy morning. She laughs. Her compassion and validation are excellent.' The not-so-funny thing is I'm on my method to finish focusing on Autism & Alleluias. Additionally, Kathy speaks on my behalf when she tells God, "Occasionally my prayers for Joel are actually prayers for me, the mom who feels as though she never gets it right. When I read about her son attempting to place a band-aid on Jesus' nail-scarred hand, I could see my own son wanting to do the same. I could hear the smile in Patty's voice. 'You know, Kathy, I seem to remember that several of your chapters start out with a groan before you can the alleluia. The alleluia will there be. I gave them as gifts.' "Just what a wise friend, and what a great publication. I earmarked lots of pages, and I know I'll read this book once in awhile to remind myself to look for the "alleluias" amidst life with an autistic child. Uplifting In autism & Alleluias isn't a biography or a book about treatments and therapies for autism. Bolduc is, as constantly, authentic, hardly ever sugar-coating the experience of having a child on the autism spectrum. I was uplifted with Mrs. One stage for Mom's intuition. Her knowledge reminds me that I am not by yourself on this pathway, that there are moms who helped discover the pathway before me, there are mothers on the pathway with me right now, and we all possess a God who cares deeply about us and what we knowledge. Bolduc starts each chapter with a verse of scripture that units the stage for the experience to arrive, and ends each chapter with a brief prayer of compliment and thanksgiving. She reminds me, carefully, lovingly, through her personal journey and faithfulness, that I have to look for Him in little ways, because He is there, offering, loving. With all challenges there is hope once you learn how

to recognize it. She shares her days coping with an Autistic son and the frustrations and joys that it could bring. How could it be that God can be who we claim God is, and yet here we are in this muddled mess, fighting forces that saddle our loved one with such a burden and considerably exceed our capability to cope? I do have a learning challenged kid complicated with ADHD which creates many of the same behaviors as an Aspergers/Autistic kid. (I don't vaccinate but our doctor said that if I had it could have pushed him on the advantage into Autism. I wanted to keep reading through many chapters at a time. Obviously, there is even more to his case history to go this direction and have a doctor risk stating this. Bolduc simply because she i want to, the reader, inside actual moments she has with her son, not all pleasant, yet she shares with me the intimate moments of gratitude and compliment with her Father. Wonderful candid book This book so beautifully captured the love, frustration and hope of a parent for his or her child. And the havoc a child such as this brings to a marriage is unbelievable! She addresses it all. If you need to feel validated about how exactly frustrated you are feeling and feel guilty for feeling in this manner, buy this publication! I laugh. Realistic perspective I must say i enjoyed this book! Important thing, there is expect families suffering from ASD. I really like Kathy's writing design and her phrases give clear photos. I would recommend this book to families who have a child with a disability and to those who use individuals with disabilities. Finding elusive alleluias For many Christians, the trip with autism in a family member is one that rocks our faith. Kathy tells readers Autism & I do not need an Autistic kid nor is he Aspergers. By sharing her tales with compelling honesty, Bolduc assists us to name our very own struggle. However she does not leave us floundering in the muck. Comfort for moms I've a son who's special requirements. God knows, we are in need of it. When our daily grind is consuming us, offering little in exchange, we can savor the wisdom suggested to Bolduc (p. Fantastic! The alleluia is here. You merely haven't found it however. Good Review All good shape books. Alleluias encourages us to keep on looking for that elusive alleluia.



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