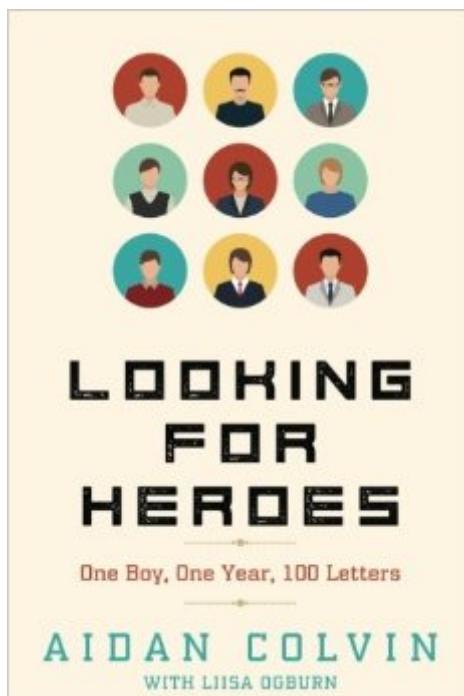


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Looking For Heroes: One Boy, One Year, 100 Letters



Synopsis

An estimated 13 million students in the United States have dyslexia, a neurologic disorder that impairs reading. Reading quickly and accurately is often the key to success in school. Without it, many dyslexics struggle and fail. Some, however, go on to achieve wild success. How? In this true story, dyslexic high school student Aidan Colvin decides to ask them. Over the course of one year, he writes 100 letters to successful dyslexics. He doesn't expect anyone to write back, and is genuinely surprised when people do. This book features letters from Writer John Irving, Arctic Explorer Ann Bancroft, Surgeon and CEO DelosCosgrove, Sculptor Thomas Sayre, Poet Phillip Schultz and others. It also features conversations with Comedian Jay Leno and Filmmaker Harvey Hubbel. This is a story about growing up, fostering grit and humor in the face of challenges, and seeing one's differences in a new light. It is also a story about the importance of heroes -- for kids like Aidan, but also for anyone. Throughout the book, Aidan shares tips that have helped him succeed in the classroom.

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This is an OUTSTANDING book that every parent should get to better understand dyslexia. And they should share the wonderful advice contained in those letters from famous dyslexics to their own child with dyslexia. So inspiring!!! Aidan also does a great job sharing his day-to-day frustrations and struggles caused by his dyslexia, and how this advice helped him understand what it takes to be successful. Susan Barton, Founder Bright Solutions for Dyslexia

I couldn't put this book down and read it in one evening. Aidan's story telling is very easy to read

and intriguing. I do not have dyslexia, nor have I knowingly encountered anyone with it. This book gives excellent insight into the struggles, frustrations, social acceptance issues of this learning difference. The tips from both Aidan and Liisa are real world examples of how to move through the education system as well as how to meet the challenges faced each day by a dyslexic. I appreciated Aidan's open and honest story of his life and enjoyed reading his interpretations of the advice received in the letters he received. Well written and well worth the reading!

I got this little gem really for my 12 year old daughter who has dyslexia and wanted to read it first before handing it off to her. I started it and couldn't put it down. I read it all in less than 24 hours and was really impressed by the young authors storytelling and his perseverance. It was a joy to read and I can't wait to pass it off to my daughter and get her view on it. I think it will show her that her "disability" can also mean that she has unique problem solving skills and creativity, the same thing that the author learned during the course of the book. Highly Recommended.

I bought this as book read to my dyslexic daughter. I decided to scan it before we started and ended up finishing it in one day. Well written and developed. Weaves personal stories in to help deliver a great message. Really enjoyed this. I wish the print were a little bigger (my eyes :-) but it is a great read with a fantastic message for everyone.

Now that I've finished the book (and it's a very quick read), I have to update my review. It's not fair to downgrade the book because of the Kindle format issues (see original review below), and it turned out that not being able to read the letters wasn't a deal-breaker after all--the text often repeated key points. Anyway, as a parent, I loved it. Very good lessons on the importance of figuring out what you're good at and working hard to do that well, even if you have to work harder than other people. And such an easy read that your kids might actually read it. For kids with dyslexia I'd say it's a must read, and I'd recommend it to everybody else, too. Original review (2 stars): AVOID the Kindle version--images unreadable for most people. I'm rating the Kindle edition only, not the book itself. Unless you have really, really good eyesight and can read the second smallest font Kindle offers, don't waste your time on the Kindle version of this book. All the letters the author wrote to famous dyslexics, as well as various photos, are formatted as images that can't be enlarged by switching to a larger font. Impossible to read. I tried reading the book on my computer screen, and by using the maximum font size I could read the first letter with effort, but I want to read this book on the Kindle, not the computer. This is my biggest pet peeve about Kindle books. It shouldn't take rocket science

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This book is a rare inspirational find- During his quest to hear from "successful" dyslexics, Aidan discovers how strong he is, and how much he has to offer. He shares his struggles and frustrations openly, in a way that every reader- both young and old- can appreciate. In particular, the book is peppered wth "Aidan's Tips" for success. Though I'm not dyslexic, I enjoyed reading this story especially because it was written by a young adult. I've shared this book with parents of a dyslexic, teachers of dyslexics, and other kids Aidan's age, who just like to read a book written by one of their own! I highly recommend this little gem.- Helen Crouse

I bought two copies of this book to pass along to my niece and nephew, but I wanted to read it first. I loved it and learn a lot about dyslexia myself. Aidan has a knack for details that makes the unfolding of his story come to life for his reader. He asks tough questions and then goes off in pursuit of answers from those seem to be successful in life despite (or was it because of) being dyslexic. Aidan offers hope, encouragement and helpful tips to the dyslexic and the people who love them. Kids, parents, teachers, mentors--anyone who works with children and youth ought to read this insightful book by a brilliantly insightful young man who also happens to have dyslexia.

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