Don't Call Me Special: A First Look At Disability (A First Look At...Series)
This delightful picture book explores questions and concerns about physical disabilities in a simple and reassuring way. Younger children can find out about individual disabilities, special equipment that is available to help the disabled, and how people of all ages can deal with disabilities and live happy and full lives. Titles in this series for younger children explore emotional issues that boys and girls encounter as part of the growing-up process. Books are focused to appeal to kids of preschool through early school age. Written by psychotherapist and counselor Pat Thomas, A First Look At books promote positive interaction among children, parents, and teachers, and encourage kids to ask questions and confront social and emotional questions that sometimes present problems. Books feature appealing full-color illustrations on every page plus a page of advice to parents and teachers.

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Customer Reviews
Book review: Don't call me special is delightful picture book that introduces disabilities meaning to children in preschool through early elementary. The title itself rejects the idea of calling people with disabilities "special". This book is useful to use with normal kids because it answers all their
concerns and questions about why some people look different to them. In addition, it recommends children to not assume things that may not be true about people with disabilities. This book explains for kids that not all people are similar in everything, and all people have strengths and weaknesses; also, it explains that all people may need help if they found difficulties to do things. In this book, a little reader will explore different kind of disabilities and the type of helpful equipment they use. Don’t call me special discusses the situation of students with disabilities and where they go to study in past and current time, and how is different between today and in years ago. In a lovely manner, the book asks children to help and accept their peers who have disabilities because they feel angry and sad when they are teased. Furthermore, it tries to make children to realize that having disability is not big matter because in the end people with disabilities could be better than normal people in doing or learning things. Finally, the benefit of this book that it advises children to work and play together because that will help children with disabilities to grow and do what they want without the feeling that they are different from the others. The good thing about this book, it provides questions to the children to react with the story.

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