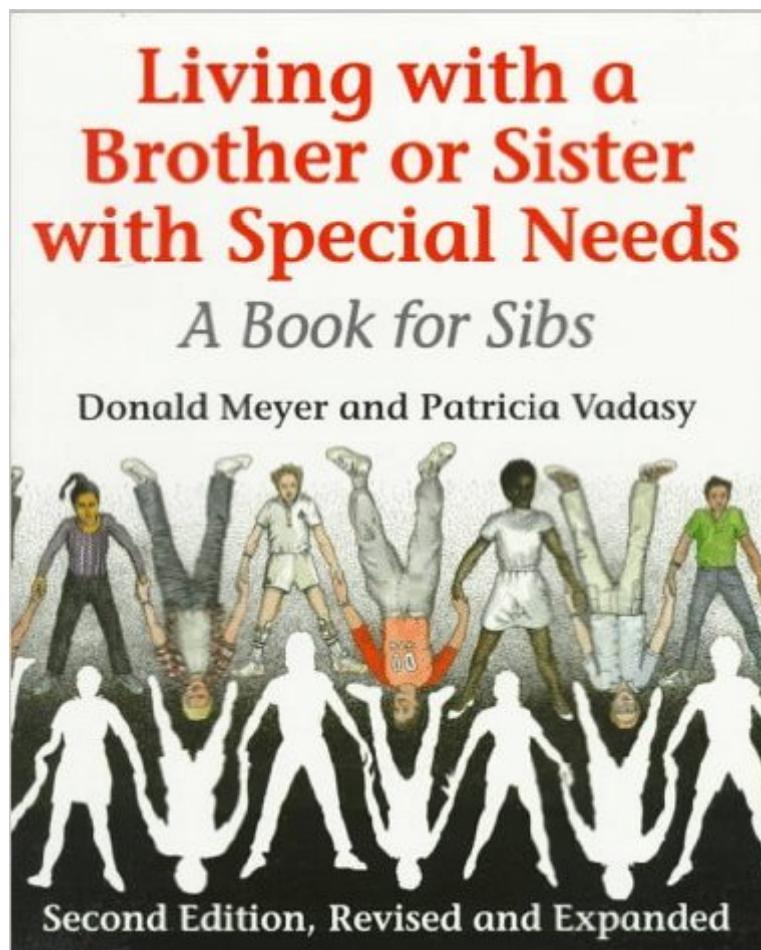


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# Living With A Brother Or Sister With Special Needs: A Book For Sibs



## **Synopsis**

Living with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs focuses on the intensity of emotions that brothers and sisters experience when they have a sibling with special needs, and the hard questions they ask: What caused my sibling's disability? Could my own child have a disability as well? What will happen to my brother or sister if my parents die? Written for young readers, the book discusses specific disabilities in easy to understand terms. It talks about the good and not-so-good parts of having a brother or sister who has special needs, and offers suggestions for how to make life easier for everyone in the family. The book is a wonderful resource, not just for siblings and their parents but also for teachers and other professionals who work with children with special needs. This revised and updated edition includes new sections on attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, fetal alcohol syndrome, fragile X syndrome, traumatic brain injuries, ultrasound, speech therapy, recent legislation on disabilities, and an extensive bibliography.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

As a parent educator who works with families who have children with special medical needs, as well as a mom of two children with cystic fibrosis, I was very interested this resource. Don Meyer and SibShops is well-known throughout the pediatric medical world. This book, although an older copy (2000), did not disappoint. Chapter 1 was my favorite and most generally useful. The authors

discuss what it's like to have a brother or sister with special needs. They talk about: friends, unselfishness, anger, accepting differences, guilt, jealousy, over involvement, understanding, embarrassment, pride, loss, maturity, worry, and loneliness. Each segment starts with a personal story that will help readers relate to the subject being discussed. The authors offer ideas and suggestions for handling the situation appropriately such as using I-statements for expressing feelings. The bulk of the book, Chapters 2-6, includes a very basic description of the specific types and causes of disabilities. The only negative about this version is the slightly dated material in regards to the details of some of the disabilities. Research is changing so rapidly in some areas that it's hard to keep up so be sure to share the changes, particularly the positive changes, with your children. Chapter 7 provides a basic explanation of laws, programs, and services. The final chapter, 8, talks about concerns for the future and the role a sibling may play in a disabled child's life. The language level of this book is written for older children- a mature 10-year-old could handle it. And let's face it, many siblings with a special needs sib are mature beyond their years. This is also a good, basic resource to help parents understand what their well child may be experiencing.

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