



Special Books by Special Kids



At Special Books by Special Kids, our family includes over half a million individuals in over 85 countries around the world working to normalize the diversity of the human condition. Together:

We share stories, providing children and families from the special needs community with an audience to share their thoughts and experiences.

We connect societies around the world, building a global dialogue around neurodiversity.

We serve as an educational resource, inspiring the teachers of tomorrow through innovative and intentional curriculums.

SBSK's primary platform for achieving our mission is our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/specialbooksbyspecialkids. We travel both nationally and internationally, conducting interviews of diverse individuals and diagnosis and performing speaking engagements to build a global dialogue around neurodiversity. Our video content reaches reaches millions and some videos have even achieved viral status, with features on ABC World News Tonight, Fox, CNN, CBS, Google, NowThis!, BuzzFeed, and other national affiliates.

SBSK Interview FAQ'S by Mr. Chris

Thank you for participating in an interview for Special Books by Special Kids and sharing your experiences with the world. While an interview may seem daunting, it is our greatest goal to make the process fun and enjoyable for you. So take a deep breath, you're going to do great!

1. What can I do to prepare for the interview?

My purpose is to capture the natural intelligence of those I interview. Feel no pressure in having your home in perfect condition. I do ask that you work proactively to create an environment free of extra noise (animals, washers, dryers, ect.) The interviews are not scripted so do not feel any need to prepare answers beforehand. I like to say that each interview is an opportunity for the interviewee to share their thoughts with the world.

2. What can I expect the day of my interview?

I will arrive with my filming equipment. I typically travel to each home alone. After a brief 10-20 minute introduction, we will begin the SBSK interview. This takes anywhere from 15 to 40 minutes.

3. What should I do during the interview?

If your child is being interviewed I ask that you stay within ear range but just out of their eyesight. This will allow for concentration to remain on the interview. I may ask family members to participate in the interview but I may not. Each visit is completely different and I very much decide in the moment. Stay as quiet as possible during filming. You may feel the need to laugh or interject but don't. It is often the silent moments that say the most.

4. Are all interviews published on the SBSK Facebook page?

I value and treasure everyone I meet through this work. Although it is my goal to publish every interview, this is not always possible. My main goal is to form a positive bond with everyone I meet and leave everyone knowing they are appreciated and respected in our world. Please see number 5.

5. If my interview is published when can I expect to see it?

There is no set timeframe for interviews to be published. They are sometimes released half a year after being filmed. Please refrain from emailing us inquiries regarding the status of your video as we will not be able to provide any more information than this.

6. Am I free to take my own videos/pictures?

Yes! I encourage it. I just ask that you refrain from doing so during the actual SBSK interview. This has the potential to become a distraction for the interviewee.

7. Is there any paperwork that I need to fill out?

All participants must complete a release form. Participants who are under the age of 18 will require the approval of a parent or guardian. Release forms will be available on the day of the interviews. Footage featuring individuals who have not completed a release form may not be used.

8. Is there anything else I need to know?

Nope! Get ready to have fun.

We are excited to meet you and to share your story to further our dialogue on the acceptance and celebration of neurodiversity.

The Special Books by Special Kids Team,
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