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My Blood Brother: A Story About Childhood Leukemia



Synopsis

My Blood Brother explores the dynamics of a family dealing with childhood leukemia. Sam and his older brother, Stefan, learn together that Sam has leukemia. The story shows the emotional turmoil a family endures while coping with a diagnosis of childhood cancer. Although Sam is only seven years old, he learns about how the disease affects his body and the terminology related to his illness. This book provides support for the patient, siblings, parents, friends and extended family. The illustrations are done by an award winning medical illustrator who uses color and technique to provide comfortable, soothing illustrations in contrast with the emotionally charged story line.

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Age Range: 5 and up

Grade Level: Kindergarten and up

Customer Reviews

"My Blood Brother: A Story About Childhood Leukemia" is a children's picture book that explains about ALL, acute lymphocytic leukemia, or childhood Leukemia, through the eyes of two brothers, Stefan and Sam. Sam is sick with ALL and Stefan wants to help him get well. There are some good diagrams and explanations of cell function and the disease process. The best news is that after Sam has hospital tests and prescribed chemo treatment (that makes his hair go away for awhile), he has a chance to get better. The best news of all is that if his brother Stefan has blood that matches his, he can receive a transplant that will really help him get better. "My Blood Brother" is a very helpful book for kids trying to understand this scary disease, with just enough information and ideas

to point out ways in which a sibling or friend can support a child who is diagnosed with ALL. The colored illustrations are both gentle and reassuring in tone, an integral part of the educational and therapeutic goals of "My Blood Brother."

I really liked this informative book. It clearly explains about leukemia and the stress the family is going through. Well written and illustrated it will give the young readers and their parents hope for a cure.

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