



“bad sheep”

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Alabama mother of special needs son writes book to help children name their emotions Huntsville, Alabama, March, 2018

“I just wanted to understand my son.”

Alabama native, Autumn Mott Calvert, learned of her son’s developmental delay when he was 18 months old. At 5 years old, he was diagnosed with autism.

“I have learned much about autism and my son. He is a bright light. Yes. The challenges are steep, but the joy he brings to all of those around him astounds me.”

Autumn awoke one morning with the idea of “Bad Sheep”. She quickly contacted David Hayward, illustrator, and began work on her first published work.

“A large obstacle for Asher was his inability to communicate. By sitting through years of speech therapy with him, I’ve picked up on a few tricks. This book is a culmination of learning from the experts and the desire to help other parents. I wish I had this book years ago.”

Born in Thomasville, Alabama, Autumn graduated from The University of Alabama with a degree in Human Development/Family Studies. She spent most of her 20’s in music, releasing 2 albums, one of which was recorded in the legendary FAME studio in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

After moving to Huntsville, Autumn met and married Steve Calvert. In 2009, they welcomed their son, Asher into the world.

Autumn is a writer, photographer and musician. She spends her time with her husband, son, and 2 dogs.

“Bad Sheep” is a story about 4 sheep who play a game of rhymes until one little sheep gets a tricky idea, and they all have a good laugh.

The book is funny, simple, colorful, and offers a “How do you feel?” visual aid on the inside back cover.

Though inspired by Autumn’s experiences with her son diagnosed autistic, “bad sheep” is great for any child under the age of 6!



My daughter hates reading. Dyslexia makes it hard for her. It wasn't until she read "bad sheep" that I saw her excited about reading! She reads it 3-5 times a day, and even took it to school to read to her teacher!



Julie, Mother of 5 year old



about the book

welcome to the world of a friendly flock of sheep
as they play a game of rhymes.

“Bad Sheep” is a children’s book designed to help children learn to name their emotions. Naming emotions is the first big step in the process of learning to control them.



“Bad Sheep” will be an asset to any parent, teacher, or loved one. All children deserve the gift of learning to control their emotions. This book will give them a leg up by helping them learn to name them! Enjoy learning and laughing with “bad sheep”!

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*My son made me promise to read this book
to him 2 times before bed every night.*

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Kim, Mother of 5 year old



product specs

TITLE: Bad Sheep

AUTHOR: Autumn Mott Calvert

ILLUSTRATOR: David Hayward

SIZE: 8.5 X 8.5 PAGE COUNT : 20

GENRE : Children’s Literature – Pre-K

RETAIL PRICE : Board Book – \$14.95

Paperback – \$7.95

ISBN Boardbook : 978-0-9996205-0-2

ISBN Paperback : 978-0-9996205-2-6





Both of my children think this book is hilarious! They ask me to read it all of the time!



Jen, Mother of 7 and 5 year old



*about
the author*

Autumn is a graduate from The University of Alabama with a degree in Human Development/Family Studies.

As an artist, Autumn spent much of her 20's focusing on songwriting. This led to 2 albums. She also spent many years as a photographer. However, her love of writing won the day.

"Writing is my outlet. It sets my imagination free, and it is my place of comfort."

Autumn is the wife to a wonderful husband, Steve Calvert, and the mother to a fantastic little boy, Asher.

Asher was diagnosed autistic many years ago. Since then, Autumn has worked to learn as much about autism, therapy, and her son as she can.

"Asher is in every children's book I write. In 'bad sheep,' he is the tricky bad sheep. He teaches me ,and I teach him. What he needs to know to grow up to be a great member of this world, every child needs to know. I work to convey deep concepts in silly and simple ways. Besides, life is fun and simple. We are the ones who make it complicated. We all need to see life more like a child: fresh, exciting, and worthy of love and laughter."

You can find her work at www.autumncalvert.com



*about
the
illustrator*

David Hayward has a Masters in Theological Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, as well as a Diploma in Religious Studies and Ministry from McGill University in Montreal.

In 2010, David left the professional paid clergy after almost 30 years of ministry.

Since then, he has been a prolific cartoonist, artist, and writer, publishing 7 books and numerous paintings and cartoons. David is also an online facilitator for those struggling with spirituality.

David started a blog called "nakedpastor" in 2006, and initiated his public undressing of religion, religious community and spirituality through his writings, art and cartoons.

David's art, cartoons, writings, and books have found their way all around the world.

David lives with his wife, Lisa (an Alabama native), on the beautiful Kennebecasis River near Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. They have 3 grown children, and a dog, Sophie

You can find his work at www.nakedpastor.com



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This book is hilarious! The whole family loves reading this book together!



Becca, mother of 6 and 3 year old

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Flyer for Book Signing



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If you are interested in hosting a book signing,
a book reading,
or interviewing Autumn contact:



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*My children have used the "How do you feel"
chart to describe themselves. One is always confused
and the other is always cool.. We LOVE this book!*



Cristine, Mother of 8 and 5 year old

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