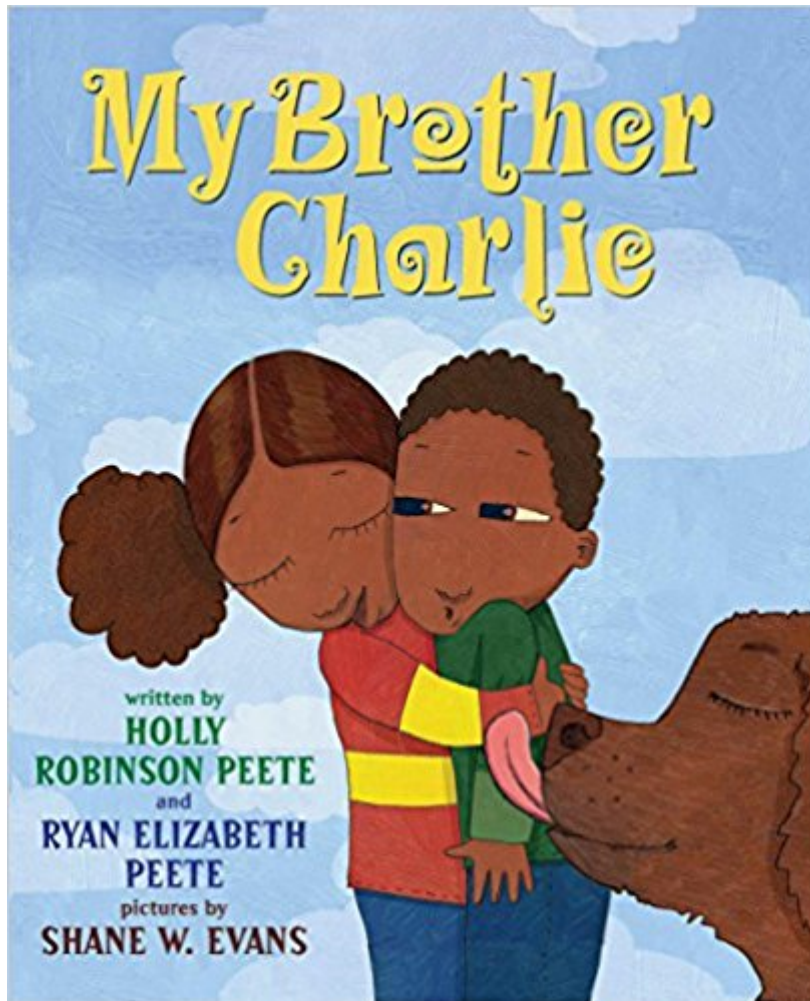




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# My Brother Charlie



## Synopsis

From bestselling author and actress Holly Robinson Peete--a heartwarming story about a boy who happens to be autistic, based on Holly's son, who has autism. "Charlie has autism. His brain works in a special way. It's harder for him to make friends. Or show his true feelings. Or stay safe." But as his big sister tells us, for everything that Charlie can't do well, there are plenty more things that he's good at. He knows the names of all the American presidents. He knows stuff about airplanes. And he can even play the piano better than anyone he knows. Actress and national autism spokesperson Holly Robinson Peete collaborates with her daughter on this book based on Holly's 10-year-old son, who has autism.

## Book Information

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•Twins Callie and Charlie have a lot in common, but they are also very different: Charlie has autism. Callie narrates the story, describing what autism is and exploring the issues that come along with it. The theme is of love, patience, and acceptance. Endnotes give a few basic facts for children unfamiliar with the disorder. The authors, a mother-daughter team, based this story on personal experience. Evans's bright, mixed-media illustrations skillfully depict the family's warmth and concern. Pair this with Ouisie Shapiro's *Autism and Me: Sibling Stories* (Albert

Whitman, 2009) to raise awareness and understanding of autism. This title should have a place in most library collections. •Laura Butler, Mount Laurel Library, NJ Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

In an honest, simple narrative, young Callie talks about how much she loves her autistic twin brother, Charlie, and how much they share. As she explains what autism is and how her family cares for Charlie, she also speaks frankly about challenges. The mixed-media illustrations, in bright, opaque colors, show the loving connections in Callie's African American family, as well as the tension and anger. Charlie does so many things well: he plays the piano, for example. Sometimes he supports his sister, and he has an incredible bond with their dog. Still, "there are days when it's hard to be Charlie's sister. . . . Sometimes he can ruin the best playdates; other times he won't speak. • Warm but never sentimental, this welcome picture book is based on the mother-and-daughter authors' experiences, and a beautiful photo of the authors' family appears on the back cover, while a personal concluding note offers more facts. A great choice for introducing the subject of autism to young children or for starting discussion in any family dealing with disability. Grades K-3. --Hazel Rochman

I bought this book for my 7-year-old daughter to help her with her little brother's autism diagnosis. She LOVES the book, and has probably read it 10 times since receiving it as an early Christmas gift last week! She said "Charlie is just like my brother, Sawyer!" She even had to read it to her grandparents when they were visiting this week. She loves that she can identify so well with "Carlie" in the story, and says this is one of her new favorites. Thank you, Holly Robinson-Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete for writing this beautifully touching story.

This book is beautifully written by Charlie's mother and sister and will help autistic children and their siblings understand the complex life and emotional world of autism. I have read it to several children already in my child psychology practice who loved it.

Great book. My 6 and 7 year old children loved this! It was a book that they can relate to since they have two younger brothers on the spectrum.

My kid's absolutely love this book.

Lovely story for anyone trying to help others understand autism. Easy to read and great illustrations

This book served as a gateway for us to discuss our 4 year old daughter's autism to her 6 year old sister. It helped on topics of why we leave certain functions early or why we can't go to some places. It even touches on the subject of "unfriendly play" skills. Since reading this book to our 6 year old, she has a better understanding of her sister's condition and does not get as mad at her or certain situations anymore. I wish there could be a mini series of books like this that touched on each of the "sensitive" topics in more depth while still catering to the level of young children such as "why the reprimand process is not the same" and "how to get through the meltdown moments". This book was a brilliant idea! It's wonderful!

I bought this book to help our other kids understand our nonverbal autistic son a little better. The first time I read it, I bawled my eyes out. It is SO GOOD. I've tried several times to read it to the kids, but have yet to be able to make it through it without crying. This book is perfect for explaining autism to kids (especially siblings, but not exclusively). I highly, highly recommend it!

Book very well done. My daughter will graduate college in the fall she has a brother with Autism. This book will be something she can share with her students. She Loves IT!

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