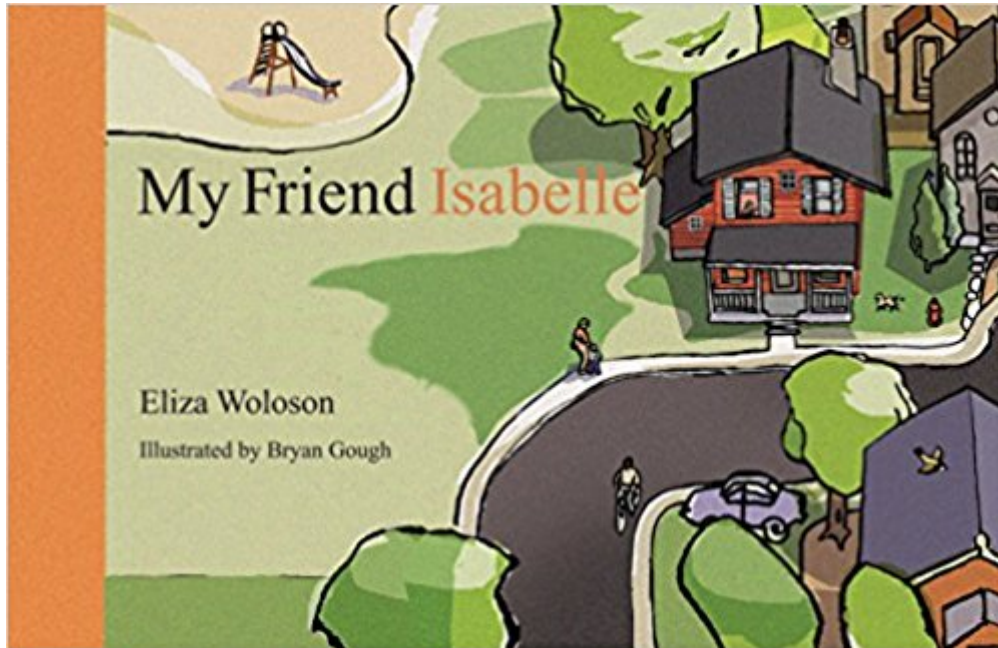




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My Friend Isabelle



Synopsis

(2004 iParenting Media Award Winner) Isabelle and Charlie are friends. They both like to draw, dance, read, and play at the park. They both like to eat Cheerios. They both cry if their feelings are hurt. And, like most friends, they are also different from each other. Isabelle has Down syndrome. Charlie doesn't. Written by Isabelle's mother, this charming tale encourages readers to think about what makes a friendship special. MY FRIEND ISABELLE also opens the door for young children to talk about differences and the world around them. It's a wonderful story to read at bedtime or to share at school. Lively full color illustrations dovetail beautifully with the text to bring the simple story to life.

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Customer Reviews

My Friend Isabelle is a wonderful little book that teaches about difference and acceptance with simplicity and grace. Isabelle and Charlie are friends. They are the same age, but like most friends, they are different: Charlie is tall and knows "a lot of words," and Isabelle is short and sometimes her words are, "hard to understand." The sweet simplicity of their relationship is a reminder to everyone that "differences are what make the world so great." Young readers will love the bold illustrations and simple text, and parents will appreciate the message and the sensitivity with which it is

delivered. At the end of the story readers meet the real Isabelle, and author Eliza Woloson briefly notes how Down syndrome makes her daughter and other children special. --Daphne Durham

PreSchool-Grade 1-Isabelle has Down syndrome, but that doesn't matter to her friend Charlie. "I am tall. Isabelle is short. I run f a s t. Isabelle takes her time." He describes all the things they do, how sometimes they're the same and sometimes different. "Mommy says," Charlie explains, "that differences are what make the world so great," and each page follows this theme of inclusion and acceptance. Watercolors in greens, purples, blues, and oranges move the story along, sometimes with full-page pictures and sometimes with small drawings. Both children have round faces and simple lines for eyes, and some readers may not even realize (without the postscript) what it is that makes Isabelle different from Charlie. "Life is more fun with friends like Isabelle," Charlie says, and readers will agree. Linda Beck, Indian Valley Public Library, Telford, PA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

My daughter-in-law, who has two "home grown" and two children with Down Syndrome who were adopted by her and my son, read this book to two elementary school classes. She wanted to teach the children about special needs children and accepting everyone. She found it very helpful, realistic, and well illustrated. I bought a copy for my other son and daughter-in-law who have four children. I want to help my grandchildren understand their cousins as well as any friends they meet with special needs. This book shows that we are all differently abled, in that Isabelle could still do the same things her friend did, but sometimes it took her longer, or she had to work harder at it. She had the same emotions and loved the same things. I would recommend this book for all parents and teachers.

We love this book! As the mother of a baby diagnosed at birth with down syndrome I was looking for a way to give a very basic explanation of down syndrome to our older children. When my son was born I had a 3 y/o daughter and a 6 y/o son and this was the perfect book for my 3 y/o. Not so many details as to overwhelm/confuse her, but enough to explain that her baby brother was going to be a little different and that was okay! The book is written from the point of view of a little boy named Charlie. Example text- "Even though we are the same age, we are different. I am tall and Isabelle is short. I run fast, Isabelle takes her time. We go down the big slide at the park, we both like to do it ourselves." It is great that it talks about not only their differences but also the similarities. I love that it never mentions anything about the fact that Isabelle has down syndrome until you get to a short

paragraph at the very end of the book that talks about the real Isabelle. While it was a little too simple for my older son (We'll Paint the Octopus Red) it was a better one for him) it is definitely a keeper!

I love that the story highlights a friendship between two kids that have some differences and some things that are the same. It's a great way to help kids understand more about people with Down syndrome and other disabilities and to clearly show that getting to know people and being a friend, despite differences, is a wonderful thing.

Darling story of two friends and how differences help make friendships interesting and exciting! I would recommend this book to a preschool or kindergarten teacher, new parents, or anyone who has a special child in their life!

This book was great, I read it to my daughter's Daisy Girl Scout Troop (5-6 year olds), they had a lot of questions and I feel like this helped understand my daughter better.

I ordered this, and found the book sweet, but more in line with a 4 yr old. Maybe I missed something thinking it was more for a school aged child.

These books are great if you have younger Brothers or sisters , or if you are young and want to read out loud .

Read this to my daughter and she didn't really connect to it. Keeping it around should there be someone that comes into her life that this will help her relate to.

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