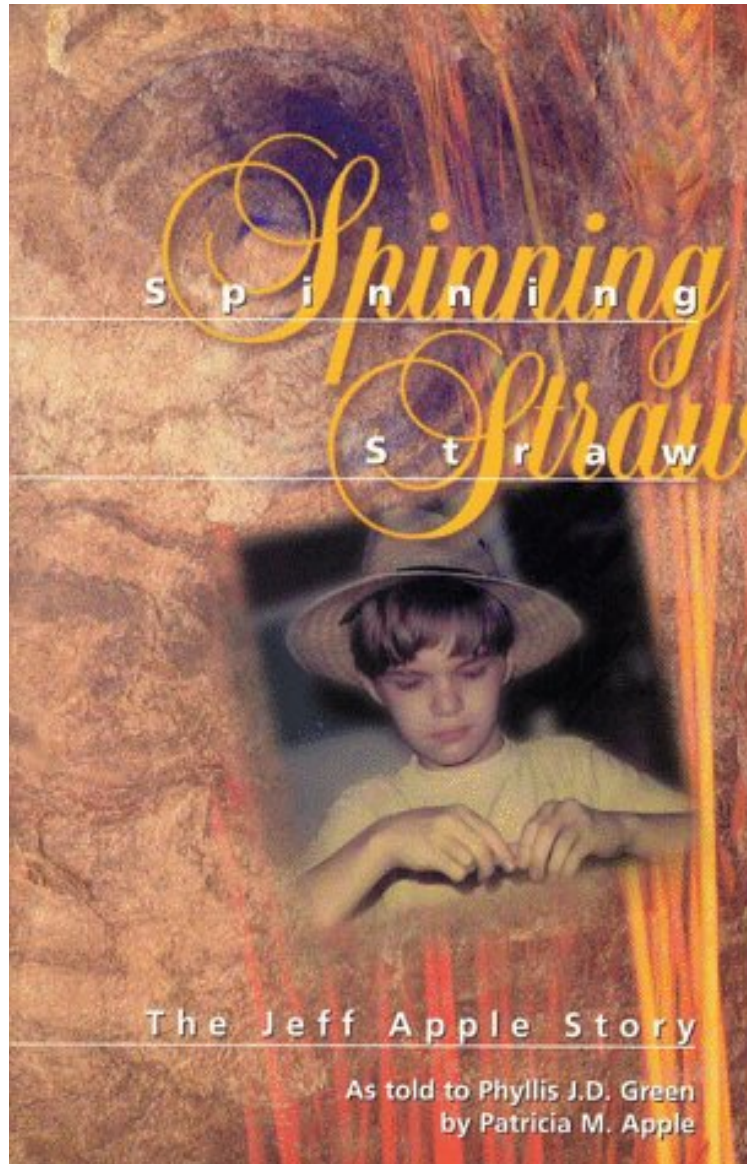


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Pat Apple - I was one of the ones you helped.By Jill LongeneckerThe author says she wants to paint a story of hope for other families struggling with Autism and SIB. And

although the ending and much of the story wasn't happy, I saw the hope and affirmation in it. We too live this journey of horror, confusion, and love with our Autistic son. Although our son's SIB and aggression is milder than Jeff's, there are similarities on how the fits come on and how over time, some of the fits started being manipulative. My son is now blind in one eye due to SIB. But there is hope and I want to reach out to other struggling families. My son's aggression and SIB is very low right now due to Neurofeedback and Applied Behavior Analysis (and other minor treatments). Neurofeedback improved my son's brain functioning so he is able to manage those attacks that came from the inside. And ABA helped resolve those attacks that were manipulative. It took a lot of searching to find the right combination. I thank God every day for my son's improvement and pray for the day when we are truly aggression free. And like Jeff, my son inspires love in me and in others. He is happy again. It's a miracle! I cried so much during this story. And then was depressed for several days. But after I had a chance to "get perspective", I realized that I do have hope for my son to have a future. And it helped me feel less isolated in the world of SIB. I know many families with Autistic children but fortunately SIB/aggression is not wide-spread. Today, 30 year later, most professionals still do not know how to help kids with these problems. But there are some. Contact me if you are living this life and I will give you the names of our doctors.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Golden Apples By BeatleBangs1964

