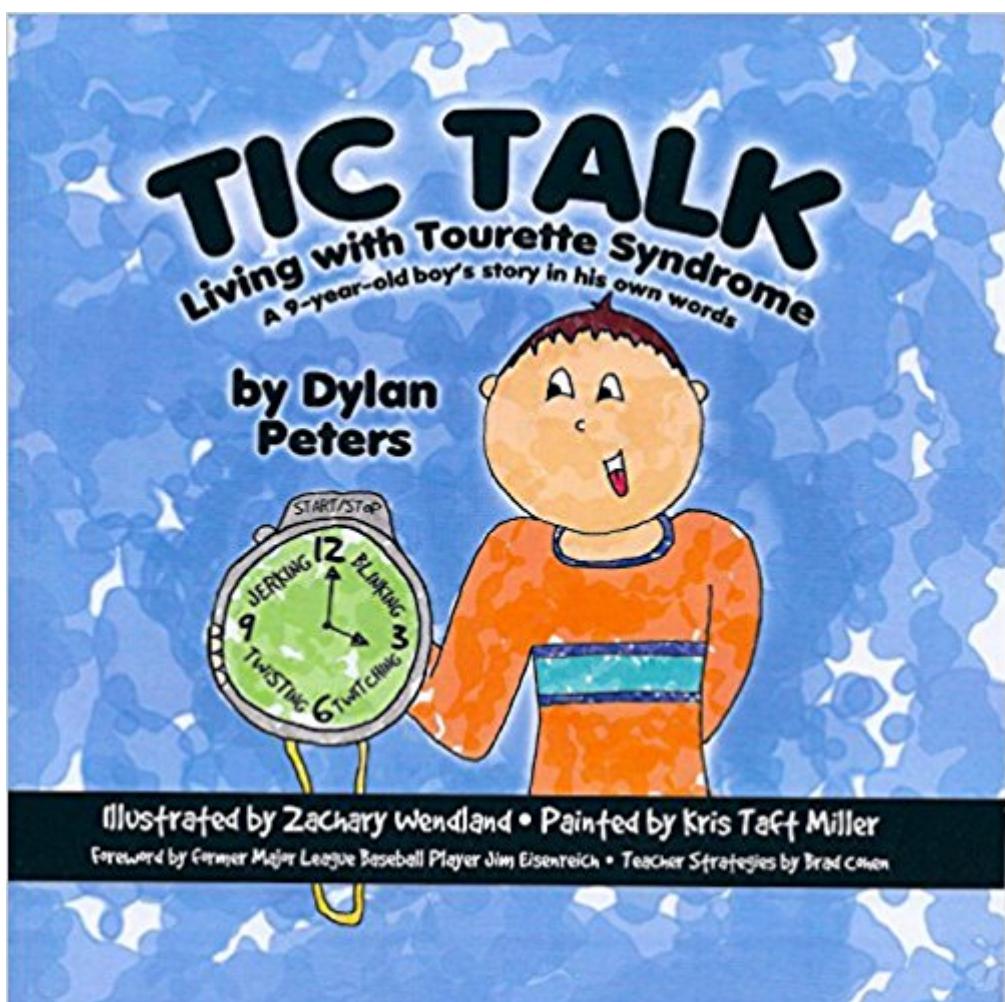


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# Tic Talk: Living With Tourette Syndrome, A 9-Year-Old Boy's Story In His Own Words



## **Synopsis**

Dylan Peters shares what he learned of tolerance and acceptance during the first five years with Tourette Syndrome. In a style that is often humorous and always insightful, Dylan helps others, young and old, understand TS and the enormous pressures this little-understood affliction places on those who have it and on those who love them. What Dylan shares with readers will help us all understand not only Tourette Syndrome, but also to be more accepting of all people. Dylan has given the world a most valuable look into his world. We are all the wiser and more compassionate for it.

