

Oddly Normal

Oddly gets stuck in a memory. Literally.

A veteran clinical psychologist exposes why doctors, teachers, and parents incorrectly diagnose healthy American children with serious psychiatric conditions. In recent years there has been an alarming rise in the number of American children and youth assigned a mental health diagnosis. Current data from the Centers for Disease Control reveal a 41 percent increase in rates of ADHD diagnoses over the past decade and a forty-fold spike in bipolar disorder diagnoses. Similarly, diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder, once considered, has increased by 78 percent since 2002. Dr. Enrico Gnaulati, a clinical psychologist specializing in childhood and adolescent therapy and assessment, has witnessed firsthand the push to diagnose these disorders in youngsters. Drawing both on his own clinical experience and on cutting-edge research, with *Back to Normal* he has written the definitive account of why our kids are being dramatically overdiagnosed—and how parents and professionals can distinguish between true psychiatric disorders and normal childhood reactions to stressful life situations. Gnaulati begins with the complex web of factors that have led to our current crisis. These include questionable education and training practices that cloud mental health professionals' ability to distinguish normal from abnormal behavior in children, monetary incentives favoring prescriptions, check-list diagnosing, and high-stakes testing in schools. We've also developed an increasingly casual attitude about labeling kids and putting them on psychiatric drugs. So how do we differentiate between a child with, say, Asperger's syndrome and a child who is simply introverted, brainy, and single-minded? As Gnaulati notes, many of the symptoms

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associated with these disorders are similar to everyday childhood behaviors. In the second half of the book Gnaulati tells detailed stories of wrongly diagnosed kids, providing parents and others with information about the developmental, temperamental, and environmentally driven symptoms that to a casual or untrained eye can mimic a psychiatric disorder. These stories also reveal how nonmedical interventions, whether in the therapist's office or through changes made at home, can help children. Back to Normal reminds us of the normalcy of children's seemingly abnormal behavior. It will give parents of struggling children hope, perspective, and direction. And it will make everyone who deals with children question the changes in our society that have contributed to the astonishing increase in childhood psychiatric diagnoses. Relates the stories behind the photographs of 9/11, discusses the controversy over whether the images are exploitative or redemptive, and shows how photographs help us witness, grieve, and understand the unimaginable. Reissue. Includes new preface. 15,000 first printing.

"One of the crew goes native, while the rest try not to lose their heads. Or get them ripped off. Or bitten off. An issue of unimaginable horror!"

Meet Oddly Normal, a ten-year-old girl with pointed ears and green hair -- a half-witch who will be the first to tell you that having a mother from a magical land called Fignation and a father from Earth doesn't make it easy to make friends at school! On her tenth birthday, she blows out her cake's candles and makes a disastrous wish. Now, Oddly must travel to Fignation to uncover the mystery of her parents' disappearance. Join Oddly as she navigates a strange new school, monstrous bullies, and Evil itself on an unforgettable fantasy adventure through the vibrant world of Fignation in ODDLY NORMAL.

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Ten Minutes from Normal

Far Out Fairy Tales

This is the Year I Put My Financial Life in Order

The Art of Being Normal

Oddly's adventures in Fignation continue as twomysterious figures from the past return to cause trouble for her and herfriends.

Collects ODDLY NORMAL#16-20

Oddly attends a rocketball game where events turn a little racey.

A hilarious, illustrated middle-grade adventure about a superhero with no superpowers! "Should appeal to readers who enjoy the Captain Underpants and Wimpy Kid series.†? - School Library Connection When Murph Cooper begins his new school several weeks into the year, he can't help but feel a bit out of his depth. And it's not because he's worried about where to sit, making friends, and fitting in. It's because his mom has accidentally enrolled him at a school for superheroes. And unlike his fellow students, who can control the weather or fly or conjure tiny horses from thin air, Murph has no special abilities whatsoever. But Murph's totally normal abilities might just be what the world needs. Because not far away is a great big bad guy who is half man and half wasp, and his mind is abuzz with evil plans . . . and when he comes after the best and the brightest, it's up to Murph to be the real hero. With black-and-white illustrations throughout, this laugh-out-loud story proves that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

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Oddly's adventures in Fignation continue as two mysterious figures from the past return to cause trouble for her and her friends. Meet Oddly Normal, a ten-year-old girl with pointed ears and green hair--a half-witch who will be the first to tell you that having a mother from a magical land called Fignation and a father from Earth doesn't make it easy to make friends at school! On her tenth birthday, she blows out her cake's candles and makes a disastrous wish. Now, Oddly must travel to Fignation to uncover the mystery of her parents' disappearance.

