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Lucy doesn't understand why the new boy in Miss Reed's class doesn't like her.

"I said hi and he ignored me," she said.

"Lucy, that's Daniel. He has autism," Miss Miller responded.

"What's autism?" asked Lucy.

From that moment on Lucy works to make friends with Daniel in this bright, upbeat book about autism. Once she succeeds, Lucy becomes determined that the other kids in the class learn to accept Daniel as well.

With an estimated 1 in 68 children now falling somewhere on the autism spectrum, "Lucy's Amazing Friend" is just the right book to help children understand that we are all different, and while those differences can be challenging, they also make us each special.

"Lucy's Amazing Friend is a book for all children as it encourages them to celebrate differences within themselves and others." - Stephanie Workman

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Maranda Russell says

As an adult with high-functioning autism, I love to see good children's books about autism, especially those that encourage neurotypical kids to be more understanding and accepting of the differences they may see in children on the spectrum. Bullying is one of the worst parts of growing up with autism, hopefully books like this one will help prevent the ignorance that leads to bullying. I especially loved how Lucy (the main character) kept trying to befriend Daniel, even when her first few attempts to communicate with him didn't go so well. Definitely recommend this one!

Barbara says

People With Challenges is a unit of study in our 4th grade classes. Therefore, I was very pleased with the subject and quality of the story *Lucy's Amazing Friend*. The book doesn't preach but simply shows how an autistic child can be included in various activities. As the school librarian I have already added it to my collection.

Mark Isaacs says

Having grown up with a brother with autism, I know firsthand how other children ostracize such individuals from their play and activities. It used to break my heart to see my brother standing alone in the yard, watching the neighborhood kids his age ride their bikes together and throw their balls to one another, never inviting him to join in. I remembered those sad moments again when I read *Lucy's Amazing Friend*, in which author Stephanie Workman poignantly captures—and artist Tim Raynes charmingly illustrates—the alienation children with autism must endure, in addition to the already imposing learning disabilities and emotional problems that afflict them. These afflictions too Ms. Workman addresses with great tenderness, along with the special gifts and aptitudes that make those with autism not misfits to be pitied, but extraordinary souls who enrich the lives of all those fortunate enough to embrace them. This thought is the takeaway message of *Lucy's Amazing Friend*, one that every "regular" schoolchild should learn not only for the sake of classmates with special needs, but for his or her own spiritual growth. This book offers a gateway to accomplish those worthy aspirations in a touching and entertaining way.
