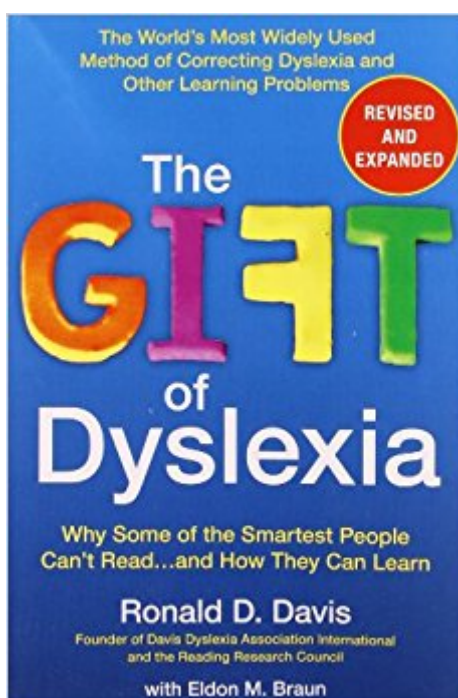


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The Gift Of Dyslexia: Why Some Of The Smartest People Can't Read...and How They Can Learn, Revised And Expanded Edition



Synopsis

The revised, updated, and expanded edition of the classic in the category. This book outlines a unique and revolutionary program with a phenomenally high success rate in helping dyslexics learn to read and to overcome other difficulties associated with it. This new edition is expanded to include new teaching techniques and revised throughout with up-to-date information on research, studies, and contacts.

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Customer Reviews

Ron Davis, was functionally illiterate until age 38 when he discovered how to mentally orient his perceptions. He later took technical courses and became a successful engineer, businessman and artist. He has since dedicated his life to helping people with the gift of dyslexia achieve literacy and self-esteem.

The Gift of Dyslexia was an enlightening read. I have been interested in learning as much as possible about dyslexia as I always have some student who are dyslexic and this book was a great help.

I found this to be a brilliant description of what dyslexia is like from a dyslexic's point of view. It gave me a clear understanding of what my daughter was going through when trying to read, and while the method of fixing this problem might seem strange to the average person, it makes total sense to the

dyslexic. After applying the technique on my daughter, she read through a book the smoothest that I've ever heard her read. It wasn't a high level book that she read, but it did contain most of the "trigger" words from the list in this book. For the first time, she was able to read them without mixing up any letters. I think this is the best method for getting the letters to stay still on the page, but I don't think it's enough phonemic training. Maybe if I had ordered the kit it would be, but I'm using the Barton Reading and Spelling program for the rest of her reading training (now that she can actually see the letters clearly, which is all thanks to this book).

I am so grateful for this book. It has helped me to understand and deal better with my daughter's dyslexia. And it helps me to help her with it as well. Love it!

I bought the previous version of this book more than 8 years ago. I was 21, and although I would've been ashamed to have admitted it then, I hadn't read a single book cover to cover in my 21 years, including school assignments. I had really struggled in school through my entire childhood and teenage years, and nobody really understood why. I failed every English class in high school. I just wasn't able to read, and it was immensely frustrating. I tested very well, and was clearly intelligent. I got deeply involved in computer programming from a very early age, so my intelligence level was high enough. I could write in English just fine. Yet I still struggled. Nobody ever diagnosed me with dyslexia, but this book looked interesting, so I bought it on a whim. By the time I bought this book, I was doing well working in the computer industry, but I never really understood why I couldn't read. Well, to be clear, I could *read* and understand words; I wasn't illiterate by any means, but I found it impossible to get through more than a few pages of text. I had severe reading comprehension problems. My mind would read ahead, wander around, and mis-read things, and I would have to read and re-read the same text many times to really understand it (if I cared enough to learn it, as I did for computer programming). I read this book (slowly and painfully at first, as always), and had a bit of an epiphany. I have applied Mr. Davis's techniques using the "mind's eye", and in the past 8 years I have read literally hundreds of books cover to cover. I now love reading, and pick up a new book at least once a week. I still find myself struggling with my dyslexia if I am too tired, but that's the only time his techniques are not completely automatic. After years of practice, it's entirely automatic. I also (when possible) carefully choose printed books based on their typesetting (and choose the font on my computer carefully), which helps immensely as well -- I never knew that fonts and spacing could make such a difference before reading this book. Mr. Davis's explanations of the differences in the workings of the mind -- the way that dyslexics can comprehend three dimensional

objects in a different way than non-dyslexics -- made so much sense to me. I've always had a very high aptitude for science, mechanics, and complex systems. I've had the ability to visualize all sides of three dimensional objects, with no effort, and I've always thought this was perfectly normal. Of course I wouldn't trade that ability, that aptitude, for normal reading. Just thinking of dyslexia as a different way of visualizing rather than a disorder is a huge leap in dealing with it. I know there are a number of negative reviews of this book, claiming that it's pseudoscience, there's no research, or that the techniques seem "silly". Personally, I don't care. The ability to read, to really read and comprehend (and quickly, at that!), has made such an enormous difference in my life that I recommend this book to everyone who will listen. If I had read this book when I was 10 years old rather than 21, I can't imagine how much it would've changed my early years. Please, if you have a child who is struggling through school but you know to be super smart, read this book and *try it*. Very gratefully indebted to Mr. Davis, Jeremy Cole

My daughter has dyslexia and I never understood it properly until I read this book. Great techniques for helping her cope. Her reading has dramatically improved. Thank you.

This is an incredible book. It came a little late for me to be able to help 2 of my sons, who have dyslexia, but explains so much. That it is written by a person who has Dyslexia makes it so much more relevant. The teachings can be done by a caring parent at home, for a child, or a loved one for an adult. And now I do understand that it is a true GIFT that can be controlled by the giftee. Thank you Ron Davis. Blessings.

This book has opened my eyes to the struggles my son faces. He is 15 and newly labeled dyslexic. Previously, I didn't know what questions to ask when trying to help him. As we talked about things discussed in the book, I was amazed to hear that most were true for him. We are just beginning to use the ideas in the book, and I have spoken by phone with two Davis practitioners to determine our best course of action. I can't wait to see what happens as my son works through this process!

This was everything it needed to be to help my daughter when schools did not understand how to help my bright child. I can't say enough it changed her life forever letting her use her gifts and showing how she can put her struggles behind. Ronald D. Davis knows as he himself was Dyslexic he understands how they think. There was nothing wrong with my daughter she just learned differently and that is a gift. No tutors, no tricks just great results.

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