



PINK GLASSES: A WORK IN PROGRESS

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“A creative writing anthology (poems, short fiction, and non-fiction) that showcases both the positive and negative personal experiences of being an older, learning disabled student.”

Learning disabilities: “neurologically-based processing problems... can interfere with learning basic skills such as reading, writing and/or math ...are referred to as ‘hidden disabilities’: the person looks perfectly ‘normal’ & seems to be a very bright & intelligent person, yet may be unable to demonstrate the skill level expected from someone of a similar age.” My learning disabilities: ADD, Auditory Processing Disorder, Development Dyslexia, Dyscalculia & Receptive Language Delay / Disability.

What Being Learning Disabled Can Feel Like (From the film *I Am Sam* (2001))

Sam: “Yeah, but I tried, I tried hard.” Rita: “Try harder!” Sam: “Yeah, but you don't know, you don't know!” Rita: “I don't know WHAT?” Sam: “Yeah, you don't know what is like when you try, and you try, and you try, and you try, and you don't ever get there! Because you were born perfect and I was born like this, and you're perfect !”

Why'd You Chose A Title Like That ?

I am lucky because I have two amazing sisters, an older one and a twin. My twin and I were in the same Kindergarten class and our two teachers came up with a quick way to tell us apart when they saw our different colored glasses, “Dana Blue and Dominique Pink”. The rhyme stuck over the years & has now become a cherished family saying. I also added the phrase, “A Work in Progress” because I am presently done with university however I still have so much more in my life that I want to learn, see, read, and experience as I begin the next step in my “Life / Identity” journey.



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