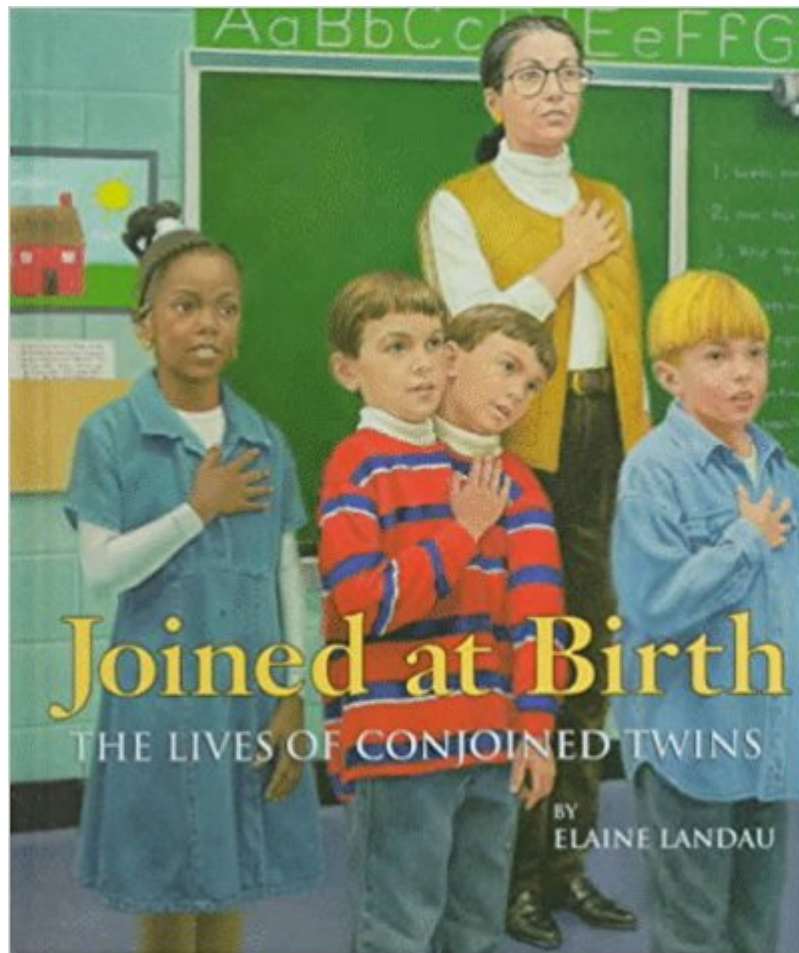




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Joined At Birth (First Books Different From Birth)



Synopsis

Explores the issue of conjoined twins, including a discussion of the difficult decision regarding physical separation that parents must face.

Book Information

Age Range: 10 and up

Lexile Measure: 1050L (What's this?)

Series: First Books Different from Birth

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-6. In both titles, Landau presents the material in a straightforward manner along with medical explanations and terminology. Chapters provide historical and modern examples of conjoined twins (Joined at Birth) and dwarfism (Short Stature); medical causes and treatments of the conditions; and questions, concerns, and challenges faced by young people and adults living with these differences. Special terms are printed in bold type and most are explained within the text. While the books focus on the differences, Landau adeptly describes how these individuals are like everyone else. Excellent-quality, full-color and black-and-white photographs appear throughout. Fine additions to help children build understanding and acceptance of others. Janice C. Hayes, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I came upon this book, perhaps with some misconceptions prior to ordering it. The book's quality is dated and it shows. For some reason I was expecting it to be illustrated and it is not. Also I thought it was for children but find its content for older kids.

My son had never before seen a conjoined person, and therefore I did my best to keep this book away from him as it would serve no useful purpose for him to read it. He found it anyway at his school library, and since then he's been curious about meeting a conjoined person. Not well aware of this issue myself, I did some research and found that the vast majority of conjoined twins die from complications at a very young age, much younger than the boy(s) in this story. That said, this book serves little purpose other than confusing children and overplaying a rare medical issue.

[SPOILER ALERT!]...one of the main characters has two heads. I don't know if you have a problem with that, but I sure as hell do.

This book is not very good because the end is very unsettling, the intro is in the middle of the book, and really doesn't talk about the overall population of conjoined twins. I wouldn't recommend this book to most people.

This book was very informative yet not detailed far enough to get all the info yet it is very good and very true

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