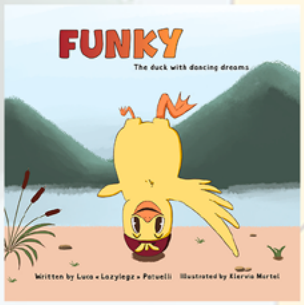


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Luca « Lazylegz » Patuelli : The dynamic breakdancer offers the positive representation of those with differences that hesought as a boy.

Luca “Lazylegz” Patuelli is a world-famous dancer, choreographer and motivational speaker. He is the founder and artistic director of ILL-Abilities™, an international breakdance troupe that inspires people across the globe. He is also the director of the No Excuses, No Limits movement, an organization headquartered in Montreal that encourages inclusion and mentoring through the arts.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Luca is above all grateful for his role as husband to Melissa and father to his two girls, Aura and Luna. The idea for Funky was born through reading to them.

Funky, The duck with dancing dreams

For Funky, dancing is... falling, getting up again, and having fun! Funky the duck dreams of performing at the famous DuckFest... But he was born with two shorter limbs, which hinder him from dancing with the others. Thanks to the support of his parents, to his perseverance and his training sessions, he creates a style as unique as he is himself! His passion and his performances will silence the entire pond... and he invites everyone to join him.

Luca was born with arthrogryposis, a rare bone and muscle disorder that affects his legs. As a child, he never saw himself in the books he read. Today, he is profoundly appreciative to have the opportunity to give back to the younger generation with Funky, a character that celebrates dfferences and individuality. is story helps young readers to understand that they are special and unique, and to see the beauty in their di erences. Everyone dances in their own way, like Funky. As Luca says, if we believe in ourselves and accept our road in life, there are no limits as to what we can accomplish.

A children’s literature book with an engaging duck that will make you want to dance as you read!



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