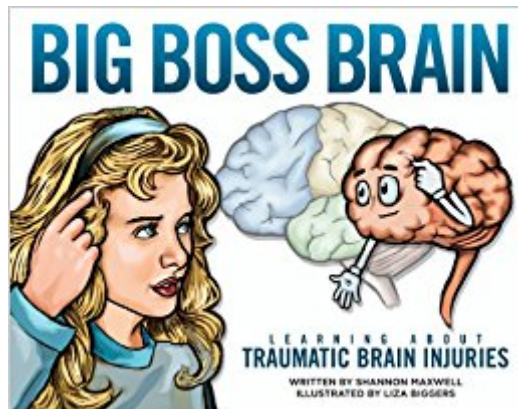




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# Big Boss Brain: Learning About Traumatic Brain Injuries



## Synopsis

Big Boss Brain is an unprecedented look into the often invisible effects of traumatic brain injury (TBI) through the eyes of a child. Main character, Cassidy, guides readers on a journey of discovery to learn and answer questions about the physical, cognitive, and emotional/behavioral changes in a loved one following a TBI. Characterized images of Big Boss Brain further reinforce understanding of the brain's function, control, and damage in a manner kids can easily understand. The story captures the reader's attention and imagination, allowing them to believe in the possibilities of life together after traumatic injury. The often invisible effects of TBI are difficult for adults to fully comprehend; more so for children who are discovering the world around them. Big Boss Brain is a way of providing children with a vehicle to understand TBI and realize that they are not alone. While intended for children, Big Boss Brain also is instructive for adults. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 1.7 million people sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) annually. Understanding this growing population, author, Shannon Maxwell, once again draws upon her family's experiences following Lt Col Maxwell's penetrating TBI to create a must have resource for any family navigating or wanting to learn more about traumatic brain injury. Illustrator, Liza Biggers joins Maxwell in this second collaborative endeavor -- the first - Our Daddy is Invincible! -- bringing to life images sure to captivate readers of all ages.

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## Customer Reviews

Shannon Maxwell, author of Our Daddy Is Invincible!, is an active and respected advocate for wounded warriors and their families. She grew up in Texas. After graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University at the age of twenty, she married her college

sweetheart, Tim Maxwell. In 2004, when her husband, LtCol Tim Maxwell, USMC (ret), was wounded with a penetrating traumatic brain injury (TBI) her focus became furthering wounded warrior family initiatives. She currently serves as Vice President of SEMPERMAX Support Fund which she co-founded in 2009, having first co-founded the non-profit organization, Hope For The WarriorsTM in 2006 to address immediate and long-term needs of families recovering from traumatic injuries. In addition, Shannon sits on the Advisory Boards for Thomas Jerome House, Inc., a community home for service members with TBI, and the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. As an appointed member of the Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel, established through the National Defense Authorization Act of 2007, Section 744, Shannon helped create training curriculum that would educate and assist Family Caregivers in understanding traumatic brain injury and participating actively in the care of their wounded family member. The curriculum was adopted by the Defense Health Board and approved for distribution on April 14, 2010. Shannon has been recognized for her efforts in support of the wounded with the Presidential Call to Service Award and became one of five recipients of the 2007 National Military Family Association's Very Important Patriot Award. Shannon and her husband, Tim, adopted their youngest daughter in 2008. They now reside with their family in Northern Virginia. Their work as advocates for wounded, ill, injured families is ongoing.

This book has a very nice page about the brain and how each part of the brain effects different parts of our functioning. This was very helpful in explaining to an 8 year old client about her own parent's dysfunction. The story line is helpful as well. It is particularly helpful if the situation you are dealing with is explaining an injury from war or an acute accident. My particular client's situation was not an exact match but it still proved to be helpful.

This book is so well-written and well-illustrated, perfect for kids. I have recommended this book to my friends to help them explain TBI to their little ones.

Thank you thank you thank you!!! Great book for military families explaining what could be going on with wounded warriors

Whether you are explaining TBI's to a child or to the relative who wants the condensed version, this book is excellent. The terminology is easy to understand, the descriptions are clear and concise and the photos are attractive. The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars is that some pages are lengthy and

lose the attention of smaller children. (but dont let that stop you from buying it!)The book explains how a traumatic brain injury has changed the life of a little girl after her father is wounded in the war. Also the victim of a traumatic brain injury from a bike accident, the little girl guides you through the story with her questions, actions and narrative. While the father in the story is combat wounded, the book doesn't focus on the military aspect and would be good for explaining any brain injury from car accident to stroke.

Shannon's book is absolutely amazing! I can't wait to share it with all our friends, family, the VA doctors and social workers! The book explains so much in a manner that will serve to both adults and children. My kids know their daddy has TBI. This book will help them understand how the brain processes things that happen in life as a result of traumatic brain injury. The details are specific and simple. Well worth reading over and over again. I suggest reading and sharing the 'Big Boss Brain'. I have my own copy and plan to purchase another I will give away to be shared and passed so more will understand.

Shannon has captured the essence, complexity and conditions that surround a head injury patient. This book is applicable to all in the life of the TBI - the injured, their family, care givers - everyone! A wonderful resource, a terrific read - pictures and a story that are easy to relate too. Shannon has taken a complex situation and simplified it. Kudos.

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