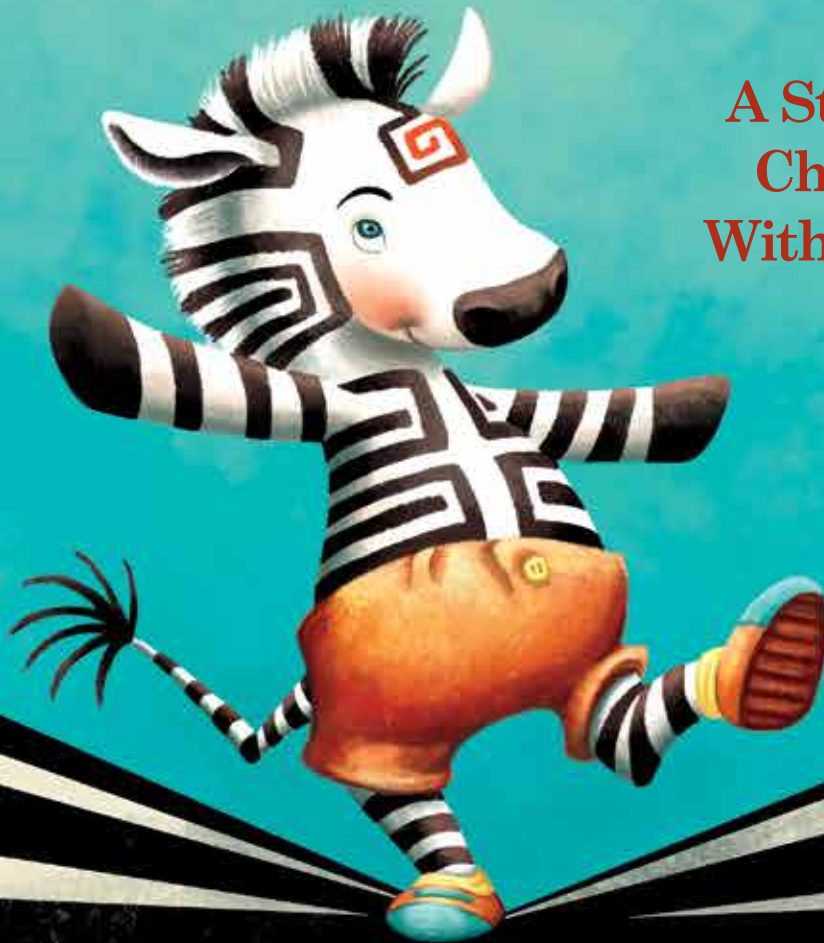


All My Stripes

A Story for
Children
With Autism



by SHAINA RUDOLPH and DANIELLE ROYER

illustrated by JENNIFER ZIVOIN

Advance Praise for *All My Stripes*



“I’ve always felt that the teachers among us are real-life superheroes. And one important lesson they teach is that we should embrace the things that make each of us different and unique—whether it’s having been bitten by a radioactive spider, turning green from gamma rays, or being born a zebra with a red autism stripe!

To the world at large, autism is still a mystery. That mystery vanishes as we lose our hearts to that wonderful, colorfully-striped zebra in a story so compelling you’ll remember it always.

Reading specialist Shaina Rudolph and teacher Danielle Royer in their first children’s book, lavishly illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin, bring this important lesson home not only to kids with autism and their siblings and classmates, but also to the world at large to whom autism is yet a mystery.

It teaches us to embrace not only who we are, but also to embrace the people around us who are brilliantly different thanks to their own amazing, colorful stripes.”

—Stan Lee

Chairman emeritus of Marvel Comics and chairman of POW! Entertainment, co-creator of Spider-Man, the X-Men, the Fantastic Four, Iron Man, and the Hulk



“Shaina Rudolph and Danielle Royer have done a magnificent job shedding light on some of the hardships a child with autism goes through. Beyond this, they’ve done an equally impressive job detailing how unique, beautiful, and caring these children are. Zane is a hero in my eyes, just like each and every child out there dealing with autism. Additionally, Zane’s Mama is a wonderful role model for parents and teachers and exemplifies a favorite quote of mine: ‘With great love, all things are possible.’”

—**Russell Simmons**

Philanthropist and founder of Def Jam Recordings

“*All My Stripes* is a wonderful book that will delight children and parents alike. Entertaining, enjoyable, and enlightening.”

—**Bill Paxton**

Emmy-nominated actor and director

“As the parent of a 27-year-old child with autism, I only wish *All My Stripes* had been around when my daughter was at a young age as it would have been yet another useful tool for us as parents, for her as a child, and for the rest of the world that she is now a part of.”

—**Joe Mantegna**

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To David, Mom, Dad, and all those with their own unique stripes who helped me find mine. As Oscar Wilde said: “Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”—*SR*

For my brothers and students, my truest inspirations.—*DR*

To my family, for your love and support of my artistic stripe—*JZ*



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One in 68 children is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. This means that just about everyone knows someone who is autistic.

Children with autism often feel different from their peers and don’t always understand why. *All My Stripes* is the story of Zane, a young zebra with autism, who fears that his differences make him stand out from other children. With careful guidance from his mother, Zane learns that autism is only one of many qualities that make him special. *All My Stripes* is an important story because it teaches us that sometimes all it takes is a good look in the mirror to remember that each of us has important and unique gifts to offer the world.

All My Stripes is an excellent teaching tool for parents and educators who can help children understand that while their peers with autism may act differently, they still have plenty to offer. Children who read *All My Stripes* will learn to empathize with Zane and will take important lessons from this story back to their classrooms, making school a more welcoming place for everyone.

Alison Singer
President, Autism Science Foundation



Zane ran home as fast
as he could.

“Nobody gets me, Mama!”

Mama hugged Zane.
He began to tell her
about his bad day.

“This morning in art class, the teacher started a hoof-painting project. I didn’t want to get paint on my hooves, so the teacher gave me a paintbrush. All the other zebras noticed and were making fun of me because they didn’t understand why I wouldn’t use my hooves.”



Mama said, "I bet that made you feel different from the rest of the group."

Zane replied, "It did, but paint is just too weird to touch."



During math class, the fire alarm blared loudly. While the children in my class were getting in line quietly, I hid under the desk screaming and covering my ears. The class left without me, and I was scared until the firefighters found me."

