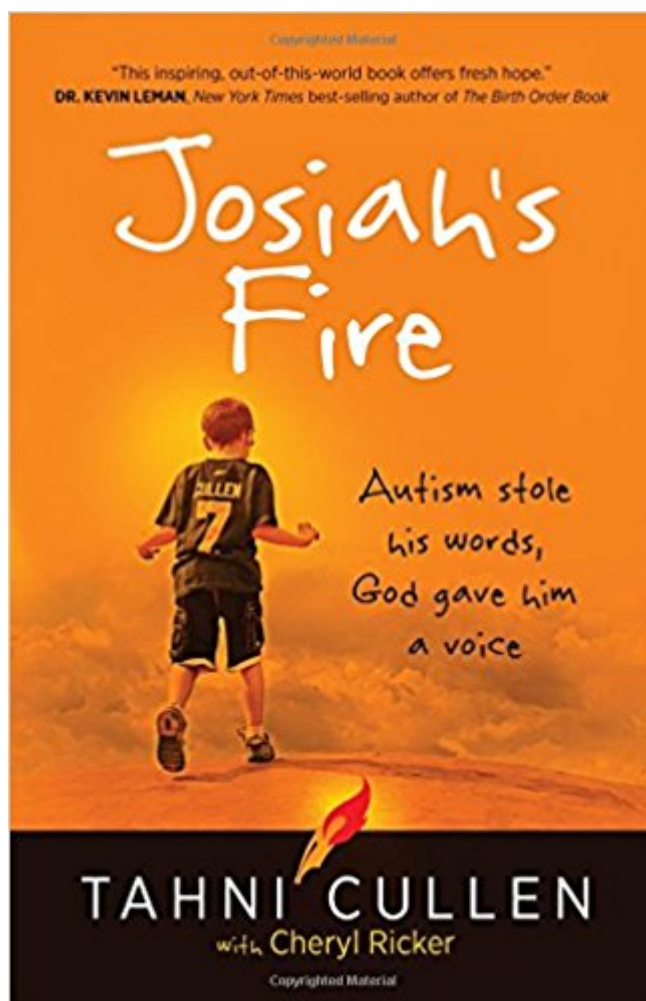


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Josiah's Fire: Autism Stole His Words, God Gave Him A Voice



Synopsis

Where is hope when there is no hope? **Fire** First-time parents Joe and Tahni Cullen were thrust into the confusing world of autism when their toddler, Josiah, suddenly lost his ability to speak, play, and socialize. The diagnosis: Autism Spectrum Disorder. In their attempts to see Josiah recover and regain speech, the Cullens underwent overwhelming physical, emotional, and financial struggles. While other kids around him improved, Josiah only got worse. Five years later, Josiah, who had not been formally taught to read or write, suddenly began to type on his iPad profound paragraphs about God, science, history, business, music, strangers, and heaven. Josiah's eye-opening visions, heavenly encounters, and supernatural experiences forced his family out of their comfort zone and predictable theology, catapulting them into a mind-blowing love-encounter with Jesus. Find hope in hardship. Catch a fresh glimpse of heaven. Learn to hear and trust God's voice. Identify the roles of Father, Son, and Spirit. Be aware of the workings of angels, and much more! Follow a trail of truth into Josiah's mysterious world, and see why his family and friends can no longer stay silent.

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Families are struggling. This out-of-this-world book offers fresh hope. Dr. Kevin Leman, New York Times best-selling author of *The Birth Order Book* **Fire** is a must-read. You will be encouraged, compelled, and deeply moved to see God's love and power in and through little Josiah. As you ponder this young autistic boy's amazing visitations and revelations, heavenly dimensions and mysteries of the kingdom of God will be

