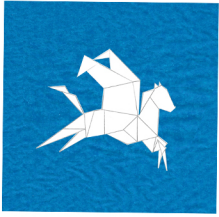


SEE THE MUSIC HEAR THE LIGHT

Newsletter From The Mixed-Up Files of author A.C. LeMieux

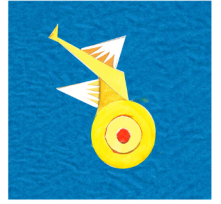
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Dear People,

16 days have passed since *STMHTL* was released in paperback on Amazon. 9,148 have passed since the day I began to write this story. It has a lot of chapters, but most of them are pretty short, so it shouldn't take nearly that long to read. I hope Daniel's story speaks to your hearts. I will stay in touch!



Warmest Wishes,

A.C. LEMIEUX

Celebrate! National Library Week!!

This year's theme for the American Library Association's National Library Week (April 19-26) is "FIND YOUR JOY." I can't think of one that fits *See The Music Hear The Light* more perfectly!

People with Williams syndrome are often described by researchers as having an extraordinary capacity for joy, even when life presents big challenges. That spark is at the heart of Daniel's story. Music and friendship are what bring him joy... until a painful bullying incident nearly extinguishes it. His journey to rediscovering his lost joy demonstrates its and his resilience in this special coming-of-age tween/teen novel.

As you celebrate National Library Week, I hope you'll stop by your local library and "find your joy" on the shelves--maybe even in Daniel's story!

ASK THE AUTHOR

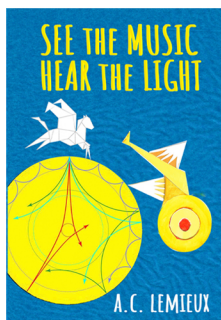
by Nella LeMieux

Nella: I know you have personal ties regarding the topic of Williams syndrome, but what kind of research did you do for this book, or did you mainly use just knowledge from past experience?

A.C.: Actually, I did both. When my son Brendan was diagnosed, he was 12 and 1/2 years old, which is a pretty late diagnosis for someone with a serious condition like Williams syndrome, but there wasn't a lot of awareness about it back then. Because it is so rare, his doctors just didn't know about it.

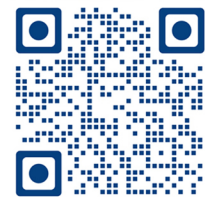
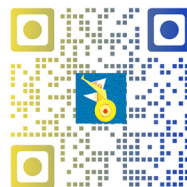
Once we found out in January of 2000, I started looking up all the medical research that was available at the time, which wasn't all that much back then. Over the past two-and-a-half decades, a lot more research has been done.

I kept up with that, but meanwhile, all along I was living with my son who had Williams syndrome, with a lot of unique characteristics, not just medically, but temperamentally. So my knowledge came from lived experience, for sure, but supplemented with a lot of research.

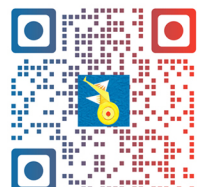


"Daniel's voice is the book's greatest strength. He narrates in short staccato bursts that move like jazz riffs, funny and observant in equal measure..."

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