Priya Panda: Shining Brightly with Dyspraxia and 'Shine Books'

Priya Panda, a remarkable woman from the United Kingdom, has faced the challenges of dyspraxia with courage and determination. Her experiences have led her to create 'Shine Books', a series of assistive reading resources that empower children with learning difficulties to shine brightly.

Priya's Dyspraxia Journey

Dyspraxia is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects movement, coordination, and sensory processing. For Priya, this meant challenges with handwriting, balance, and everyday tasks. As a young child, she struggled in school and faced misunderstandings and prejudice from those who didn't understand her differences.

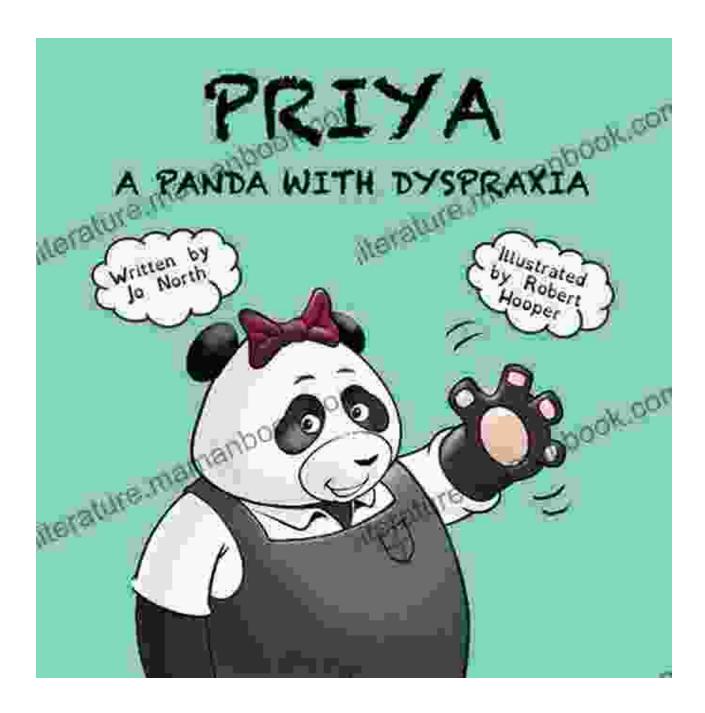


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Despite these challenges, Priya refused to give up. She discovered a passion for reading and found solace in stories that reflected her own experiences. However, accessing books that were accessible to her proved difficult.



The Birth of 'Shine Books'

Inspired by her own experiences, Priya set out to create a solution for the lack of accessible reading resources for children with dyspraxia and other learning difficulties. In 2017, she launched 'Shine Books', a social enterprise that aims to make reading inclusive and enjoyable for all.

'Shine Books' offers a range of assistive reading tools, including:

- Dyslexia-friendly fonts that reduce visual stress
- Sensory-friendly paper that is soft to the touch
- Weighted lap pads that provide grounding and reduce fidgeting
- Talking pens that read aloud printed text

Priya's goal is to create a world where every child, regardless of their learning difficulties, can enjoy the transformative power of reading. She believes that by providing accessible resources and promoting inclusivity, we can empower children to shine brightly.

Empowering Children with Learning Difficulties

'Shine Books' has already made a significant impact on the lives of children with learning difficulties. One young boy with dyslexia, who had previously struggled with reading, found that he could finally read with ease using 'Shine Books' assistive tools. His newfound reading fluency boosted his confidence and opened up a whole new world of possibilities.

Another child with ADHD, who often found it difficult to focus, discovered that the weighted lap pad from 'Shine Books' helped him stay grounded and attentive while reading. This enabled him to enjoy books and learn without feeling overwhelmed.

Inclusion and Representation

Beyond assistive reading tools, 'Shine Books' also promotes inclusion and representation in children's literature. The books feature characters with

diverse abilities and backgrounds, ensuring that all children can see themselves reflected in the pages they read.

Priya believes that it is essential to challenge stereotypes and create a more inclusive society. By showcasing characters with learning difficulties, 'Shine Books' helps to break down barriers and foster a sense of belonging for all children.

Recognition and Awards

Priya Panda's work with 'Shine Books' has garnered widespread recognition and awards. In 2019, she was named one of the BBC's 100 Women, a list of inspiring and influential women from around the world. She has also been recognized by the National Autistic Society and the Dyspraxia Foundation UK for her contributions to supporting neurodiversity.

Priya Panda's journey with dyspraxia has been one of resilience, determination, and a deep-seated desire to make a difference. Through 'Shine Books', she has created a legacy that will empower children with learning difficulties to reach their full potential. By promoting inclusivity, accessible reading, and representation, Priya is shining a light on the abilities and strengths of neurodiverse children everywhere.

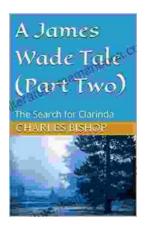
As 'Shine Books' continues to grow and expand, Priya's vision of a world where every child can enjoy the transformative power of reading will undoubtedly become a reality. Her passion and dedication serve as an inspiration to us all, reminding us that even in the face of challenges, the human spirit has the power to triumph.

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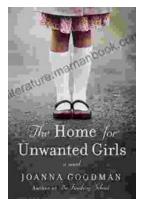
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