In February of 1961 when Jeff Apple was born, very little was known about autism. Autism research, still in its infancy literally grew up with Jeff. The boy first displayed alarming behavior at 2, during the late summer of 1963. His sister Jane, 5 and brother Bobby, 12 were naturally frightened to see Jeff battering himself. The summer of 1963 saw Jeff's first trip to emergency for Self Injurious Behaviors (SIB). Jeff's alarming behavior escalated over time; no day care could keep him for very long as few people were able to meet his needs. Finally, in 1967 a special program opened that accepted Jeff. A well-trained staff were able to work with the boy and even taught him self-care skills. Jeff made some progress, but remained largely nonverbal and his SIBs continued escalating. In 1968 the boy demolished his grandparents' Recreational Vehicle; he would roam the house at night and smash things. By 1970, Jeff's behavior had deteriorated to where he needed constant care and his immediate family needed respite. On January 14, 1971 Jeff was enrolled at the Murdoch Institute, a place where he stayed for the remainder of his life. At Murdoch, Jeff was closely monitored; restrained; given light electric shocks when he attacked himself and was rewarded with trips to various staff members' homes. Jeff also enjoyed visits to his own home. Luckily, the Happy Time School which provided Jeff his first taste of school success took him intermittently; he still remained under the protective wing of Murdoch. Sadly, Jeff's clock ran out of time in January of 1990. He died at age 28 from self inflicted injuries. This book is as rich as the beautiful North Carolina country side where Jeff lived; the rich descriptions of North Carolina and the inclusion of Scripture added hope and color to this personal account. One thing that was evident throughout this book was the unconditional love the Apples had for Jeff; at no time is this ever called into question. One can only hope that Jeff has found peace at last and that Patricia Apple, widowed for several years can take comfort in knowing she, George and their older children did everything possible to ensure a life of humane quality for Jeff. Despite the misleading statement of the title song, "God Didn't Make Little Green Apples," a singularly inane song, one can liken the "green Apple" image to Jeff. Green apples need time to ripen and they need more love and guidance. I recommend you read Thelma Wheatley's "My Sad Is All Gone," a book about another young man with severe autism who displayed SIBs. (Interestingly, the two young men have linked or similar themed surnames, Julian Orchard and Jeff Apple). These two books go together well, like Lennon McCartney.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Spinning Straw is not a fairy tale

By Sybil Austin Skakle

SPINNING STRAW - The Jeff Apple Story - written by Phyllis J.D. Green, related by Patricia M. Apple, is an absorbing story of a child with Serious Injury Behavior. While many treatments are attempted and the unpredictable behavior of Jeff is recorded, the reader marvels at the patience of his parents and care givers and at their ability to keep on hoping something will work. Rumpelstiltskin, a funny looking little man, offered to help the miller's daughter spin straw into gold. In her desperation, she made a deal with him. Jeff Apple's family accepting help from every one that could give them hope of healing for Jeff were as desperate. They spun a lot of straw but never succeeded in spinning it into gold. They never knew more than temporary success. While his parents and kind therapists tried every possible means to teach him to refrain from self injury, Jeff continued to inflict pain and abuse to his person, sometimes injuring those trying to protect and care for him. The reader learns much about SIB and the character of those who seek to keep the sufferers safe from themselves. Such a sad story, Mrs. Green tells. She explains the day by day routines that sometimes worked and the reader became hopeful with the parents and therapists and feels the disappointment and frustration at failure. The reader identifies with the mother, who has to agree to dreadful things like electric shock, restraining sheet, cold showers. The reader knows the anguish and guilt Mrs. Apple felt in allowing her child to be so treated. And yet her desperation made it imperative that she accept these in a hope of saving Jeff from himself. Yes, Pat Apple had to make an awful deal, as the miller's daughter did. Well written, it is not a happy story. It is an epic story of the victory of the human spirit over dreadful circumstances to continue to love and hope. The title SPINNING STRAW is intriguing and apt. - Sybil Austin Skakle

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