

Brad Cohen

Making a Difference One Day at a Time

FRONT OF THE CLASS is an inspiring true story of incredible challenges and unwavering determination. As a child with Tourette Syndrome, a neurological disorder of the brain that causes the body to make strange sounds and uncontrollable violent twitches, Brad was beaten, mocked and shunned. Some thought he was possessed by the devil. Others, including members of his own family, refused to be seen with him in public. As an adult, Brad overcame all odds to become an award-winning teacher of the year for the state of Georgia. The road in between was a roller coaster ride in perseverance.

Brad is an inspiration in overcoming life's challenges. Nothing, not even Tourette Syndrome, stops him from pursuing—and achieving—his goals.

From the depths of abuse that his teachers piled on him, Brad became determined to become the teacher he never had. After several dozen rejection letters, Brad finally found a teaching home where he taught second-graders not only reading, writing and math, but also about love and acceptance of all people.

Today, Brad still gets ejected from movie theaters and restaurants, but he is one of the most outgoing and positive people you will ever meet. He is cherished by his students, and he chairs a Relay for Life fundraising program for Georgia's Cobb County. On a mission to encourage and inspire today's youth, Brad Cohen is an inspiration to us all.



Audiences

- Students
- Educators
- Motivational
- Tourette Syndrome Community
- People with Disabilities
- Parents

Programs Include

Overcoming Obstacles and Winning the Game of Life

Learn how to set goals, overcome life's challenges and stay positive in the face of rejection.

Tourette Syndrome: My Best Friend

Learn to understand Tourette Syndrome, proven coping mechanisms, and become able to embrace disability.

Children and Youth

Learn how children can best benefit from organized youth groups and how to find the best group for your child.

Teacher Training of TS, ADHD, OCD and Other Disabilities

Find out how to reach the disabled child, via successful classroom integration, work modifications and positive parent/teacher communication.

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Praise for Brad Cohen

"I have observed the magic of Brad Cohen in the classroom. He has turned Tourette Syndrome into an asset, and his life into inspiration."

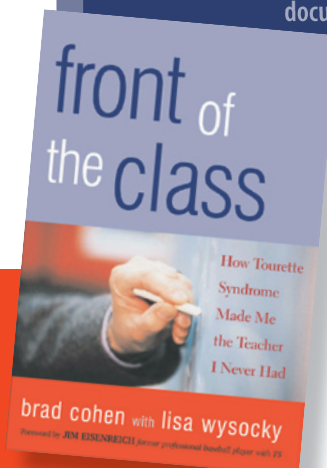
Senator Johnny Isakson, Georgia

"This is a story for every underdog, for everyone who has ever stumbled in life, for anyone who thinks life has dealt them a little more than they can handle. Brad Cohen is a big inspiration to me, and hopefully he will be to you as well."

Jim Eisenreich, former major league baseball player and founder of the Jim Eisenreich Foundation for Children with Tourette Syndrome

"Brad Cohen's life and work are an inspiration to us all."

Professor Lowell Handler, award-winning photojournalist, author of *Twitch and Shout: A Tourette's Tale*, and producer of the PBS documentary on Tourette Syndrome, *Twitch and Shout*



Brad Cohen is the author, with Lisa Wysocky, of *Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had* (ISBN: 1889242241). He has also authored a chapter in *Getting Personal: Stories of Life with Tourette Syndrome*, edited by Michael G. DeFilippo