

Facing Forward



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Sharing My Gift **By Dawn Shaw**

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I believe that we all have something to offer the world; a gift that is unique to us, that we are able to present in a way that no one else can duplicate.

I have acknowledged my facial difference as a gift, because I not only accept it, but I embrace it. I use it to my advantage whenever possible- not for sympathy or special treatment, but rather I combine it with a dynamic and outgoing personality to make myself memorable.

I discovered my life's purpose while writing my memoir Facing Up to It. It took me seven years to complete this project. Why? Because recreating my own story was emotionally complex, difficult and grueling. Yet I always knew I would finish this book, and the process of sharing my story changed my life.

I came to realize that my purpose was to help other people better accept who they are regardless of their appearance.

After writing Facing Up to It, I began speaking to groups about such topics as diversity, adversity, accepting differences, overcoming bullying, living with a facial difference, and living from the inside out. I then realized that I could write another book that would focus more directly on helping people improve their own lives by applying lessons I've learned in mine.

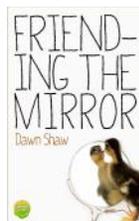
In a nutshell, my new Kindle eBook, *Friendship the Mirror; Changing the Way You See Your Reflection*, is about finding beauty through happiness. While not written specifically for people with facial differences, it is written from the perspective of someone who has one.

Writing and public speaking are two of my gifts. If you haven't already, I encourage you to go out and find yours. When you discover what it is, or if you already know, email me at Dawn@facinguptoit.com and tell me about it. Then share it with a waiting world.



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