revealed to you. **Patricia King**, author, television host, and founder of Patricia King Ministries, www.patriciaking.com In the mystery and majesty of God, He divinely places His glory in clay pots. Indeed, His grace is sufficient and even magnified in our weaknesses. Occasionally, it seems the Lord takes extra efforts to display His wonders. Such is the case in the life of young Josiah. This precious pure vessel is a steward of a mighty gift from the Holy Spirit. Get ready because the authentic testimonies in this mind-blowing book will leave you shocked, stunned, and hungry for more of God. **Dr. James W. Goll**, founder of God Encounters, Life Language trainer, and international best-selling author **Have you ever wondered if God, heaven, and angels are actually real? If so, you will enjoy Josiah's Fire**, a fascinating true story of a little boy caught in the grip of autism. Everything comes crashing down on the Cullen family until Josiah learns to communicate. Although Josiah is limited in his physical body by autism, his writings impact the world. Get ready to encounter a sign and a wonder as you learn God's ways through the eyes and ears of this young messenger! **Brian and Candice Simmons**, The Passion Translation project **Don't miss this profound book!** Josiah's Fire is a captivating true account of a family that encountered faith, hope, and a vision of the heavenlies through an extraordinary journey with their autistic son. This book is not only for families of children with disabilities it's a dramatic, spellbinding story that will increase your desire to draw closer to God and hear his voice, and it will deepen your longing for heaven. **Carol Kent**, internationally acclaimed speaker and award-winning author of *When I Lay My Isaac Down* **Josiah's Fire** is one of those books you can't put down. A family faces a profound challenge, but a small child leads the way in a beautiful, hope-filled journey to a new way of living and looking at faith, love, and the way the universe just might really work (if we could only see the world as Josiah does). Josiah is an unlikely poet and prophet, and I'm certain you'll fall in love with him as I did. **Susy Flory**, New York Times author or coauthor of eleven books, including the runaway bestseller, *Thunder Dog* **Josiah's Fire** opened a whole new world of thinking to me, making me ponder how God moves and communicates to those who have ears to hear. I found myself rapt with attention as I moved from page to page, often on the verge of tears, often on the verge of laughing out loud. Why on the verge? Because what I read awed me to the degree that it was near impossible to cry or laugh. This excellently written book will give hope to many. Truly a story that had to be told. **Mike Shreve**, pastor, evangelist, and bestselling author of *65 Promises from God for Your Child* and *In Search of the True Light* **Josiah's Fire** is the breath of heaven released through one boy on earth. Josiah's amazing supernatural

journey is filled with life-altering God-encounters and angelic visitations. The Father chose Josiah as an emissary to share revelation directly from the throne. He shares many truths about heaven and the nature of the triune God. Through Josiah's parents' struggle with their son's autistic personality, God reveals his love and concern for all people, no matter what handicaps or difficulties they face. Full of hope and love, these pages will empower you to live from victory to victory. Joan Hunter, author and evangelist, www.joanhunter.org

Josiah's Fire is informative, compelling, and poignant, immediately drawing readers into a wild, fascinating ride with the Cullen family. Biblical truth meets heartfelt joy when little Josiah sees and hears in a realm that's unavailable to most of us. This is one of the most inspiring true stories I have come across in a very long time. Kathi Macias, speaker and award-winning author of more than fifty books, www.kathimacias.com

What this young autistic boy teaches us about heaven and earth is mind-boggling and fascinating as it lifts the veil between two worlds. Tahni Cullen will never get over the diagnosis that changed her family forever, but through the devastation, a miracle is born. Josiah gives his mom, and all the rest of us, a glimpse into that place where pain-filled people can laugh again. Cheryl Ricker, a masterful storyteller of true stories, coauthors this intriguing tale of supernatural touches and crazy love. Brace yourself: Josiah's Fire will grip you with holy flames from the first few words. Anita Agers Brooks, CPT, CCS, CLTF, common trauma expert, international speaker, and award-winning author of *Getting through What You Can't Get Over*. Josiah's Fire. Total wonderment. It is otherworldly, utterly remarkable, nearly unbelievable. And yet, I humbly and reverently believe in a God who can do anything, with anyone, at any time, and in any way he sees fit. Few are graced with gifts as special as have been given to this precious boy. I can't help but stand in awe of the Good Gift-Giver himself. To God be the glory. Great things he is doing through this amazing family's must-read story. Cheri Keaggy, Dove Award-winning recording artist, songwriter, speaker, blogger, www.cherikeaggy.com