The Secret Key (Agatha Oddly, Book 1)

Oddly Normal Book 4

Pretty Weird

Five Full-Color Graphic Novels

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When fourteen-year-old Sam Walsh returns home after three years in the custody of his kidnapper, his older sister Beth and childhood friend Josh must deal with their survivors' guilt, their memories of what really happened the day Sam disappeared, and with the fact that Sam is not the boy they remember, but a troubled teen struggling to re-adapt to normal life.

"Classic tales with modern twists"--Cover.

How to Appear Normal at Social Events is an oddly cheering book of illustrated lists. Largely based on Lord Birthday's popular Instagram account, the book offers excessively absurd, occasionally wise advice on topics ranging from finding your life's purpose to defending yourself against forest clowns. (Hint: Set an oatmeal trap.)

Dramatizes the onset of the AIDS epidemic in New York City, the agonizing fight to get political and social recognition of it's

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problems, and the toll exacted on private lives. 2 acts, 16 scenes, 13 men, 1 woman, 1 setting.

Oddly Normal's adventures in Fignation continue with Rocketball games, broom races and life changing revelations in this original graphic novel! Otis Frampton is a comic book writer, artist and animator. He is the creator of "Oddly Normal" and "ABCDEFGeek" and is one of the artists on the popular web series "How It Should Have Ended."

Back to Normal

Short

The Locker Room

Alabaster Shadows

How to Appear Normal at Social Events

A small collection of poems about nature, emotions, and whatever comes to mind.

Oddly searches for answers which leads her to the school.

David Piper has always been an outsider. His parents think he's gay. The school bully thinks he's a freak. Only his two best friends know the real truth: David wants to be a girl. On the first day at his new school Leo Denton has one goal: to be invisible. Attracting the attention of the most beautiful girl in his class is definitely not part of that plan. When Leo stands up for David in a fight, an unlikely friendship forms. But things are about to get messy. Because at Eden Park School secrets have a funny habit of not staying secret for long , and soon everyone knows that Leo used to be a girl. As David prepares to come out to his family and transition into life as a girl and Leo wrestles with figuring out how to deal with people who try to define him through his history, they find

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in each other the friendship and support they need to navigate life as transgender teens as well as the courage to decide for themselves what normal really means.

The truth about Oddly's mother only raises more questions about her future.

Oddly explores a mad scientist's lair and receives a strange gift that will change her life.

A Different Kind of Normal

Oddly Normal Vol. 2

Oddly Normal Vol. 1

Oddly Normal #1

"The critically acclaimed series is now collected. Oddly Normal is a 10-year old girl with the most unfortunate name and the luck to go with it. The product of a unique mixed-marriage (her mother is a witch and her father is human), Oddly has grown up between cultures and she is the proverbial outsider. On her 10th birthday, her parents mysteriously disappear and she is left in the care of her great Aunt, a citizen of a fantastical place called "Fignation".

Oddly Normal's horrible, terrible, very bad first day of school finally comes to an end.

The middle school has a new locker room and these pubescent boys are about to discover the full effects of hormones and social hierarchy in this unrestrained microcosm.

From acclaimed author Cathy Lamb comes a warm and poignant story about mothers and sons, family and forgiveness--and loving someone enough to let them be true to themselves. . . Jaden Bruxelle knows that life is precious. She sees it in her work as a hospice nurse, a job filled with compassion and humor even on the saddest

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days. And she sees it in Tate, the boy she has raised as her son ever since her sister gave him up at birth. Tate is seventeen, academically brilliant, funny, and loving. He's also a talented basketball player despite having been born with an abnormally large head--something Jaden's mother blames on a family curse. Jaden dismisses that as nonsense, just as she ignores the legends about witches and magic in the family. Over the years, Jaden has focused all her energy on her job and on sheltering Tate from the world. Tate, for his part, just wants to be a regular kid. Through his blog, he's slowly reaching out, finding his voice. He wants to try out for the Varsity basketball team. He wants his mom to focus on her own life for a change, maybe even date again. Jaden knows she needs to let go--of Tate, of her fears and anger, and of the responsibilities she uses as a shield. And through a series of unexpected events and revelations, she's about to learn how. Because as dear as life may be, its only real value comes when we are willing to live it fully, even if that means risking it all. Beautifully written, tender and true, A Different Kind of Normal is a story about embracing love and adventure, and learning to look ahead for the first time. . .

