

A young child with curly hair, wearing a light blue shirt, is looking down and gesturing with their hands. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting with a wooden floor and a white wall.

talk small

how I toned down, took the back road and
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First there's the shock. Then your tears. Then the blinding determination. My girl Quinn went through a hard time starting when she was about 15 months older. Where do you begin to fight those terms? Less familiar may be turning every discussion into an opera, stacking Play Doh, holding conversations with throw pillows and searching for the world's heaviest baby shoes or boots. Everyday. Was it autism and we captured it quickly enough to defeat it back? When experts tell you your child may hardly ever speak, hug, or possess an imagination, the world stops turning. Every method it is possible to. Was it a developmental stage? Early intervention and sheer force of will had been the secrets to your achievement in beating whatever got our baby in its clutches. This is the story of how we took action and persevered until we arrived the other side. Testing, screening, screaming, therapy, fighting, sleepless nights - it's all familiar territory for parents who deal with ASD and related developmental disorders. All over the place. Is she just weird? That, and a calculating spoon.



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There will be somebody with something going on that's worse than what you're coping with - it's true!. Talk Small is a wonderful reserve with engaging prose written by a mother who's been there. My son is similar in many ways, and these tales brought tears to my eye when I browse them on the original blog, through the darker times of early diagnosis and intervention. I learned all about the precise struggles a parent has with children with ASD (autism spectrum disorder), and I was relieved to recognize some of my own struggles that I experience with my own neurotypical children. A very important factor I found myself nodding my head so hard at I thought it could break: Permit yourself feel the feelings you are feeling about your own personal struggles. The writing's great, the subject matter is relevant, and I can't wait to see more from this author. Honest insight into a parent's ordeal. But does that in any way diminish the terrible pounds of reality that might crush you every day? Definitely not. So few folks are willing to allow this for themselves. Great story for people who have an autistic kid or those that want even more insight and understanding. End comparing what you're going right through with others' problems. This book is written in that right down to earth matter, you understand the author had a personal reference to this book! Nonetheless it is a reserve I intend to reread and I NEVER do that. Heartfelt, sincere, genuine, concise. It had been nice to find a light entertaining read about life such as ours. My just complaint was in the editing. I noticed a couple of spelling errors and I know some sentences had been repeated word for word in different sections of the book. My 31 month old child isn't diagnosed as autistic (yet) but offers apraxia of speech and sensory issues, motor planning problems. Heartfelt, sincere, authentic, concise. Inspiring story, intelligently written with humor & heart Perfectly written - intelligent, witty, warm & eye-opening. The writer tackles this very personal subject matter with courage and honesty. Well, really worth the \$ and time. Excellent This is a quick read, a bird's eye glimpse at autism through the eyes of a wise, sassy and endearing mother. Very informative! Can help you understand your autistic kid or grandchild and let's you know you aren't alone. Beautiful story! Five Stars Interesting read insightful and touching This is a touching and insightful look into a family's trials when their newest member starts showing all the signs of autism. I laughed and cried and go through it 3 times. Inspiring book Wonderfully witty and honest look at parenting an unconventional kid. Wonderfully expressed stort stories. Inspiring! Overall, this is a great book. She shares how she and her family members too action to greatly help their child. wonderful, quick read A personal tale, written from the heart and light more than enough to read for all your other Early Measures parents out there. Wonderfully expressed stort stories. Thanks a lot Jahna! Inspiring for what proved helpful, supportive of early intervention, sometimes very funny. Motherhood provides thrown me a curveball and my poor man, he struggles so. Jahna really speaks on a level that's accessible and useful, and although I have only a tertiary, limited quantity of experience with kids on the spectrum, I discovered so much. Wonderful! I related to the writer- through and through I feel like this book was written for me personally!



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