



My Son's Not Rainman One Man, One Autistic Boy, A Million Adventures

John Williams

Keynote

Following the success of the blog of the same name, John talks not just about the difficulties of having a child who is considered 'different' but also the joy of living with someone who looks at the world in a unique way.

Description

This isn't a story about autism. It's a story about a young boy who happens to have autism, and there is a difference.

John Williams is a stand-up comedian. He is also a single father and full-time carer for his son, who has autism and cerebral palsy. This is their incredible story.

In 2012, John started a blog called My Son's Not Rainman, a heartfelt and uplifting account of everyday life for him and 'The Boy'. Following on from the blog's amazing success, John felt there was still much more of their life, past and present, that he wanted to share. And not only of the challenges of bringing up a child who for too long was just dismissed as 'difficult', but also of the joy of living with someone who looks at the world in a unique way.

My Son's Not Rainman radiates warmth, care and passion, not to mention laugh-out-loud humour, on every page. It is a brilliantly different story about a brilliantly different boy.

Sales Points

- Interview with John featured on the front page of the *Guardian* Family section, Sep 2016 – 'As well as challenging attitudes, John's work also proclaims the value of children with disabilities'
- An engaging and heart-warming story of a unique father and son relationship
- John Williams is a stand-up comedian and father of a boy with autism and cerebral palsy. He wrote a blog – www.mysonsnotrainman.com – up until the end of last year, which had over a million hits, where he talked about their life, from splinters, school trips and guinea pigs, to growing up and trying to lead normal lives
- Told with John Williams' typical upbeat good humour, this is not only the story of the daily difficulties of being the single parent to a boy with autism, but also an insight into the joy that comes from being a dad and seeing the world differently

Reviews

- 'An entertaining and often very funny read. Williams has a naturally comic touch ... [and there] are abundant laughs that will strike a chord with anyone with a disabled child or sibling' - *Daily Mail*
- 'If you read one book this year, make it this one ... I haven't enjoyed reading a book this much in a very long time, if ever!' - *Your Autism Magazine*
- '[My Son's Not Rainman] isn't an attempt to teach readers about autism and it doesn't lecture. It's simply a heartfelt account of what it means to love a child on the spectrum ... it's inspiring, insightful and rib-tickling in equal measures' - *AuKids Magazine*

Author Biography

John Williams has had far too many jobs to list, ranging from working on the factory floor of a chicken processing plant to being a graphic designer for a City firm. He has worked as a comedian on and off for around twelve years, fitting it in around childcare. As a public speaker he has appeared at national conferences and events throughout the UK and Europe, and featured extensively on BBC Radio 4. *My Son's Not Rainman* is his first book, and you can find his blog at www.mysonsnotrainman.com. He is appalling at writing about himself in the third person, but is brilliant at dance-offs.

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