

Ten Unusual Features of Lulu McDunn

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For any child who has ever felt different or out of place, Lulu McDunn can help put things in perspective. In this “glass half-full” story, Lulu struggles with a number of bizarre physical characteristics. While most of us are given only one thumb, Lulu has six on each hand—and no fingers. She also has five navels, four knobs on her knees, and a family of nesting birds in her hair. Born into such misfortune as this, even the most optimistic would feel cheated out of a normal life. Lulu, however, has learned to appreciate each flaw as a gift of individuality. She even has discovered little advantages along the way. Her thumbs, for example, are great for opening jars. Vibrant, cartoonish illustrations complement the author’s stay-on-the-sunny-side message in a fun and interesting way. Told in a familiar Dr. Seuss-like rhyme and meter, parents will enjoy reading this to their children. For ages three to seven.

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