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While other books tell you what dyslexia is, this book tells you what to do. Dyslexics’ innate skills, which may include verbal, social, spatial, kinesthetic, visual, mathematical, or musical abilities, are their unique key to acquiring knowledge. Figuring out where their individual strengths lie, and then harnessing these skills, offers an entrée into learning and excelling. And by keeping the focus on learning, not on standard reading the same way everyone else does, a child with dyslexia can and will develop the self-confidence to flourish in the classroom and beyond.

After years of battling with a school system that did not understand his dyslexia and the shame that accompanied it, renowned activist and entrepreneur Ben Foss is not only open about his dyslexia, he is proud of it. In *The Dyslexia Empowerment Plan* he shares his personal triumphs and failures so that you can learn from his experiences, and provides a three-step approach for success:

- **Identify your child's profile:** By mapping your child's strengths and weaknesses and assisting her to better understand who she is, you can help your child move away from shame and feelings of inadequacy and move toward creating a powerful program for learning.
- **Help your child help himself:** Coach your child to become his own best advocate by developing resiliency, confidence, and self-awareness, and focusing on achievable goals in areas that matter most to him.
- **Create community:** Dyslexic children are not broken, but too often the system

designed to educate them is. Dare to change your school so that your child has the resources to thrive. Understanding your rights and finding allies will make you and your child feel connected and no longer alone.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. In a passionate and well-articulated guide that puts to rest the idea that dyslexic people are unintelligent, disabilities advocate Foss (himself dyslexic and the creator of Intel Reader, a text-to-speech device) describes dyslexia as a characteristic and a disability that should be accommodated in the same way as blindness or mobility issues. Foss reframes the use of film, audiobooks, and material read aloud as ear-reading, in contrast to the eye-reading that is the educational standard. Though, as Foss notes, eye-reading is a useful skill that can be improved by teaching methods like Orton-Gillingham, by mid-elementary school, dyslexic students should be accommodated with auditory materials. He hopes that parents can learn to explain their child's needs in a way that will win them essential support, and that they can help their child build self-esteem. Foss describes the current state of assistive technology and highlights the availability of material from resources like Learning Ally; he also discusses how to navigate good accommodations in the school environment and determine if a school is inappropriate for your child's welfare. This extremely practical and motivational book will be welcomed by parents of dyslexic children. Agent: Carol Mann, Carol Mann Agency. (Aug.)

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“Foss has used his journey to provide readers with a unique and insightful view of the strengths and challenges that come with being dyslexic. The talent and creativity with which Ben has written this book make it stand out as a guide to navigating the remarkable world of dyslexia.”—**Claudia Koocek, head of school, Charles Armstrong School, Belmont, CA**

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“As an educator with forty-two years of experience, with half of that time supporting dyslexic learners, I cannot think of a more valuable and insightful resource for parents and teachers to empower dyslexic kids. As a dyslexic adult myself, and the head of an independent school for dyslexics, I know Ben Foss’s wisdom is dead-on and I recommend this book to any parent.”—**Muir Meredith, head of school, Westmark School, Encino, California**

“This is the book we have been waiting for, synthesizing the head and the heart issues in dyslexia. Our organization supports millions of parents looking for information on dyslexia and other specific learning disabilities; Foss’s step-by-step guide will become a go-to resource for them.”—**James H. Wendorf, executive director, National Center for Learning Disabilities**

About the Author

Ben Foss is a prominent entrepreneur and activist and the founder of Headstrong Nation, a not-for-profit organization serving the dyslexic community. Foss graduated from Wesleyan University and earned a JD/MBA from Stanford Law and Business Schools. He invented the Intel Reader, a mobile device that takes photos of text and recites it aloud on the spot. Ben is a co-founder of *Integration Ventures*, a venture capital firm that is looking to invest in dyslexic entrepreneurs. He has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, Fox Business News, ABC, CNN, HBO, and the BBC. Represented by the Random House Speakers Bureau, he regularly speaks to Fortune 500 companies, public policy organizations, and colleges and universities across the country.

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