I've learned that the ones who society considers least, God often uses most. And adversity often puts us on God's varsity. Josiah is no exception. This remarkable lad has autism, but autism doesn't have him! There's no limit to what God can do with a totally surrendered life. This powerful book will stretch and propel you on your journey with Jesus. Buy one for yourself and ten to give away! Your friends will thank you for it. Frank Shelton, author, Fox News contributor, Washington, DC field representative for My Hope with Billy Graham and the Franklin Graham Decision America Tour

Scripture states we must become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven. Josiah's Fire is a story of redemption, hope, and

God's big love speaking through a speechless little boy with autism. Young Josiah has a spiritual depth unmatched by many adults, and a knowledge of heaven not found in books. It's also a story of a mother's love, persistence, and sacrifice to help the world hear words her son cannot vocalize. Brilliant writing turns this true story into a page-turning, awe-inspiring glimpse into a gifted mind and a miracle-performing God. You'll want to read this book even if you don't know about autism but want to know more about heaven.

œ Janet Thompson, founder of Woman to Woman Mentoring, speaker, freelance editor, and author of eighteen books, including *Forsaken God? Remembering the Goodness of God Our Culture Has Forgotten* • Josiah's Fire is an amazing experience! Through a surprising and unusual communication method, a young boy struggling with severe autism opens a world of stunning intelligence, mysterious insights and heaven. The descriptions of angelic activity are extremely convincing. But more than that, you'll view God through new eyes. Josiah will hold you spellbound with his beyond-captivating experiences in heaven that are both revelatory and revolutionary. Very few books have held me captive, making me sacrifice sleep and time but this book did! Read it and you'll find yourself more empowered to joyfully participate with heaven on earth.

œ Mark Hendrickson, Dwelling Place Ministries, author of *Supernatural Provision* I am a journalist and a skeptic and can spot a fake a mile away. Believe me, Josiah Cullen is no fake. Without knowing a thing about me, Josiah wrote twenty-three details of my life that no one could have possibly known except through the Spirit of God. This ten-year-old, non-verbal autistic boy gave me messages that changed my life, always bringing me back to Jesus and the Word of God. Josiah's Fire is life changing from start to finish and had me in tears before I finished.

œ Max Davis, author of more than thirty books, including *DeadDog Like Me* and *When Jesus Was a Green-Eyed Brunette* • As Josiah's former ABA therapist, I had the pleasure of witnessing his hard work and courage. After Josiah's communication breakthrough, Tahni and I discussed the validity of his statements, and Josiah and I typed letters back and forth about his challenges, desires, and fears. Josiah is a great example of how a soul lies beyond the physical, and why it is so vital to treat all children with equity and worth. These children have abilities that can revolutionize people who are open to receive their gifted messages. Josiah's voice opens doors to spiritual understanding, and I am excited for him to share it with the world.

œ Kimberly Zeszutek, MA, NCC, LPC, intern, Filtering Light Counseling in Portland, Oregon

TAHNI CULLEN is a people-lover, blogger, and conference speaker who brings a powerful

message of hope and restoration. Tahni worked for thirteen years at a multi-campus church in the Twin Cities of Minnesota, serving in communication arts and as a ministry director. She is a freelance marketer and also performs in an original live variety show for women's events. Tahni and her producer husband, Joe, have created an award-winning documentary called *Surprised by Autism*. They live with their son, Josiah, in Saint Paul, where they enjoy exploring Minnesota's museums and destinations. **CHERYL RICKER** is an author, blogger, speaker, and poet who enjoys all things artsy. She writes supernatural true-life stories that ignite people's passion to pursue God. Her first book of this genre, *Rush of Heaven: One Woman's Miraculous Encounter with Jesus*, reveals that with God, all things are possible. Cheryl studied creative writing at York University in Toronto, Ontario, and theology at Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas. When Cheryl is not writing books, painting with watercolors, or sharing her faith, she loves having heart-to-heart conversations with her husband and two sons at their home in southeast Minnesota.

