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## **DEDICATION**

For Chris, my inspiration.

## **THE POPPING WHEELIES STORY**

My son, Chris, was a great kid. He was funny, happy, imaginative and friendly. He was and is my inspiration. He also lived with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and used a wheelchair since he was six years old. Following Chris's last year at MDA Camp, we were shopping at a local store for stickers to put in his scrapbook. The more we looked, the more we realized that we weren't seeing any images of fun loving children with special needs.

That moment in the store was the birth of Popping Wheelies. I started drawing stickers when we got home, and both of us started imagining. Kids in wheelchairs were our starting point, and eventually our collection blossomed into kids with various physical differences, as well as children who appear typical. Over the years we tried to include every activity that children of all abilities enjoy.

I know that parents want to encourage their children and that kids love to see pictures of children who look like themselves. Tie these two truths together with a little love, faith, understanding, and joy and you will understand why I continue to draw for kids like Chris. I hope that everyone will find something special in my work for the children in their lives.

—Sue Nuenke



## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Sue Nuenke grew up in Portland, Oregon as the youngest daughter in a family of six children. She attended Oregon State University and majored in Elementary Education. While life interrupted her college career, a series of moves across the United States and abroad formed and defined her early adult life. Her son, Chris, entered her life in 1985 through the miracle of adoption. Sue loved being a stay at home mom and caring for Chris until the time of his passing in 2011 from complications due to Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

She has also worked as a substitute instructional aide assisting children with special needs. Her affection for and connection to this population motivates her to continue creating Popping Wheelies picture books, coloring pages, stickers, and puzzles. She hopes that her work blesses their lives.

Sue currently resides in Ohio with her husband, Jim.



**THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:**

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**Do you like surprises?**

**Yes, I do.**

**So do I!**

**Friends are important,  
both old ones and new.**

**Each is a gift  
and you are one too!**

**Do you like bubbles?**

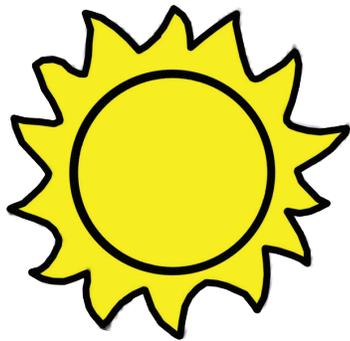
**Yes, I do.**

**I do too!**

**Our fun begins with  
bubbles and rings.**

**Let's find out together  
what each new day brings.**





**Do you like ice cream?**

**Yes, I do.**

**So do I!**

**On hot summer days  
under the sun,**

**sharing a treat  
is triple the fun.**

**Do you like the beach?**

**Yes, I do.**

**I do too!**

**Making a splash  
or strolling along,**

**we share with each other  
because we belong.**





**Do you like football?**

**Yes, I do.**

**So do I!**

**Teamwork is surely  
the best way to go.**

**We'll win this game!**

**I'll catch if you'll throw.**

**Do you like cheerleading?**

**Yes, I do.**

**I do too!**

**We're not so different,  
you and I.**

**Friendship can happen  
if we try.**





**Do you like pets?**

**Yes, I do.**

**So do I!**

**Pets can be pals  
whatever their sort.**

**It's caring that matters  
and giving support.**

**Do you like to work out?**

**Yes, I do.**

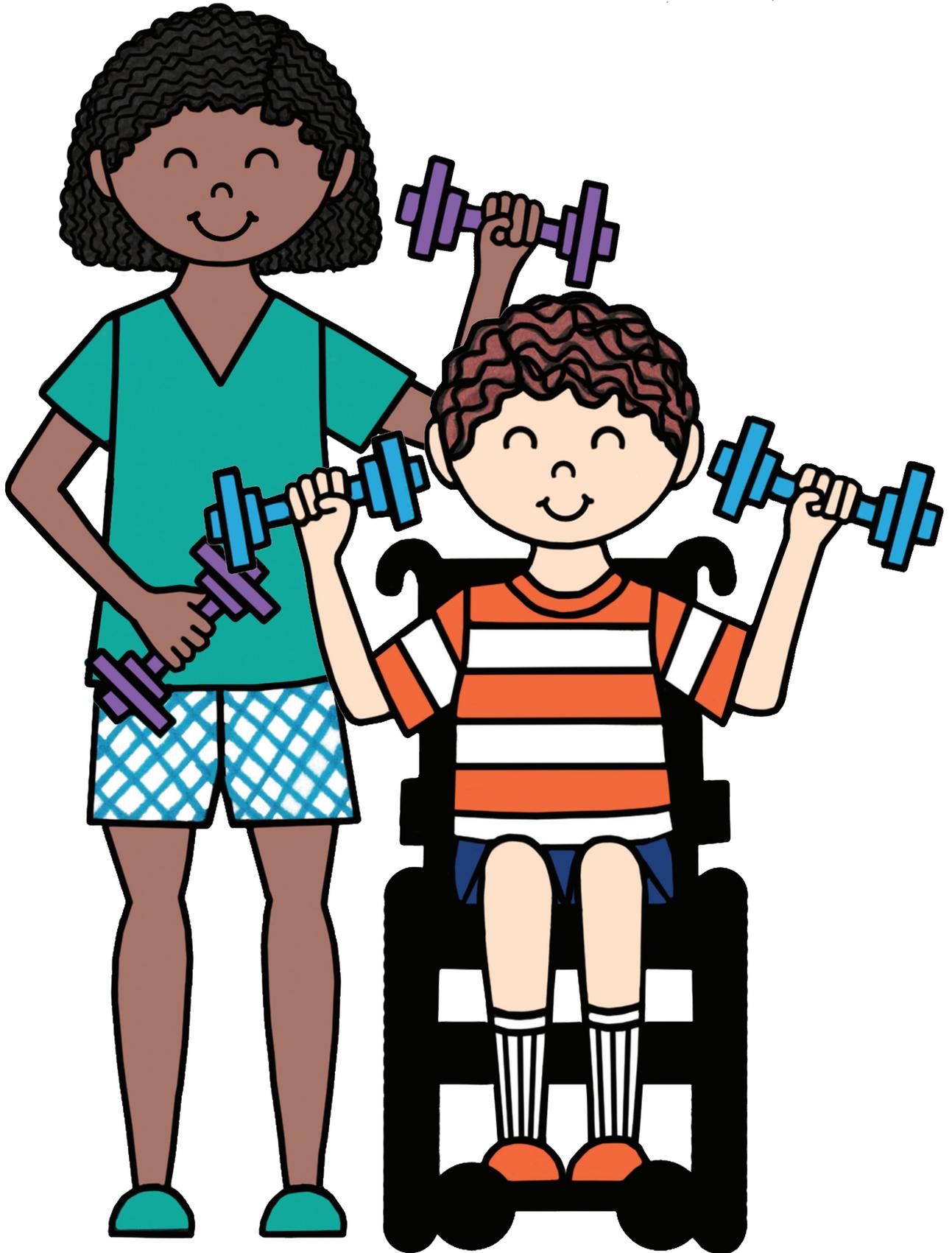
**I do too!**

**Stretching and lifting**

**help us stay strong,**

**so we can keep moving**

**all day long.**





**Do you like school?**

**Yes, I do.**

**So do I!**

**What will we be?**

**How far will we go?**

**Many things will depend  
on how much we know.**

**Do you like running?**

**Yes, I do.**

**I do too!**

**We need good friends  
day after day**

**to stay right beside us  
or show us the way.**





**Do you like music?**

**Yes, I do.**

**So do I!**

**We'll sing a song  
or play a game.**

**In many ways,  
we're much the same.**

**Do you like dancing?**

**Yes, I do.**

**I do too!**

**Leaping and twirling,  
pirouette and plié,**

**we encourage each other  
as we dance ballet.**

Believe  
in  
yourself





**Do you like teddy bears?**

**Yes, I do.**

**So do I!**

**We may not choose  
the same color or style,**

**but everyone welcomes  
a laugh and a smile.**

**Do you like skating?**

**Yes, I do.**

**I do too!**

**I'll help you up  
if you happen to fall.**

**You can count on me  
whenever you call.**





**Do you like gardening?**

**Yes, I do.**

**So do I!**

**Sometimes we follow  
and sometimes we lead.**

**Trust starts to grow  
when we plant the seed.**

**Do you like snow?**

**Yes, I do.**

**I do too!**

**Kids are like snowflakes;  
special, unique.**

**We have our own ways  
to learn, move, and speak.**





**Do you like cooking?**

**Yes, I do.**

**So do I!**

**If sports are for you  
or learning to cook,**

**we'll find things in common  
whenever we look.**

**Do you like us?**

**We like you!**

**The next time we meet,  
please say, "Hello."**

**We'll be the ones smiling,  
that's how you'll know.**







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