Oddly Normal's adventure in Fignation continues! Collects ODDLY NORMAL #11-15

And Other Essential Wisdom

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Why Ordinary Childhood Behavior Is Mistaken for ADHD, Bipolar Disorder, and Autism Spectrum Disorder

Kid Normal

A New York Times bestseller from President George W. Bush's "most essential advisor" (ABC News). An inside look at the life of Bush's most respected aide and confidante, as she balanced her role as one of the most influential women ever to set foot

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the White House against her role as a wife and mother. "The rule of thumb in any White House is that nobody is indispensable except the president," said The New York Times, "But Karen Hughes has come as close to that description as any recent presidential aide." Ten Minutes from Normal is the often humorous, disarmingly down-to-earth, and politically fascinating journey of her time in Bush's inner circle. As Counselor to the President for his first eighteen months in the White House and as his communications director since he first ran for Governor of Texas in 1994, Hughes was a crucial influence. When he first moved to Washington, Bush told members of the White House staff that he wanted Karen in the room whenever any major decisions were made. Being a journalist, she was fascinated by politics and inspired by people who sought elective office to improve their communities. When she married and became the instant mother of a nine-year-old stepdaughter, she realized her priorities had changed: Family mattered, and she didn't want to live as if it didn't. Thus her life became one of balancing her career ambitions and her deeply felt sense of service and duty with her responsibilities and love for her family. In various Republican campaigns in Texas, she worked from home with her young son, Robert, beside her. She planned the 1990 Republican State Convention from her driveway while Robert played in the dirt at her feet. Karen tried to bring the perspective of a working mom to the White House, often asking the question she first learned as a reporter: "What does this mean to the average person?" Her exhilarating life in Washington was unlike anything she had experienced before, yet the lack of balance between her service to the President and country and her service to her family was a daily struggle. By the spring of 2002, Karen found herself in turmoil. She knew the president needed her, but her family needed her, too. Her son was not happy in Washington; neither was her husband. After much soul-searching, she concluded

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that she could do a better job of serving the president from Texas than of serving her family from Washington. "I love you, Mr. President," she told him, "but I have to move my family back to Texas." She continued to serve Bush from her home in Austin and laughed about the so-called "balance" she found. When she looked at the wall calendar in her kitchen, she found the State of the Union address side by side with her son's orthodontist appointments.

Oddly Normal Vol. 1 Image Comics

Oddly Normal's trip down memory lane comes to an end.

For use in schools and libraries only. Adventures in Fignation continue with Rocketball games, broom races, and life changing revelations.

Oddly Normal's adventures in the fantastic world of Fignation continue! Collects ODDLY NORMAL #6-10.

Oddly Normal #11

Oddly Normal #13

Oddly Normal Volume 4

Soul Mates

Watching the World Change

A series of true stories that are at once relatable, funny, and heart-wrenching, join lauded writer Marissa Miller on a journey of battling imposter syndrome and learning to be proud to stand out.

Acclaimed writer and editor Marissa Miller was born into what you would call a nice Jewish family. But she somehow grew into anything but a Nice Jewish Girl. From openly discussing any and all bodily functions with whoever would listen, to encouraging her peers to join her in undressing in the hallways at school for no reason other than to fight the oppressive institution of modern academia, she was continuously scolded

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*by members of the Jewish community for exploring her identity and pushing the boundaries of what a “nice girl” is allowed to do. To make sense of being the odd one out, she did what any confused teenager would do: she wrote. She wrote poems on MySpace, articles for her school newspaper, extra credit English assignments to compensate for her complete and utter lack of math skills, and eventually, reported pieces for many of the world’s most prestigious media publications. But the transition to a lucrative journalism career didn’t come without its growing pains. Getting anywhere past the school newspaper stage and being asked to provide journalism lectures around the city inspired a sense of panic, dread, and most notably, impostor syndrome—the sense that success is a product of coincidence and luck as opposed to hard work and talent. No fellow journalists she idolized growing up seemed to have had a history of behavior so crude it would make your Rabbi blush. Surely, the Universe was this close to taking everything away from her. And to some extent, it did. In *Pretty Weird*—a series of true stories that are at once relatable, funny, and heart-wrenching—you’ll learn about why, like Miller, you’re worthy of success by virtue of you thinking you’re not, about why there’s no such thing as being “not sick enough” to deserve help, and that living in that liminal space of being too normal to stand out, yet too weird to fit in, is truly where all the magic happens.*

