



Mothers Reflect on How Children with Down Syndrome Enrich Their Lives

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I have never been able to finish a publication on ds as I usually found them upsetting and depressing but this reserve was quite simply THE most beautiful &.. I go through this book after finding out our next baby will have Down syndrome and it had been been probably the most calming point for my soul. I would recommend it to anyone facing a diagnosis and any family as well! Every parent of a child born with Down Syndrome should get a copy of this reserve upon the birth of their particular child. Beautiful book! Such a wonderful book. Many tales included the parents' "shock" after learning of the diagnosis but every tale demonstrates the constant acceptance and appreciate of their beautiful children whatever the diagnosis. I have similar twins with DS which reserve was a bastion of hope amidst many incredibly dismal books about the down-side and "standard" delays my males would face instead of and the happy and high-quality existence that is possible. Such a lovely book I am a new(ish) mother of a beautiful little 11 month aged baby woman who has straight down syndrome. Moving and Inspirational Totally phenomenal and beautifully written, inspirational publication of essays from mothers with kids who happened to be born with Straight down Syndrome.. As the additional reviewers said, I could only read a few stories at the same time with a big container of tissues beside me as I inevitably finished up crying, but they had been tears of empathy and pleasure and I felt so lucky & proud to have my little princess sleeping within the next room a few moments I almost went directly into cuddle her while she was asleep just from reading about the other very special small children. The 10th anniversary is normally upon us and I cant wait for everyone to check on it out. I cannot recommend this book highly enough. You definately NEED to read this book! I really want I had a publication like this when I got the diagnosis. It discusses their vulnerability, tears, fears, grief, and loving acceptance. The tales are remarkably identical in spirit (and much like my own experiences), however vastly different in true-life execution. however the outcome is generally fantastic. How we react, grieve, and deal with the curve ball of Down syndrome is certainly explored and the reader will laugh, cry, and everything in between; It is a throughly enjoyable and compelling read. Fantastic book on Straight down Syndrome Heartfelt and great stories. We put this book in every our welcome baskets for . The book also were able to show how fantastic it is to choose against abortion when you are expecting a down syndrome child-without shaming those that do make that choice. The stories focus on the miracles and joys of the womens' situations and is such a breath of oxygen compared to some books out there that just concentrate on how hard it is expecting with DS. Very useful to brand-new parents of DS.. shifting book on the subject I have ever read. We put this reserve in every our welcome baskets for new families who have a kid born with DS. Five Stars I purchased this as a gift and it was much appreciated. A lovely and heartwarming collection This is a wonderful book and perfect for anyone who is expecting with down syndrome or has just given birth to 1, but also excellent for those folks who know and love people with down syndrome, and really, just for anyone who wants to read uplifting stories of parents who love their children. This book shows the tremendous worth all humans have, including those with intellectual disabilities. One of the things I loved most about this book was the mothers had been honest-some admitted that the transition to loving and accepting their kids was at times painful and tough. Their terms reflect humility and an honest attempt to help new moms who are struggling. I loved this book This book has some very positive and reassuring stories from all sorts of moms with all sorts of kids. Everytime I see a family struggling on fb regardless of how old their child, sister or brother, grandchild is usually I also send out them a duplicate of the publication. I helped format the book and get it collectively for printing. And the future is amazing fantastic and magical. And even though I know/knew most

of the women and had even put my own story in I still cried every time I go through them. My child was just 24 months old when we started this book. I was still having all those feelings of being a new mom and still coping with doctors astonished I didnt follow the OB's advice. Amelia turned 12 this season, a sixth grader and still my gorgeous fairy princess. Down syndrome Wonderful, heartfelt tales that made me cry, laugh and rejoice A contributor to the publication but nonetheless buy for others a decade ago I sat down with other moms and we each wrote a small essay about our children. This is an incredible book, I desire I had acquired it in those first few terrible, bleak, dark weeks of trying to adjust to her diagnosis. This is an incredibly wonderful collection of personal stories, from families, about their feelings when they were given the diagnosis of Down syndrome. It really would have changed my being pregnant and the first few months. I would haven't had so very much uncertainty for our future. I read every one of these stories over and over again for some months while making sure each page prearranged. Carla Estevez-Reeves



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