



Babyface: A Story of Heart and Bones

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In the hourless depths of the night...I grieved for the dreambaby who had died and loved the one who had been born.

In *Babyface: A Story of Heart and Bones*, Jeanne McDermott tells of her life with her second son, Nathaniel, born at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital with Apert syndrome, a rare craniofacial condition. McDermott, who has written for *Smithsonian*, *Horticulture* and *The Wall Street Journal*, writes with scientific metaphor in describing the aspects surrounding his life: "lost in a seaweed of tubes" and "mission control equipment."

The book discusses fundamental beliefs about difference and beauty; it also provides insight and inspiration to families.

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