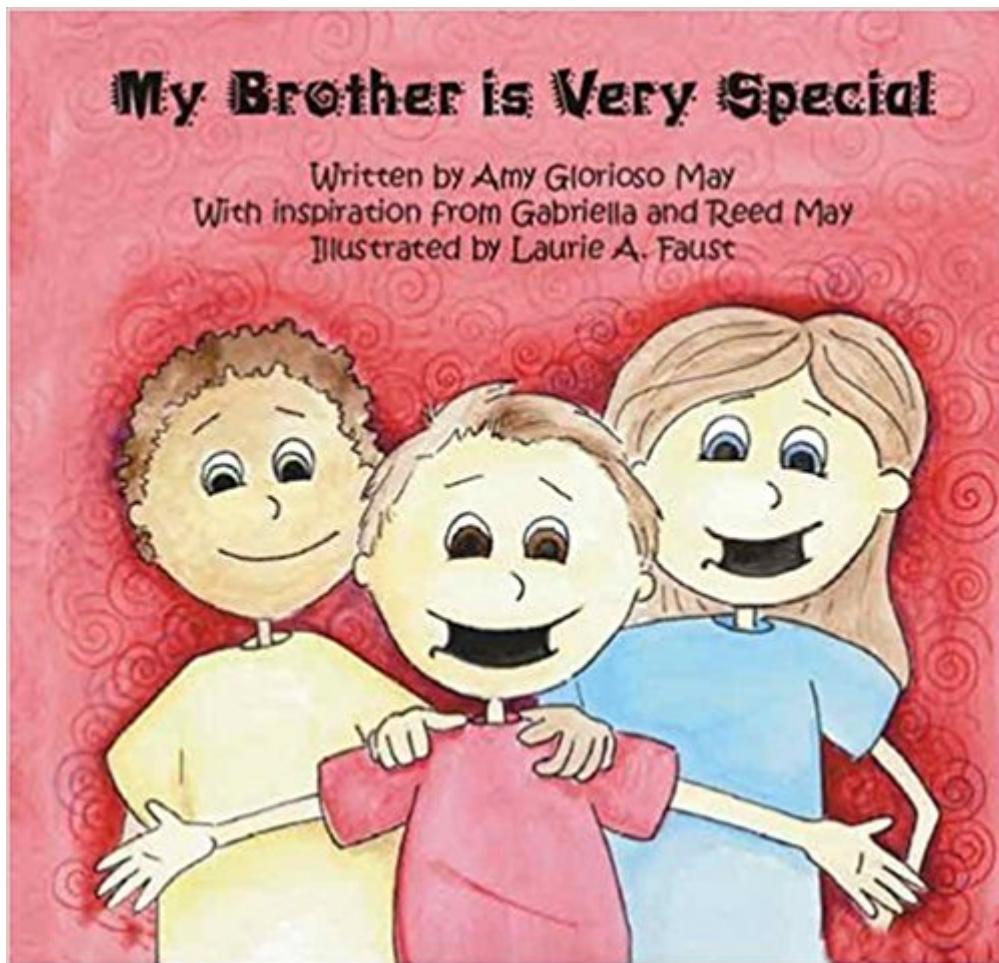


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# My Brother Is Very Special



## **Synopsis**

Every child is special. Whether it is a child's bright red hair, or picture perfect dimples; a boy's powerful line drives, or a girl's angelic choir solo, each child stands out from the rest in his or her own way. Sometimes a child's uniqueness isn't so accepted by his or her peers. Maybe they have never seen it. Maybe they are afraid of it. Maybe they just need to learn more about it. This story is about a little boy, Reed, who is very different than most little children. Reed has a severe speech disorder, Apraxia, which leaves him almost completely unintelligible to his peers. This story is told from the viewpoint of his older sister, as she is well aware of his challenges and his triumphs. Instead of exclusively focusing on what Reed is unable to do, this story portrays the many things he can do with his peers, in spite of his inability to speak to them. "My Brother is Very Special" gently teaches young children about acceptance in a way that they can developmentally understand. By reading this story to young children, we encourage them to ask questions about differences they see in others. In return, this soothes their fears and fosters their acceptance. Although the main character in this book has a speech disorder, it is written in a way that makes it universal. With developmentally appropriate text and bright, whimsical illustrations, "My Brother is Very Special" is perfect for all young children.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Amy Glorioso May is a pediatric nurse and mother of three who resides with her husband , Brett, and children, Gabriella, Reed, and Griffin, in Wisconsin. As her young son, Reed, faces grade

school, Amy feels a need to explain to classmates the significant speech issues Reed struggles with. Unable to find an age appropriate book to share, Amy drew upon inspiration from her children and created one of her own. This is Amy's first publication.

This was exactly what I wanted! My almost 3 year old was diagnosed with Childhood Apraxia Of Speech, and I wanted something I could read to his pre k class on Apraxia Awarness day (5/14) this was perfect!

What a wonderful book. Got this for my little one who has apraxia. His twin brother is typically developing, and this book was a great way to address the differences.

This is a nice little book for introducing young children to differences in the way we communicate. It gives a simple, brief introduction to speech difficulties, such as apraxia, framed within the idea that we are all different and special.

i received my book earlier than expected. book was in wonderful condition. my loves the story n we read it at least twice a day now.

Thank you for this book. It's very nice. Great perspective of the big sister who's assisting her little brother. Thanks.

My youngest son has Apraxia and is in preschool. There are some kids there that are not always kind because of his speech and that they cannot understand him all the time. I bought this to read to his class, hoping that the kids that aren't nice will see what they are doing. It seemed to have a positive effect, there were no more incidents through the rest of the school year. I plan on reading this to his class next year too.

We got 2 copies of this book several years ago... one copy to keep at home, and one for my son to take to school every year on the first day, to introduce his speech Apraxia to his classmates. This book was very helpful in educating his classmates & build his self esteem! He is 15 now, has been out of speech therapy for 2 years, and is a big advocate for Apraxia Awareness. We will soon be getting yet another copy of this book, to raffle off at our Walk for Apraxia event in October!!

The illustrations are very basic and the story line not informative enough for sharing about the needs of children with apraxia. Maybe ok for very young children.

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