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AUTHOR'S NOTE

I was a child who could not read, write or spell until the age of ten. A child who was beaten repeatedly in class. A child who sat alone at breaktime because no one wanted to be friends with the “slow” pupil.

A child who was once placed in Basic 1 at the age of nine. Yet, against all odds, I went on to graduate as the Overall Best Graduating Student of the University of Ibadan — West Africa’s premier university.

I wrote *The Dyslexic Genius* for every child who feels “not enough,” every parent who feels overwhelmed, and every teacher searching for the right way to support a struggling learner.

This book is my story — raw, honest, and full of hope. I hope it lights a fire in every dyslexic child who reads it.

— *Adunola Shoge*

ABOUT THE BOOK (SUMMARY)

The Dyslexic Genius is a heartfelt memoir that chronicles the journey of a young girl who struggled with severe dyslexia, dysgraphia, and Attention-Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder; and the extraordinary transformation that followed.

In this powerful narrative, readers witness:

- ☐ Years of academic failure despite the best efforts of her parents
- ☐ Harsh treatment by teachers who misunderstood her learning difference
- ☐ Moments of deep confusion, isolation, and fear

- The turning point — a Ghanaian teacher who introduced structured literacy
- Her rise to academic excellence across secondary school
- Her final triumph — graduating top of her university class

The book is more than a memoir; it is a message of hope, a tool for advocacy, and a powerful reminder that dyslexia is not a limitation — it is a different kind of genius.

SELECTED EXCERPTS

Excerpt 1

(The Letters Looked Strange)

"The teacher wrote the first five letters of the alphabet on the board. Everyone recited them joyfully — except me. I stared at the letters as if I had never seen them before. When my teacher called me out, I stood there frozen, staring at the board...staring at her... staring at the floor. That was the beginning of my awareness that I was different."

Excerpt 2

(The Slap That Changed Everything)

"Frustrated, my teacher struck me so hard that my earring flew out of my ear. At three years old, I learned what shame felt like. Not because I was stubborn, but because I genuinely did not understand what was being taught."

Excerpt 3

(The Turning Point)

“At nine years old, I was placed in Basic 1 on trial. For the first time in my life, a teacher taught me the alphabet in a way my brain could understand. Within a few weeks, I had moved from Basic 1 to Basic 2. My parents wept — this time, out of joy.”

Excerpt 4

(Becoming a University Champion)

“From a child who could not write the alphabet, I went on to become Overall Best Graduating of a top ranked university in Africa. Every lecture hall I entered, I reminded myself: *This is the same girl they called ‘dull.’ This is the same girl they said would never amount to anything.*

And I made up my mind that no trace of shame would follow me into my future.”

KEY THEMES & IMPACT

The Dyslexic Genius touches deeply on:

1. Representation

Children with dyslexia finally see a success story that looks like them.

2. Emotional Healing

The book brings comfort to children who feel ashamed or misunderstood.

3. Awareness for Educators

It reveals how teaching methods — kind or harsh — can shape a child's entire life.

4. Empowerment for Parents

The book reassures parents that: *"A struggling start does not determine the future."*

5. Hope for the Dyslexia Community
It highlights resilience, God's grace, parental support, and the power of safe learning environments.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Adunola Shoge is a Dyslexia Relations and Success Coach, founder of the Dyslexia Counselling and Support Institute, and Visioneer of the Dyslexic Genius Book Project.

She grew up with severe dyslexia and dysgraphia, struggled academically for nine years, and later graduated as the Best Graduating Student of the University of Ibadan.

Today, she supports dyslexic children globally through mentorship, advocacy, and structured empowerment programs.

UNDERSTANDING DYSLEXIA: WHY THIS BOOK IS IMPORTANT

Dyslexia is a common learning disability that affects reading, writing, and spelling. It is neurological in origin and is not related to intelligence, effort, or vision.

Individuals with dyslexia often have strengths in areas like problem-solving, creativity, and big-picture thinking, yet they can struggle significantly with traditional literacy instruction when not given the right support.