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...an insightful, entertaining, and educational look at a young child with Tourette Syndrome. This story will open the reader's eyes and heart to what living with this syndrome is like for children and adults. ... Dylan shifts the reader's focus from emphasizing Tourette Syndrome toward the broader focus of coping with a major challenge. ...Bravo, Dylan Peters!Susan Newman, Second Grade Teacher, Brougham Elementary School, Olathe, Kansas; Dylan Peters has created a marvelous book which tells his story about having Tourette Syndrome and dealing with its challenges. ... Dylan's firsthand account of his experiences conveys information that is meaningful to young students and builds a foundation for understanding and sensitivity. Brian Lowe, Principal, Brougham Elementary School, Olathe, Kansas, has given kids something to talk about. He has done an amazing job of putting the words into kid language. After children read this book, they will better understand Tourette's and what it is like to be a little different. Nice work Dylan, you hit it on the

money! Brad Cohen, Author of Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had. Tic Talk by third grade student Dylan Peters is a wonderful book that can teach people of all ages about the challenges that go along with Tourette Syndrome. This book is not only a reflection of a gifted student writer, but also a deeply personal account of his experiences with the disorder. Dylan mixes humor with reality to create an inspirational story for all. Laura Orscheln-Smith, Counselor, Brougham Elementary School, Olathe, Kansas; What a wonderful inspiration for children and parents. This should read by all parents and children who receive the diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome. I will share with everyone who walks in the door! --Becky Ottinger, Executive Director, Joshua Child and Family Development Center

A third grader writes about Tourette Syndrome. His book reveals a maturity and wisdom far beyond his years. Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurological disorder that affects approximately 100,000 Americans, according to the National Institutes of Health. It most often strikes youngsters between the ages of six and nine. Dylan Peters was diagnosed with TS when he was only four. With Dylan, the TS began as it most often does, with facial tics, head jerking, and protracted blinking of the eyes. These repetitive motions (sometimes accompanied by vocal sounds such as gurgling or repeating words and phrases) understandably attract a lot of unwanted attention. The emotional impact on those with TS can be staggering. They have no control whatsoever over the tics and vocalizations; neither can they avoid the stares and whispered comments. Dylan understands all too well. For a long time, he wanted his family to keep his TS a secret, afraid that it would make him the object of ridicule among his classmates. His mother told him, "If life gives you a lemon, make lemonade." Dylan realized she was right. "When I thought about it," he says, "I could see that things really could be a whole lot worse." With his family's and his teacher's support, Dylan decided to speak to his classmates about his TS. It went better than he ever could have hoped. The whole experience gave him the idea of writing a book for other kids with TS. Dylan, who is about to enter the fourth grade, is the author of Tic Talk--Living with Tourette Syndrome: A 9-year-old boy's story in his own words. In it, he shares what he has learned of tolerance and acceptance during the five years he's had TS. In a style that is often humorous and always insightful, Dylan helps others, young and old, understand TS and the enormous pressures this little-understood affliction places on those who have it and on those who love them. "Dylan has done what most of us would not even think of doing, especially at such a young age," writes Jim Eisenreich in his foreword to Tic Talk. "He's had the questions, but instead of waiting for the answers, he went ahead and made his own," adds Eisenreich, a former Major League Baseball player. Eisenreich, too, has suffered from

Tourette Syndrome since he was a child. The book is filled with heartwarming illustrations, all done by Dylan's friend, Zachary Wendland. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My seven year old daughter read this cover to cover as soon as I opened the package. She really enjoyed it. I read it as well and thought that it was very well written and easy for a young TS child to understand. My daughter lent it to her friend who also has TS and he loved it too.

Just bought two copies of this, one for my son to keep at home and one for his classroom at school. Dylan does a fantastic job of explaining his experience. My son is not as reserved about his diagnosis but I still like this book as a resource for other children to understand him better.

My 11 yr old son was just diagnosed with Tourette's on top of his Asperger's and ADHD. Our local library didn't have any books on Tourette's for kids his age. Thank goodness we were able to find this book so quickly through . It is short, simple and provides a wonderful introduction to the insecurities and social problems often created by Tourette's. Most important is its emphasis on the role of self-advocacy and educating others as important parts of leading a full life with TS.

We used this to describe Tourettes to my own son. He was able to recognize himself in this story immediately. So glad to have found it!

This is a really excellent book. My 7 year old daughter has TS and for the first time is understanding she is not alone. She is starting to become worried what others will think of her Tourette's and I know that Dylan's story will help her tremendously. I am going to share it with her teacher and maybe share it with the classroom, as Dylan did in the story showing his amazing courage. This book will help children accept the differences in others.Thank you Dylan and God Bless!!

Very good book. Wish every teacher would read this book and share with class.

I have a child with T.S., and it opened his eyes that he is not the only one with challenges.

The true story was easy to relate to and offered good real life suggestions. It's a short read which is great for any kid with TS.

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