

Kookabuk Shares His Shovel *The Kooky Adventures of my Friend Kookabuk*

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About the USF Author

Kevin Howard graduated twice from the University of South Florida, receiving both a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Education. Kevin has also earned a Certificate of Supervisory Management from Florida State University. He spent the first 14 years of his early professional life in private industry, and is now approaching his 20th year as a public school teacher, trainer, and coach. While his resume is packed with a wealth of experience and education, Kevin confesses that his most rewarding experience has come from fatherhood. His most valuable education has come from being the parent to a child with Autism.

Kevin created and co-authored *The Kooky Adventures of My Friend Kookabuk* to share the knowledge he gained raising his son. He found success using social stories to help his son through the daily challenges of childhood. The Kookabuk series is a collection of social stories to help children and families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) overcome similar challenges. Kevin wants these books to be a source of information, inspiration, and guidance, as well as, being fun educational lessons for everyone.

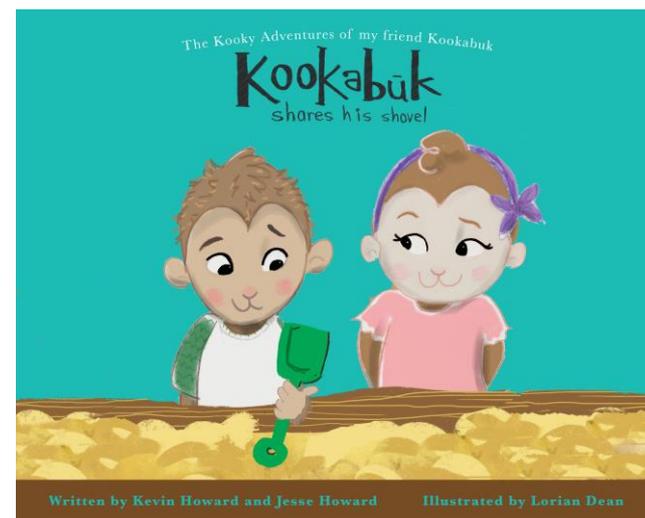


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About the Book

In this story, Emily (a neurotypical child) helps Kookabuk (a child with ASD) learn how to share one of his most favored possessions. Most children are inherently very protective of their possessions. While Kookabuk's reluctance to share his green shovel is very typical, his reaction is elevated and elongated. Fearful that Emily is confused and afraid to play with her son, Kookabuk's mom steps-in to guide their social interaction.

Kookabuk Shares His Shovel is the first installment in a series of thoughtfully designed picture books meant to be entertaining guides for parents/caregivers and teachers to help any child approach new experiences and challenges in a positive and enriching way. Please visit www.kookabuk.com where you can find additional information about this much needed book series.



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