



The Book

This book aims to make it easier for people affected by Down's Syndrome to make contact with others,

to educate parents and help them explain the condition to friends and family,

and to improve society's understanding and tolerance of Down's.

The Exhibitions

I am not like you think features portraits of babies, children and young adults with Down's Syndrome. The photos are accompanied by quotes and thoughts from those featured.

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Meeting people with Down's Syndrome features portraits of people with Down's Syndrome in different phases of their lives, at work, at play, with their families, with their siblings, friends and partners

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And what the connection is between Down's Syndrome, a sausage dog, bad parents and the children of kings?

Do you want to know what goes on in a mother's mind when she knows her baby has Down's, and what she longs for? And what happens when a young woman with Down's Syndrome has a baby?

Do you want to know how people with Down's feel about having the syndrome? And what really gets on the nerves of their sibling? Do you want to hear about a young woman's memories of her time at a mainstream school? And see how parents feel when they can't find a mainstream school for their child?

Do you want to know what a young woman with Down's dreams about and how a mother can carry on after the loss of her child? Do you want to hear the memories of a girl after the death of her mother?

This book aims how people with Down's cannot be pigeon-holed as being all the same. The pictures show how different they look; the interviews show how differently they see themselves. The book also looks at how they are portrayed in the media, what Down's Syndrome actually means and who Langdon Down really was; and finally, how the perception of Down's Syndrome has changed through the years, from antiquity to the present day.

All this information and much more can be found in:



„I'm mongoloid. But that gives me two advantages and disadvantages. The first advantage is that I...live in a nice place...and also I'm more independent. And that I'm lucky in love. I want everybody to be lucky in love.”

„I had my first encounter with a 'Mongoloid' – with Walter – when I was about to start my community service in a home for mentally handicapped adults.“

“Before I got pregnant my husband and I agreed that there's never any guarantee of a perfect child.”

Do you want to know how these stories go on?



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