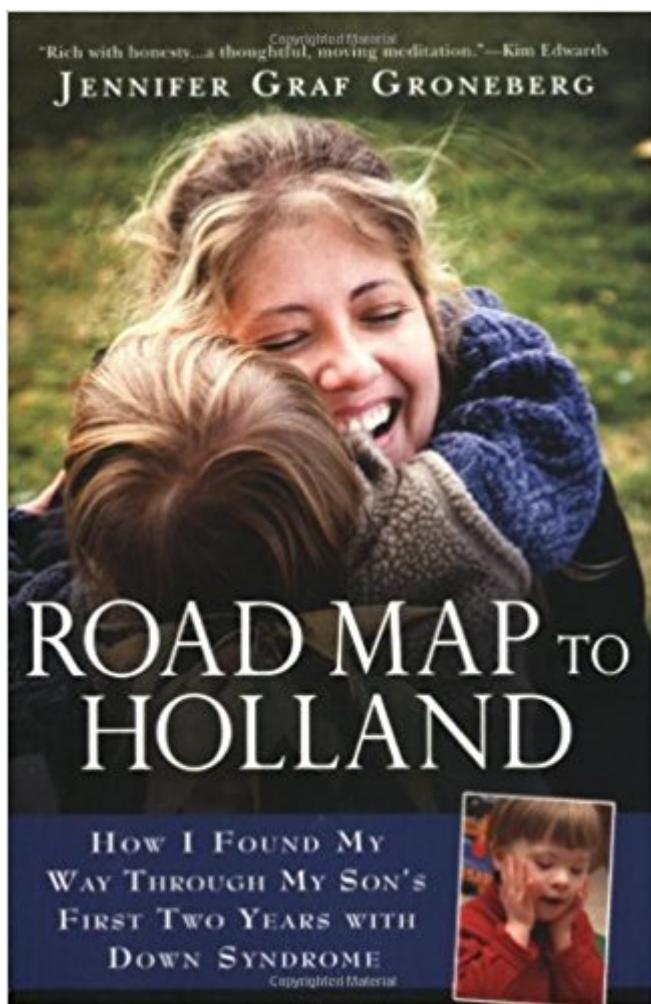


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# **Road Map To Holland: How I Found My Way Through My Son's First Two Years With Down Syndrome By Jennifer Graf Groneberg (2008-04-01)**





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## Customer Reviews

Jennifer and Tom find out they are having twins. During the birth there were complications and many months in NCICU and finding out one son has Down syndrome. Jennifer writes about all her emotions very elegantly. We feel her hurts and pains and also her joys as she and Tom go through the first two years with the twins. We learn about evaluations, tests, assessments and OT, PT and speech therapy. But most of all, we learn of the love of a family for a child who is just a little bit different.

This book started slow for me because of the back & forth from before her baby was born to after. Once I got past that first part I found this book very helpful. A lot of great resources. It was amazing to know some one else had the same feelings I had & I am not crazy for feeling the way I do. I wish I had read this sooner maybe even before my son was born since we all ready had a diagnosis. This would have been a much better book to give me w/ the diagnosis than the ones that were suggested to me.

Jennifer Groneberg shares all her feelings about having a Down Syndrome child; the concern, worries, cares, fear, etc. All of these are overcome by the courage and love of she and her husband. This child has a bright future and will achieve more than the generation of Down Syndrome children before him, because the level of acceptance and understanding that disabled people can learn. They have a distinct brightness unique to them. I have a DS son who is now 52. Many avenues and therapy advantages were not open or available to him. Not enough was known then. He has done really well. I bought the book in the Kindle edition. When I finished it, I noticed all the reference sources. I will be buying the book on paper, in order to have reference to it. I hope we get to read more from Jennifer Groneberg, she has a clarity of thought that enables her to explain things that sometimes people have difficulty understanding.

Road map to Holland Helped us all with the new birth. My daughter found this to be the most helpful in explaining the feelings she was having, when she didn't understand what she was feeling. Thank you for this road map and we are so glad we are in Holland....might be a little more laid back than Rome...but we love the tulips in all there different colors and shapes...

The subtitle is perhaps a bit misleading. While this book certainly gives you plenty of information on Down syndrome, it's really all about family. This book should be filed under family and under memoirs too. Jennifer Groneberg is an extremely talented writer, who is so obviously in love with her family that you almost wish you were a relative. The book is brutally honest however. She does not shrink from telling you about the doubts and fears she experienced upon learning of her son's condition, but what shines through the strongest is the love. The Gronebergs are people I'd like to know, to have as friends or neighbors. I recommend this book highly. You don't have to have a Down syndrome kid to appreciate it. You just have to like good writing and a well-told story. - Tim Bazzett, author of *Pinhead: A Love Story*

I cannot recommend this book enough! Groneberg does an exceptional job at relating her story to the reader. We feel her ups and downs as if it were happening to our own family. I am impressed that Groneberg shared her true feelings and life of her family after the diagnosis of her son Avery's diagnosis. The struggles were heart wrenching, yet I was so thankful to read about how they function as a wonderful family then and now as the boys all grow. You are a remarkable woman, writer and mother Jennifer, the boys and your husband Tom are lucky to have you. Keep up the great work.

I purchased this book (along with others) after the family I nanny for welcomed a beautiful baby boy with Down syndrome. I wanted to find out as much as I could about the issue in order to try and care for him and his family best. This was one of the books I purchased. I loved it. I laughed with her; I cried with her. More importantly, I felt like I could better understand what families go through when they get the news that their precious baby has Down syndrome. It helped me to put myself in the shoes of the family I nanny for. Worth the purchase for sure.

Excellent book I really enjoyed it! I read it for an education class! It gave a clear understanding and parental perspective of a NICU and early intervention.

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