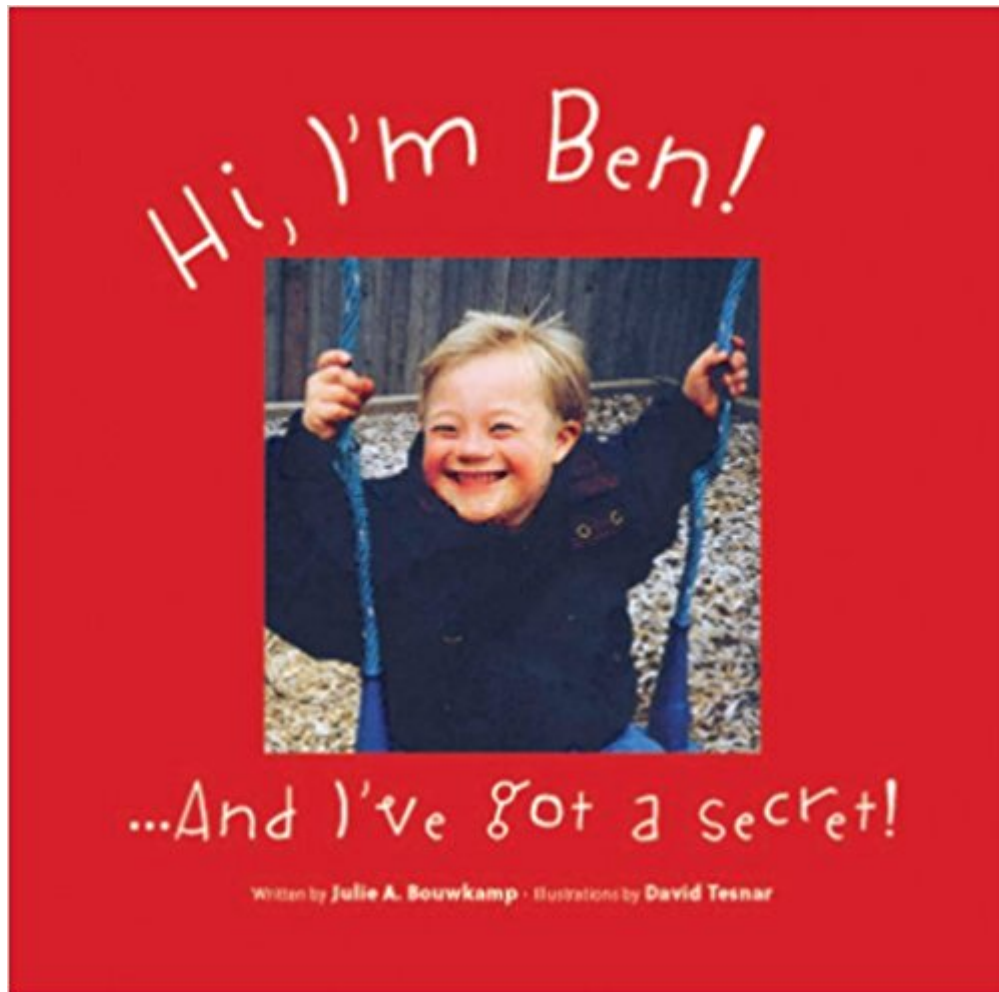




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# Hi, I'm Ben... And I've Got A Secret!



## Synopsis

Back by popular demand and with an updated look, this simple children's book tells the story of Ben, a young boy who has a secret. Before revealing his secret, Ben shares much about his life and likes. All readers find they have much in common with this charming boy with Down syndrome. A must have for siblings, school classrooms, church and synagogue reading rooms and public libraries. This new edition includes mischievous bear illustrations by David Tesnar.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Julie Bouwkamp is the mother of two children, one of whom has Down syndrome. This is her first book.

We have a child with Down Syndrome & we bought this to read with her preschool-age sister. I like the concept of this book. However, the quality of most of the photos in this book is pretty bad. They're blurry, bad family snapshots. It really detracts from the book. The other thing I should mention is that I found myself having to edit the book as I read to my 3 & 1/2 year old, because on one page, Ben mentions a few fears, including that when his parents go out, they'll never come back. I didn't need to plant that seed in my little one's head. So perhaps the book is geared towards older children. The features common to DS that were mentioned were sometimes odd...for instance, Ben says something about how he might fall down when he runs, or something about his almond shape eyes (but not the crease underneath)...Overall, it's a good concept but I think the writing could use a little tweaking and the photos could use a complete overhaul.

I was very happy with the book, but I was highly disappointed with the shipping. The first copy arrived very damaged and after I shipped it back, the second one was also damaged (although not as badly). The book has a paper cover, so its not very durable, but I wanted to have this book for my daughter who has a sibling with DS.

This book is really great I recently bought it for a uni assignment to do with early childhood and it was a great book to share. I like this book because it focuses on ben as a child and not a child with a disability. It's a very positive book it draws on ben's experiences of being a child that a child without a disability would encounter and it also discusses briefly the disability but it's done in such a positive way. I would definitely recommend it.

I love this book! It is well written, contains great photos, colorful pages, and it has an awesome message! Ben describes his life and every so often asks "have you guessed my secret yet?" Towards the end of the book he explains about Down Syndrome. At the end he says "you can call me "special" but...most of all I hope you will call me "friend." As a special education teacher I appreciate the fact the book is really not about DS, it's about Ben. Bravo!

Awesome book that I have read to my son's class for two years in a row now. Simple concepts for young children but also has the ability to expand concepts through Q & A for kids as they grow.Great resource for me to bring to my son's classroom. !!

On my quest to find the perfect book to discuss Down syndrome with peers and siblings I cam across 'Hi, I'm Ben'. It's a cute & simple book. It wasn't exactly what I was looking for, but not a disappointment either.

This is an excellent book to show how children with DS are more typical than not. Yet, it shows the differences but that the individual comes through.

This is a cute little book that introduces Down's Syndrome to young children in an easy to understand way. Good photos and child friendly writing. Love it!

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