Wow. Just wow. This book truly blew my mind. This little guy's wisdom can come from nowhere but God. I could not put this book down and I regret not buying a paper copy, I downloaded it on my Kindle. I would love to borrow it out to every one I know. I think I will be buying the actual book just for this purpose. This little boy who cannot speak verbal words delivers messages that are not explainable other than coming from above. I have gained more insight about heaven and how God, Jesus and Holy Spirit work together than I ever learned in church. God is not a silent God and he speaks truth through this little boy.

My grandson was in a car accident and described going up, up, up to a school in heaven just as Josiah describes it. The Lord does send messengers to us for encouragement ... to help us wait in faith and in hope for our Savior to return. This book is a miracle! It's worth re-reading and studying until the message from God via this amazing young man, Josiah, really sinks in.

I read the whole thing--absolutely loved it. I have already lent it to a bunch of people who have read it and are so thankful. It is amazing what this family went through. But their suffering was not in vain. The entire family has been drawn closer to God and I am sure they would not trade anything for their precious son or his intimate relationship with God the Father, Jesus the Son and Holy Spirit. Have some tissues nearby and be prepared to cry--it is that powerful. I think this book makes an excellent gift. Especially if you have a friend who needs strengthening to persevere through the

waiting time of life--they need this book. Family members, friends and those who work with autistic children or children on the autistic spectrum need to read this. Counselors, children's pastors, youth pastors, professionals and teachers need to read this. I have a MA in Mental Health Counseling and this story highlights the real-life struggles and victories of a real family. I am also a dedicated Christ-follower and I have read the Bible all the way through enough times to know that everything in this book carries the heart of Father God and I completely agree with the things revealed in these pages. This book is not for the religious, however. It is not for the judgmental. It is not for those whose box is too small to comprehend the God of the impossible is still working miracles and still speaking today. This is a book of miracles. It is about the Jesus who is alive and still loves children today. It will blow your socks off and in a good way. The only way to find out is to read it for yourself. Full Disclosure: I had to buy this book, it was not a gift, nor did I receive any discount for writing this review, nor do I know the family nor have I ever met them. This is just my honest feedback. Thank you.

This is a wonderful book for anyone who has an autistic person in his life. Josiah has a wonderful connection to Jesus and Josiah is not hesitant to share what he has learned about heaven. He was diagnosed with autism at age 22 months and stopped speaking and became withdrawn, but his mother found an iPad specifically for autistic children, and he soon learned to communicate using the iPad. He explains how hard it is to be trapped in a body that will not do what he wants it to do. I sincerely hope that a sequel to this book will be coming out soon.

Rock your world, then you are on a slippery slope. I pray that His love For YOU will become apparent through this book. God sees you and He loves you. I do not know God's purposes but can only wonder if Josiah would have heard God so clearly if he was distracted by interacting with others. Also most of these words as everyday conversations would have been impactful, but soon forgotten. Josiah having to write them down has preserved so many things that would never have been brought light. Josiah is a huge voice for God.

Loved this book! This the most incredible story. I have read a lot of near death experience books with descriptions of Heaven but never an account from a boy who has not had a near death experience. The insights and wisdom Josiah has can only be from the Lord. There is no other explanation. I plan on giving copies of this book to my family and friends. Josiah's words are so comforting and remind me that the Lord is ALWAYS with me and I can relax in His love and trust

Him in everything. I was also reminded that prayers are heard and answered and important! This is a must read!

Josiah doesn't just think outside the box, he lives outside the box. His relationship with God and his family surpass our imagination and are more real than we "normal" people allow ourselves to go.

I heard the author interview on a replay of "Connecting Faith with Jill Bender." Jill and Tahni used to be coworkers, so she knows that this is the story of a real family, nothing made up, nothing weird about them. Josiah's story, how he is allowed to see and know things that we haven't, reminds me of the apostle Paul, who was given a thorn in the flesh, lest he be exalted above measure because of the revelations he was given. Paul alludes to a man he knows who was allowed to see heaven, and of course this could have been him. Anyway, compared with scripture, nothing Josiah shares contradicts scripture, just opens it in ways that thrill your heart to who our Lord really is, and we can catch the edge of things that he has prepared for those that love him. I really needed this book right now, and the Lord knew that. I'm so grateful.

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