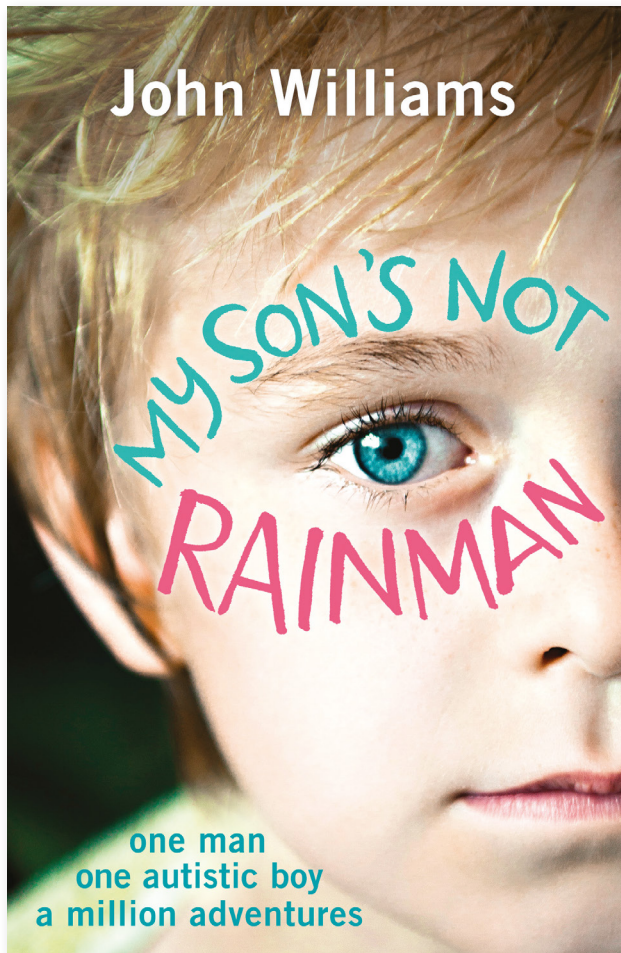


MY SON'S NOT RAINMAN

One man, One autistic boy, A Million Adventures

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'We only celebrate disability in this world when there's a skill involved. We don't celebrate just being enough. That's all our story is about. Just being'

John Williams is a stand-up comedian. He is also a single father with a 12-year-old son (The Boy) who happens to have autism and cerebral palsy. The cerebral palsy affects The Boy's lower limbs and is a degenerative condition.

Based on the popular blog, *My Son's Not Rainman* is the uplifting, inspiring story of the daily difficulties and joy which come with parenthood combined with living with a child who sees the world differently.

From the struggle to get a diagnosis and the cruelty of being excluded from school to the nightmare of school holidays, public perceptions of The Boy in a wheelchair and a hilariously touching account of the Special School Disco, *My Son's Not Rainman* is a powerful, honest account of the realities of life as a single parent with a son who is considered 'abnormal' and who is let down time and time again by the education system.

This book is based on the hugely popular blog (www.mynamesnotrainman.com) which has had over 700k visits and has been the basis of a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Festival as well as a successful UK tour. John is frequently asked to speak at events in association with autistic charities and he was recently the Keynote Speaker at the National Autistic Society annual conference.

'In the seemingly darkest of places, if you shine your light you can discover the brightest diamond of all...We can't worry about the future. All we have is the here and now'

John Williams has written for the Guardian and been a guest on Radio 4's Four Thought. Details of his UK tour dates can be found at www.mysonsnotrainman.com

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