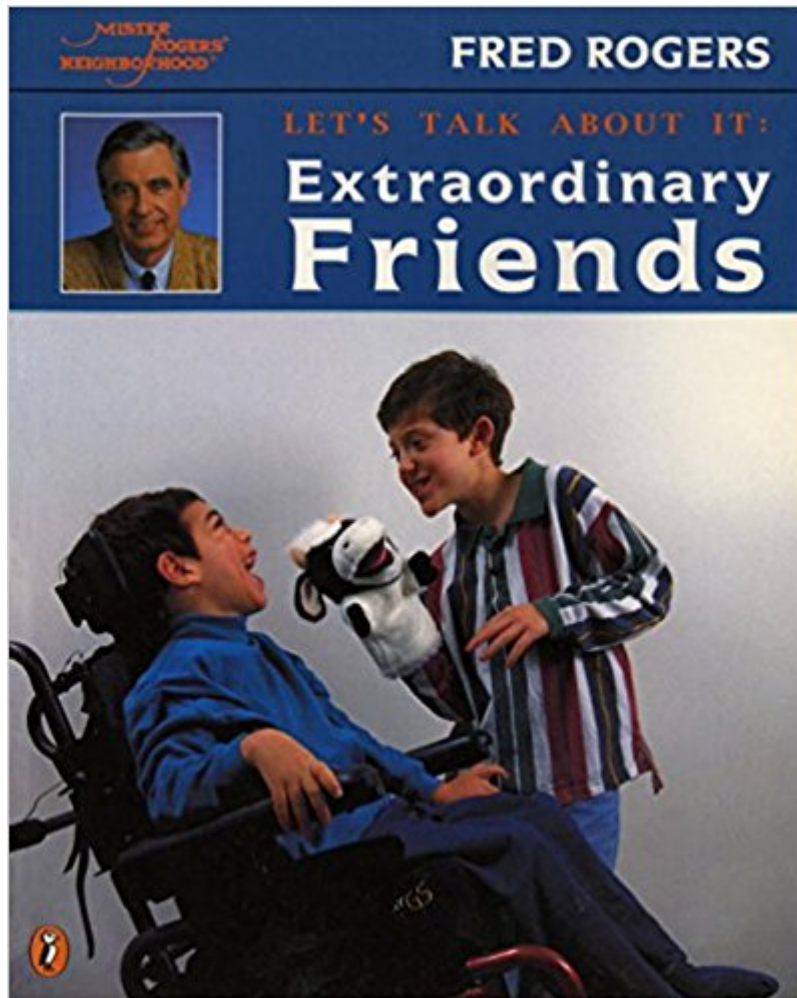




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# Extraordinary Friends (Mr. Rogers)



## Synopsis

How do you get to know someone in a wheelchair? Sometimes it's hard to know where to begin. In his characteristically wise and gentle way, Mister Rogers challenges the stereotypes that often plague children with special needs and celebrates six children who are extraordinary friends.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3-Rogers deals with the concerns, questions, and confusion children may have about people with special needs. He begins by describing common feelings they experience when they meet someone with a disability, such as curiosity, fear, or surprise. Readers are reassured that these reactions are normal and that getting to know individuals is the best way to understand and appreciate them. Although the author repeats some of the same advice found in his *Adoption* (1995), *Divorce* (1996) and *Stepfamilies* (1997, all Putnam)-for example, how helpful it is for children to talk to grown-ups about their feelings-this book also offers gentle suggestions for becoming friends with "extraordinary" people. Bright, colorful photographs depict six children with special needs in various situations. The first page introduces them and some of the things they like.

Although the large-print text is easy to read, the book is best shared aloud as discussion is bound to follow. Christine Lindsey, Lake Superior Primary School, Ashland, WI Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

The latest in the Let's Talk about It series takes an honest, clear look at an issue that children often find intimidating and scary--disabilities. Children who use wheelchairs, communicate via computer screens, and have less-visible disabilities go about their daily routines with other children in brightly lit, color-saturated photographs. The well-known Rogers states simply that all people want to love and be loved and that people are alike even if they don't "walk or talk or learn the same way you do." He encourages children to ask questions and to start a conversation the way you would with anyone, by saying "Hi" and giving your name. He reminds children that sometimes people may not want help, so you should ask first, and that friends can tell each other even hard things, like "I don't like when you do that." Disabled adults figure in the pictures, too, including a storytime librarian who uses a wheelchair. Recommended for all collections. GraceAnne A. DeCandido --This text refers to the Turtleback edition.

Same review for all of Mr. Rogers' books. His work is genius, imo. The 40 honorary degrees, several Emmys and Presidential Award are for real. Wish I got to see them when I was a child. I do own this book.

Loved this book to help a little one not be afraid of the wheelchairs and people that he may see when we go to visit a relative. But it's Mister Rogers, so you know it's going to be good. :)

Appreciated the care Mr. Rogers talks about kids with special needs with. He's a jewel, and his love will rub off on the reader.

I love the meaning and intent behind it, but the lack of story and fun images left my kid pretty disinterested.

Trust someone like Mr Rogers to put gently and truthfully a script acknowledging the reasons one might be afraid to get to know someone who looks different and show us how to get around that. Highlights how "normal" kids with different abilities are. I bawled like a baby the whole time and loved reading it with my kids, who didn't quite understand why mom was sobbing. So good. So lovely.

Excellent resource. LOVE THIS BOOK. my children are ages 4 and 6 and it was perfect for I'd say ages 3-100.

I ordered this book for my sister, who's 2 year old son has cerebral palsy. My idea was that she could place it in her local day care center that my nephew attends so that the other kids could have some of their questions answered about kids with special needs. This book really fit the bill..it is clear and concise, and seemed to address lots of questions that I have heard other children asking. Other than just seeing that something is "wrong" or different, maybe after reading the book they will realize that diversity is a part of life and that people with special needs can be just as fun and interesting as everyone else! The book really helped put into words what I would like kids to know about meeting and interacting with kids with disabilities. I also ordered "Someone special just like you", but found the Extraordinary friends book to be a much better choice for my particular needs.

This book is gentle reminder to children that no matter what peoples' differences or disabilities are, they still need friends and treated like we would want to be treated. It addresses typical questions a child might have when seeing a person with special needs, such as "Why is he like that?" "What happened to him?" and "How does he eat or get dressed?" Children are curious and want to know why someone looks different than them, and this book addresses that with suggesting to ask an adult or teacher when having such a question.

I loved this book. It is difficult to find books that discuss disabled people. This book showed the many ways in which people with and without disabilities are alike. It also told children how to become acquainted with another child and that they might become good friends. This book talked about people who need different types of assistive technology devices like wheelchairs or talking devices. Overall, this was an excellent book. I would use it in my preschool classroom to introduce different types of disabilities to the students.

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