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Description:

From Publishers Weekly The monster in this heartfelt memoir is polymicrogyria, an extremely rare brain malformation that, in the case of Rummel-Hudson's daughter Schuyler, has completely impaired her ability to speak. During her first three years, as her parents seek to find out what hidden monster is causing her wordlessness, they endure two years of questions and tests and at least one unsatisfactory diagnosis. But while Rummel-Hudson initially rages at God for giving

Schuyler a life that would never ever be what we'd imagined it to be, his depiction of her next four years becomes a study not only in Schuyler's vivacious and resilient personality, but also in the redeeming power of understanding and a stupid blind father's love. As he describes how Schuyler eagerly takes to various forms of communication, such as basic sign language and an alternative and augmentative communication device that provides whole words she can type to express her thoughts, Rummel-Hudson effectively and compassionately shows how the gentle strangeness about her, like a visitor from some realm where no one spoke but everyone laughed, leads him to understand that she was the one teaching me how to make my way in this new world. (Feb.)
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Review Advance praise for Schuyler's Monster:

"A gripping explication, shot through with equal parts horror and hope, of how parenthood can turn ordinary people into passionate advocates." -Neal Pollack, author of *Alternadad*

"Robert Rummel-Hudson is brave enough to reveal the damage the discovery of his child's condition did to his marriage and to his own sense of self. He manages to repair some of the damage through close involvement with Schuyler and vigorous campaigning on her behalf. His memoir is honest, often painful and deeply personal." -Charlotte Moore, author of *George & Sam*

"The book is engaging and honest--I'm sure it will help many parents who are struggling to find the most loving way to help their children who have 'issues.'" -Dana Buchman, designer, author of *A Special Education*

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