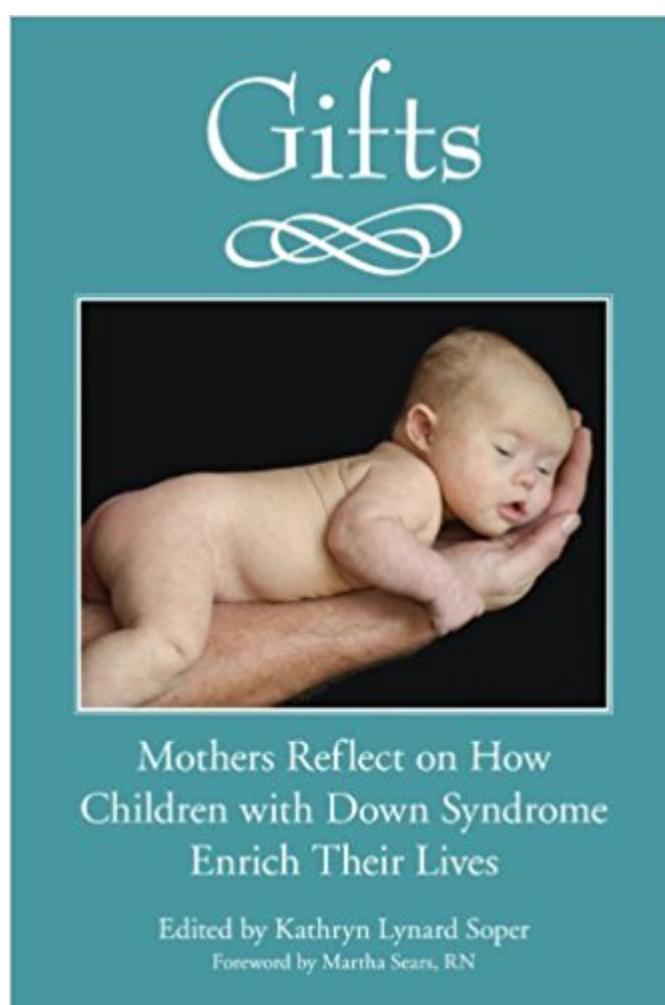


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## Customer Reviews

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Absolutely phenomenal and beautifully written, inspirational book of essays from mothers with children who happened to be born with Down Syndrome... Many stories included the parents' "shock" after learning of the diagnosis but every story demonstrates the consistent acceptance and love of their beautiful children regardless of the diagnosis. I have identical twins with DS and this book was a bastion of hope amidst many amazingly dismal books about the down-side and "typical" delays my boys would face instead of and the very happy and high-quality life that is possible. Every parent of a child born with Down Syndrome should receive a copy of this book upon the birth of their special child.

I am a new(ish) mother of a beautiful little 11 month old baby girl who has down syndrome. I have never been able to finish a book on ds as I always found them upsetting and depressing but this book was quite simply THE most beautiful & moving book on the subject I have ever read. As the other reviewers said, I could only read a few stories at a time with a big box of tissues beside me as I inevitably ended up crying, but they were tears of empathy and joy and I felt so lucky & proud to have my little princess sleeping in the next room that a few times I almost went in to cuddle her while she was asleep just from reading about the other very special little children. This is an amazing book, I wish I had had it in those first few terrible, bleak, dark months of trying to adjust to her diagnosis. I cannot recommend this book highly enough.

This is an incredibly wonderful collection of personal stories, from families, about their feelings when they were given the diagnosis of Down syndrome. It talks about their vulnerability, tears, fears, grief, and loving acceptance. The stories are remarkably similar in spirit (and similar to my own experiences), yet vastly different in true-life execution. How we react, grieve, and deal with the curve ball of Down syndrome is explored and the reader will laugh, cry, and everything in between; but the outcome is always fantastic. It is a thoroughly enjoyable and compelling read.

I couldn't put this book down! I wish someone would have given this book to me when my son was born. This book needs to be given out in hospitals to the families of new babies born with Down Syndrome. It was so touching. I cried and laughed. Most importantly I felt connected to the writer of each story in some way. This book also echoed over and over the fact that we need medical professionals and hospital staff that have been properly educated on how to give less than desirable news to new parents in an intelligent and compassionate manner.

We put this book in all our welcome baskets for new families who have a child born with DS.

This book has some very positive and reassuring stories from all sorts of moms with all sorts of kids. The stories focus on the wonders and joys of these womens' situations and is such a breath of fresh air compared to some books out there that only focus on how hard it is having a baby with DS.

My son is 6 months old and was born with Down Syndrome, this book by far has been the biggest help to me as far as coping goes. I love my son to death, but it's been hard and it definitely helps to hear others tell their stories and know that what you're feeling is normal.

I purchased this as a gift and it was much appreciated.

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