

MY BABY RIDES THE SHORT BUS

The Unabashedly Human Experience of Raising Kids With Disabilities

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In lives where there's a new diagnosis or drama every day, the stories in *My Baby Rides the Short Bus* will provide parents of kids with "special needs" a chuckle, a rock to stand on, and a moment of reality held far enough from the heart to see clearly. This anthology features works by "alternative" parents who have attempted to move away from mainstream thought (or lack thereof) and carefully consider the implications of their parenting while raising children with disabilities.

From professional writers to novice storytellers, this book of experiences from parents at the fringe of the fringes is a partial antidote to the stories that misrepresent, ridicule, and objectify disabled kids and their parents. *My Baby Rides the Short Bus* includes new writing from Robert Rummel-Hudson (*Schuyler's Monster*), Ayun Halliday (*The Big Rumpus*), Kerry Cohen (*Loose Girl*) and an introduction by Lisa Carver (*Drugs are Nice*), and over 30 other essays.

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"*My Baby Rides the Short Bus* is ground-breaking book...a collection of beautifully written stories, strange and familiar, incredibly open and well articulated, complicated and diverse: about human rights and human emotions. Wise, non-conformist, and absolutely punk rock!"

—China Martens, author of *The Future Generation: The Zine-Book for Subculture Parents, Kids, Friends and Others*



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