

Hank Zipper

Henry Winkler

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The book is about a boy named Hank with a learning disability, he has two friends that he has known since childhood; Hank discovered that his two best friends got accepted to a Gifted and Talented program and would not be attending the same school as him next fall. Hank always had challenges with school but one teacher recognized that he has an extraordinary talent of portraying characters and creating situations that he makes up on the spot and performs flawlessly.

The teacher helped and signed him for a trial out at the professional performing arts school. For the first time in his life, Hank felt very confident in himself and eager to prove himself and others that he can follow his dream and succeed.

This is a great book for second graders and up; it's a very funny book. I love the childhood friendship in this book. It also reminds me that there are teachers that have a positive impact on their students. I can't wait to read more books from these authors.

Hopefully after reading this book, kids will learn to understand more about learning disability or parents become more aware to their children's needs and struggles. Just because a kid has a learning disability doesn't mean that they are lazy and not intelligent. Understanding the basic facts will enable you to help someone you know to be a well-informed and effective advocate.

Recommended Titles:

The Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster, by James Preller

Secret Identity (Shredderman, #1), by Wendelin Van Draanen

Bad Kitty for President, by Nick Bruel