

An Accidental Advocate:

A mother's journey with her exceptional son

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Competitive Titles:

There are classic texts on learning disabilities (*Overcoming Dyslexia* by Sally Shaywitz) and memoirs about raising children with various disabilities, but no books (that we're aware of) about raising a child with learning disabilities and ADHD where the parent is also a recognized expert in the field.

Why this book is important

1 in 10 people or 3.4 million Canadians live with learning disabilities. Books exist which detail how to identify and teach people with learning disabilities. Few books address the experience of advocating for a child with learning disabilities and its impact on a family.

About the Book and Author:

A health care consultant and administrator turned education advocate, Kathryn Burke is the parent of a son with learning disabilities and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. *An Accidental Advocate* chronicles the journey to identify her son's challenges and obtain the supports necessary to address his needs. Kathryn writes with candour about the steep learning curve and emotions that accompany being a child with exceptional needs, and her family's experience in dealing with the education and health systems.

Kathryn is the Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta & founder of LDExperience.ca. She frequently is interviewed for radio and television about special education. She is a popular conference speaker.

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"Insightful and candid...written with humour and from the heart. *An Accidental Advocate* could serve as a roadmap for other parents of exceptional children."
Lorrie Gogan, Past Chair, Learning Disabilities Association of Canada

"...a compelling account of a family's tortuous journey to find help for their son with dyslexia...It is also an inspiring story of how a family's love, determination and faith in each other can give us hope for all children with special needs." **Dr. Linda Siegel, Special Education, University of British Columbia**

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