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**The ABC's of Ability:**  
*an ABC book about the lives  
of adults with disabilities*

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# The ABC's of Ability: an ABC book about the lives of adults with disabilities

From the foreword, by Annabel Lyon, prize winning author of *The Golden Mean* and the children's novel *Encore Edie*:

"Who should read this book? I'd recommend it to anyone who wants to learn more about the life of someone in their community or family living with a disability. I look forward to sharing it with my children, as a tool to teach them about their uncle's life."

Consultant Susan Powell and photographer Larry Wells, both master educators, gathered together a team of adults with developmental disabilities to create a labour of love - an ABC primer that reflects their experiences of work, play and contribution, with their families, friends and co-workers. Photographed in their own homes and neighbourhoods, this singular little book reflects the contemporary experience, joys and challenges of people with disabilities living in the community.

In plain language for both children and new literacy learners the book is a clear and celebratory message to the communities they belong to about their lives. It will be enjoyed by children with special needs, their families, friends and those who support them.

## FROM "OUR PROCESS":

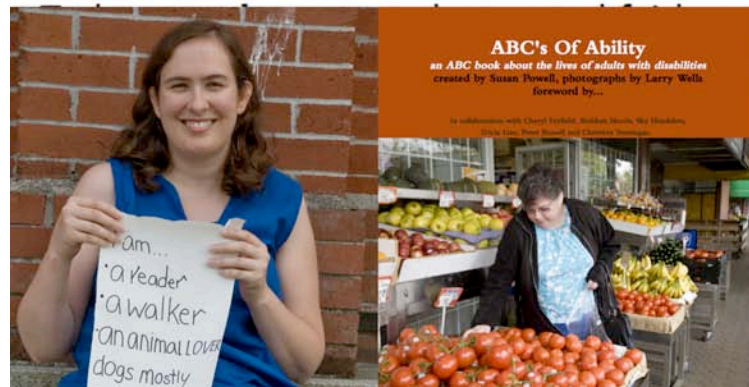
"The project set out to create a children's book . . . However, it also demonstrated how competent adults with disabilities are, and their ability to engage in critical thinking tasks. And very importantly the self-advocates tell us how they see themselves, their wishes for themselves and their valuable contributions to community."

**Includes "Keep Reading and Writing Notes" and suggestions for ways to use the book with learners.**

"I have found another inspiring ABC book to add to my collection of favourites. I'll be using this book as a springboard to activities focused on self-esteem and social responsibility. I am very excited about sharing this book with my students and the other teachers at my school."  
*Sharon Baatz, B Ed (SpEd), Kindergarten Teacher*



**Ee is for equal**



**Zz is for zest**

Pow! Wam! We had a good time creating this alphabet book. We hope it lets you see and hear all the **zest** we have for life.



**Dd is for dream**

Just like you, we **dream** of winning the lottery, living in our dream home, traveling and having a family.