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Strange things happen around Glister Butterworth. A young girl living on her family's English estate, Glister has unusual adventures every day, from the arrival of a teapot haunted by a demanding ghost, a crop of new relatives blooming on the family tree, a stubborn house that walks off its land in a huff, and a trip to Faerieland to find her missing mother. • Perfect for ages 8 and up! • All four Glister stories collected into one new edition! (Glister: The Haunted Teapot, Glister: The Family Tree, Glister: The House Hunt, and Glister: The Faerie Host) Praise for Glister • "The art is simply a delight, perfectly capturing the quirkiness of the world Glister lives in."--Inis Magazine • "An absolutely charming, beautifully drawn series featuring a wonderfully inventive, eccentric and downright cool female heroine. It's great for children, especially young girls, but has equal appeal to any existing fan of Watson's work, or any fan of really great comics..." --Forbidden Planet blog • "What I really appreciate, apart from the immaculate cartooning with its incredibly sturdy architecture, is that the language is far from patronising with a vocabulary that puts most superhero comics to shame..." --Page 45 • "A sweet little tale with masses of quirky detail."--Financial Times

Oddly Normal's parents and house may have vanished off the face of the earth, but things go from bad to weird when her dotty Great Aunt arrives on the

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scene.

A New York Times correspondent shares his financial successes and mishaps, offering an everyman's guide to straightening out your money once and for all. Money management is one of our most practical survival skills—and also one we've convinced ourselves we're either born with or not. In reality, financial planning can be learned, like anything else. Part financial memoir and part research-based guide to attaining lifelong security, This Is the Year I Put My Financial Life in Order is the book that everyone who has never wanted to read a preachy financial guide has been waiting for. John Schwartz and his wife, Jeanne, are pre-retirement workers of an economic class well above the poverty line, but well below the one percent. Sharing his own alternately harrowing and hilarious stories—from his brush with financial ruin and bankruptcy in his thirties to his short-lived budgeted diet of cafeteria french fries and gravy—John will walk you through his own journey to financial literacy, which he admittedly started a bit late. He covers everything from investments to retirement and insurance to wills (at fifty-eight, he didn't have one!), medical directives and more. Whether you're a college grad wanting to start out on the right foot or you're approaching retirement age and still wondering what a 401(K) is, This Is the Year I Put My Financial Life in Order will help you become your own best financial adviser.

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Carter Normandy knows there's something weird about the neighborhood he and his family move into. Maybe it's the physics-defying leak in the basement, or the way all the adults seem to look down on kids like they're scum. With the help of his new friends, Carter discovers a whole other world alongside his seemingly normal community—a world filled with terrifying monsters. A world the adults of the community already know all about. Now it's up to Carter and his friends to keep these monsters from crossing over into our world, or face the dire consequences! A gorgeously illustrated mystery perfect for fans of Gravity Falls with just a hint of Lovecraftian horror.

The Stories Behind the Images of 9/11

Oddly Normal #14

A Novel

The Normal Heart

Overcoming Impostor Syndrome and Other Oddly Empowering Lessons

Sharing his family's own struggles within a culture that is quickly changing, a national correspondent at The New York Times and father of a gay teen provides a thought-provoking guide that offers crucial lessons about helping gay kids and how to cope in a potentially hostile world. 17,500 first printing.

In Underworld Elementary School, a school

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for kids who have died in peculiar ways, Dedbert is the butt of everyone's jokes because he flushed himself down the toilet--until a girl arrives who died in the same way.

Oddly Normal tries to learn more about Mr. Gooseberry and her mother's connection.

A SURVIVAL GUIDE TO GROWING UP SHORT. Part science book, part memoir—a book for everyone concerned about looking (or feeling) different. When veteran journalist John Schwartz took a close look at famous height studies, he made a surprising discovery: being short doesn't have to be a disadvantage! Part advice book, part memoir, and part science primer, this fascinating book explores the marketing, psychology, and mythology behind our obsession with height and delivers a reassuring message to kids of all types that they can walk tall—whatever it is that makes them different. Short is a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

The return of Gooseberry and the arrival of Ragnar & Reggie's father have set in motion a terrible series of events that send Oddly Normal and her friends off on a perilous mission to save someone close to them. Super-heroes, giant monsters, and bad weather all combine to make Oddly

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Normal's time in Fignation a harrowingadventure! Collects ODDLY NORMAL #21-25

Oddly Normal: A Poetry Collection

Oddly Normal, Book 5

Oddly Normal Vol. 3

One Family's Struggle to Help Their Teenage Son Come to Terms with His Sexuality

Glister

Meet thirteen-year-old Agatha Oddly - a bold, determined heroine, and the star of a stylish new detective series.

Walking Tall When You're Not Tall At All

Oddly Normal #2

Oddly Normal #9

Oddly Normal #5

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