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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

As a 12-year-old grapples with her two ambitions: to cure her developmentally delayed twin brother and to host her own TV show. Her quirky, witty diary offers a "poignant and clever take on everyday life," said PW's starred review. Ages 9-12. (Mar.)

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From School Library Journal

Grade 4-6. Trudy Walker would like to have her own TV program and find a cure for her developmentally delayed twin, Eddie. She is trying to deal with her mother's dates and worrying about getting Billy Meier to like her. Most of all, she feels guilty for being "normal" and blames herself for Eddie's condition. She tells her story through an electronic journal, though the high-tech angle loses something when put between the covers of a book. Eddie's computer-generated pictures appear throughout. Trudy plays with different fonts and occasionally adds graphics of her own. Unfortunately, the quirkiness quickly wears thin. In her attempt to get her own television show, Trudy enters her video about Eddie in a local public-access station's contest. Naturally, she wins, allowing her to preach about her brother and others like him to a wide audience. She is a loving and protective sister, though she is not above using Eddie for entertainment value herself. Perhaps her best moment comes when she realizes that she will mature, but Eddie never will. It's touching without being too sloppy. The most overdone element is her on-line chats with deede, who is secretly Trudy's mother.

This is a case of the gimmick and message getting in the way of the story. In addition, though none of the other characters ever achieves any depth, Trudy's voice at least is, well, true. A slice of life with a sermon running through it. Patricia A. Dollisch, DeKalb County Public Library, Decatur, GA

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From [Booklist](#)

Gr. 5<sup>+</sup>-7. In this fast and funny first-person novel, 12-year-old Tru tries to figure out how to achieve her goals to have her own TV show and to help her twin brother, Eddie, who is developmentally disabled after not getting enough oxygen at birth. The goals come together when Tru decides to videotape a day in Eddie's life, she wins a local cable contest, and her tape gets an airing on TV. Tashjian takes full advantage of format (computer symbols, bold letters, pages of lists and questions) to enhance the nonstop story. But there are plenty of serious moments as well, especially when Eddie looks in a mirror and cries to his sister that he doesn't want to be different. The story is a good mix of well-handled subject matter and reader appeal. Pair it with Ilene Cooper's *Buddy Love, Now on Video* (1995) for another book about a kid looking at his family through a video lens. Sally Estes

## **Users Review**

**From reader reviews:**

**Edward McCain:**

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