

“being dyslexic can be cool”

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When I was little I hadn't heard of dyslexia; nor had my Mum, my Dad or my teachers! I was lucky, I thought that I was **lazy** because I didn't want to read or write very much. Some of my dyslexic friends used to think that they were **stupid** because they couldn't do the things that other children could do.

We weren't lazy or stupid just - **dyslexic**. It's a lot easier to get over thinking you are lazy, than it is to get over thinking you are stupid!

Some people think that blind people can hear and smell better than sighted people - **Rubbish!!** Blind people learn to use the skills they have got to compensate for the skill they haven't. You and I can't read and write very well, so we learn to listen well and talk effectively. It seems quite normal to us, but believe me, you have got a talent that many people do not have! That's why your school reports say that you are good in class and make lots of good contributions - **but your homework is awful!**

The truth is..... you are amazing because of what you CAN do and you will soon learn to manage (but not cure) what you can't.

The Magic Pill!

If some brilliant scientists invented a pill and said that this pill will.....

Make you able to read as fast as anyone else
Make you able to spell every word without mistakes
Make you write as fast as a typewriter
Make you listen to conversations just like everyone else
Make you talk as effectively as everyone else

.....and if that was absolutely true and absolutely free

I wouldn't take it - Would you?

I'd like to hear about **you** and **your** dyslexia. Perhaps you could send me an email? I wrote this using two on-line spell checkers, one in the program and one called Amy, (who I married!), so the spelling should be OK but it doesn't matter how it is spelt or written, send me your thoughts; *that's what I want to read about!*

