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THE AMAZING EDIE ECKHART: THE FRIEND MISSION

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ABOUT THE BOOK:

Hi! I'm Edie Eckhart.

I'm a little bit different. I have a disability called cerebral palsy, so I talk slowly and fall over a lot. It's never really bothered me because I've never known anything else.

It's the start of Year Eight and there's a new girl in Edie's class from America! Edie can't wait to get to

know Mia and her twin brother, Benjamin. This is Thrilling with a capital T! Especially as Mrs Adler sits Mia next to Edie in class.

Mia has a hearing impairment and wears hearing aids. She seems shy and Edie knows how scary it can feel to join a new school. Maybe Edie can be the jam to Mia's jelly? It's time for... THE FRIEND MISSION!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Rosie Jones is a British stand-up comedian, actor and script writer who has written for multiple TV panel shows and sitcoms. Rosie has always longed to be a children's author and Jacqueline Wilson is her personal hero. Rosie's The Amazing Edie Eckhart series is inspired by her own experiences of navigating school with Cerebral palsy.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATORS:

Natalie lives in Devon with her husband, son and dog (Maggie). She can usually be found either scribbling furiously at the computer with a decent box set on in the background, or out in the garden supervising her digger-obsessed son and stick-obsessed dog.

Leo Trinidad is a NY Times Bestselling illustrator and animator from Costa Rica. For more than 15 years he's been creating content for children's books and TV shows. He is known for being the creator of the first animated series ever produced in Central America, an outstanding achievement that led him to the foundation of one of the most successful animation studios in Latin America.

Rosie Jones' Book Recommendations



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Author: Andy Sagar
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BOOK CHAT:

- Everybody is different. What's something about you that makes you different from other people?
- I wonder what Edie means about "Jam and Jelly"?
- Edie is determined to make friends with Mia. Is that why she calls it a mission? Is making friends always easy?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

Making friends with someone new means finding out about them. Here are some questions you could use to start a chat with someone you don't know well (yet!). You can play this game with someone you know well too. You might find out more about them than you already knew!

- What is your dream job?
- Do you like animals? What's your favourite?
- What's your favourite day of the week?

The chat doesn't end with the answer! Ask your new friend to tell you more about why they want to be an astrophysicist or a farmer, or what it is they like most about Fridays.

SENSORY ACTIVITY:

Hello friend:

Did you know that all the best friendships begin with a friendly "hello"? Let's make it even better by learning how to say hello in two special ways.

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Can you think of more fun ways to say hello?

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