

This is a remarkable book. The author was diagnosed with dyslexia at 7 years of age, but you would not know this from the writing. The language is clear, lucid and apt. I am an obsessive editor, and always note the technical errors in any book I read. In this one, I found perhaps a quarter as many as in the typical publication, written by people with no history of reading difficulties.

A combination of personal passion and scholarly accuracy makes *Dyslexia* both inspiring and useful. Brenda starts with her personal story. If you are dyslexic, you'll know without having to be told: if Brenda can write like this, you can learn to follow her.

According to her, dyslexia is caused by the education system. People who develop dyslexia think almost entirely in visual terms. If they can't associate a word with a visual image, it doesn't make sense for them, perhaps doesn't even exist.

This is actually a strength, a tool for many tasks, but the inflexible sound-based systems used to teach kids turns it into a problem. As she writes on page 82, "Prior to entering school, a dyslexic has no disabilities. Dyslexics are disabled by the failure of the education system to change and meet their needs. The dyslexics' emotional well-being is disabled or damaged by their experience within the current system."

She has spent many years working with dyslexics, and has published this book to give hope.

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