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Author Bio

Lisa Jacovsky currently lives in her hometown of North Brunswick, NJ. She works as a Child Development Specialist with Early Intervention. In her job she is able to help children under the age of 3 with cognitive and developmental delays, sometimes with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. She has been working in the field of applied behavior analysis for six years and this is where she had inspiration for writing her very first book, Lets Talk! A story of Autism and Friendship.

Her hopes for this book are to simply inspire families and their children to be open to anyone no matter their differences. She has written the second book and half of the third book, in hopes to make it a series. Lisa has always loved writing and hopes to use this way of expression to show the beauty that is in Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Lisa is also a Doctoral Level student at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in her third year. Writing has taken her to this level and she is excited for the possibilities this degree will bring her. Her research interests include tactile prompts, choice and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. She is excited to see where her writing and research will take her next.



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Book Bites

Let's talk! A story of Autism and Friendship

- Publisher : Let's Talk! (July 2, 2020)
- Language : English
- Hardcover : 30 pages
- ISBN-10 : 0578718197
- ISBN-13 : 978-0578718194
- Reading age : 3 - 12 years
- Dimensions : 8 x 0.25 x 10 inches
- Illustrator: Blueberry Illustrations

Let's talk! Going to the Zoo

- Publisher : Let's Talk! (April 15, 2021)
- Language : English
- Hardcover : 30 pages
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- ISBN-13 : 978-0578246888
- Dimensions : 8 x 0.25 x 10 inches
- Illustrator: Blueberry Illustrations

Let's talk! A story of Autism and Friendship

Harper, a seven-year-old little girl that is typically developing, loves going to the pool. One day when she gets to the pool, she meets a new friend, a little girl who is also seven years old . She has no idea that this friend is any different than her. All Harper knows is she has a new friend that wants to play in her tube with her. They both love to swim at the pool and want to play together however, Emma has little communication skills. Emma can make sounds and not words and flaps her hands when she is excited. When Harper realizes she cannot communicate with her new friend she becomes determined to find a way. The two become inseparable from that day on. Harper introduces Emma to all her friends and teaches them how to communicate with her. Harper and Emma become the center of their circle of friends and begin to have many more adventures together.

Let's talk! Going to the Zoo

Harper and Emma are two best friends who first met at the pool in the summer. Emma has Autism which affects her speech, but she does not let it slow her down. She has a different way to communicate. Harper learned about Autism and how to communicate with her new best friend. Now the girls are getting ready to go to the zoo for the first time. What animals do you think they will see?

While enjoying the animals Emma becomes excited and flaps her hands, making noises. A group of children come over and begin to point and stare. What do you think Harper does when she sees this group being not nice to her friend? Come find out when you read the next book in the Lets Talk! Series.

Testimonials & Reviews

Let's talk! A story of Autism and Friendship

"An autism diagnosis for your child is devastating. In the beginning, you can't help but see all the things your child isn't able to do and you can't help but wonder if there will be any normal kids things they will be able to learn to do. Children at one end of the spectrum are perceived as incapable because communication is a factor. On the other end, children are perceived as not being disabled at all, because they seem too normal. This book and the series to come, I think, will be helpful for anyone who finds themselves dealing with autism. Parents will be able to see that there is a type of normalcy out there for their little ones. Kids with autism will be able to see themselves in a character that is fully able and maybe a little like them. Friends of these kids will be able to see that a little bit of creative thinking, means there is no end to the fun they can enjoy together.

I loved that this book showcases just how inclusive children can be. Harper doesn't see Emma as wrong, just as someone who does things differently. Friendship is universal and has a language of its own. The other thing that really sticks with me from this book is the idea that autism is not all a child is. Emma has trouble communicating and understanding certain concepts, however, she is able to read and write well enough to be understood. She and Harper are able to use these strengths to do all the fun things they want and are able to include many friends in their adventures."

An Amazon Review

Let's talk! Going to the Zoo

"Let's Talk! Going to the Zoo is a wonderfully educational children's picture book that provides several different valuable life lessons all in one lively story. *Going to the Zoo* follows two friends, Harper and Emma, that take their first trip to the zoo. They are so excited to go that they imagine what it would be like. When they actually go to the zoo, it is better than they imagined, but there is a group of mean kids there that are making fun of Emma because she has autism. Harper must stand up to the mean kids and educate them, and readers, on autism and what it really means.

Author Lisa Jacovsky provides readers with another wonderful opportunity to learn about autism through a normal activity, like going to the zoo. This book will serve to educate children in two ways; what the zoo is and how fun it can be, and teach them about autism and how autistic people act. Switching between these two topics in the book created a uniquely enlightening experience. Standing up for your friends and being nice to one another are fantastic values that are shown throughout this story, and are accompanied by vibrant pastel graphic art on every other page.

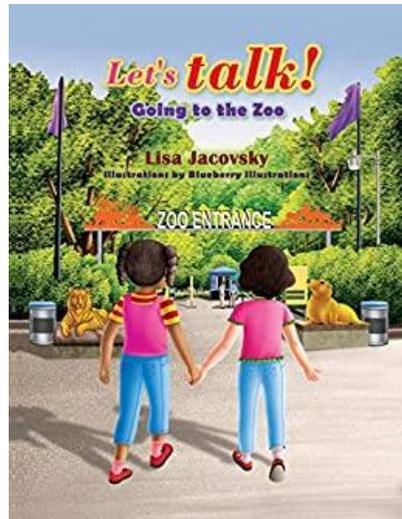
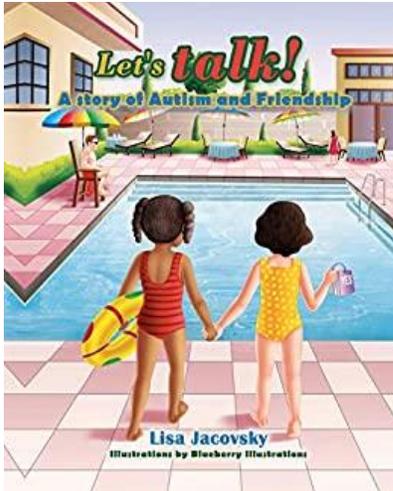
Let's Talk! Going to the Zoo promotes acceptance, inclusivity and diversity by being very open and honest about what is happening. This children's book should be read along with an adult as some of the words are advanced, but the beautiful illustrations will surely keep children's attention while reading."

Editorial review by Literary Titan 4/4 stars

Interview Questions

- How does your background influence your writing?
- Why do you feel it important to write about autism?
- What is the message you want to share in your books?
- What do you want people to know about autism and children?
- What are some misconceptions you'd like to address?
- What can we do in general to teach empathy to bullies, so they can come from a place of understanding?
- Your books show great diversity not only in disability but also in culture and ethnicity (and typical gender roles – dads at the zoo). Why?
- What kind of feedback have you received from those who have read your books?
- What resources can you suggest for those interested to learn more about autism?
- What are you working on now?

Downloadable Photos



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