In many Nigerian communities, children with dyslexia are frequently mislabeled as “Olodo” — a derogatory tag implying they are slow learners. This misunderstanding, coupled with a general lack of awareness of dyslexia and tailored support in schools, leads to devastating outcomes:

Research indicates that students with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, are nearly three times more likely to drop out of school than their peers.

For many, the constant struggle and stigma become too heavy to bear, leading them to abandon their education and their dreams entirely.

Countless young people are left behind, not due to a lack of potential, but due to an absence of appropriate strategies, understanding, and encouragement.

- ☐ Dyslexia is everywhere: statistically, 1 in every 5 learners in every classroom has dyslexia.
- ☐ Over 20-30 percent of the global population have dyslexia.
- ☐ In Nigeria, over 32 million people, including school children, are

affected, with a 30-50% chance of the condition being genetically inherited.

This is an urgent call to action. Every day without proper support is a day a child with dyslexia is pushed closer to giving up. We must act now to save these brilliant minds within our schools. We must replace labels with understanding, replace frustration with strategy, and replace isolation with inclusion.

The Dyslexic Genius Book is more than a personal success story of dyslexia — it is a vital tool for this crucial mission. It provides the insight, hope, and practical guidance needed to transform the educational journey for a child with dyslexia.

By understanding this story, you can become part of the solution: ensuring that no child is left to struggle in silence, and

that every "Olodo" label is replaced with a chance to become "Overall Best."

SPONSORSHIP TIERS

Package	Number of Books	Total Price	Discount %	Added Value / Notes
Starter	1 book	\$10	0%	Personalized bookmark with dyslexia affirmations
Library Pack	3 books	\$27	10%	30-min teacher orientation session and Teacher Tip Manual (downloadable or printed)
Classroom Pack	25 books	\$200	20%	1-hour teacher workshop + mini online resources package
School Pack	50 books	\$350	30%	1.5-hour teacher workshop + online resources + Dyslexia Aware School certificate
Institution Pack	100 books	\$600	40%	2-hour workshop + full online resource access + recognition certificate + post-workshop follow-up support

N.B. In partnership with the globally recognized Dyslexia Counselling and Support Institute (DCSI), all materials and training in this project will be professionally delivered and supported.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DYSLEXIC GENIUS PROJECT

Partnership with The Dyslexic Genius Project enables organizations to:


1. Provide representation for dyslexic children
2. Promote inclusive education
3. Strengthen mental and emotional support for learners
4. Support global dyslexia advocacy
5. Place inspirational stories in the hands of children who desperately need them.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Subsidised Global Access Price: \$10 per copy
2. Ideal for: Schools, Dyslexia Associations, NGOs, Ministries of Education, Advocacy Groups
3. Sponsorship Options:
 - ☐ Classroom (25–30 children)
 - ☐ School/Community (50+ children)
 - ☐ Regional or national impact levels

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ABOUT THE BOOK

The Dyslexic Genius is a true life story of the author's struggle with severe learning difficulty (dyslexia) and her eventual inspiring journey to extraordinary academic excellence. She shares her pains, struggles and lessons to show first hand insights into the reality of children with learning difficulties in the book. The book shows practical ways to support children with learning difficulties. The book is to inspire the emergence of successful individuals with learning difficulties just like the Author. The Dyslexic Genius is a must read for everyone, especially children with learning difficulties, parents and teachers. Every child can learn and succeed!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Adunola Shoge is a Nigerian born dyslexic achiever who is passionate about advocacy for individuals with learning difficulties, especially dyslexia. Motivated by her own journey, Adunola is the Executive Director of Dyslexia Counselling and Support Institute where she consults for individuals with learning difficulties, their families and educational professionals globally.

As the Founder of Late Starters Foundation and Co-Pioneer of Dyslexia Project Africa, she is supporting and inspiring African children with learning difficulties to reach their potentials and making Africa, a dyslexia-aware and friendly continent.