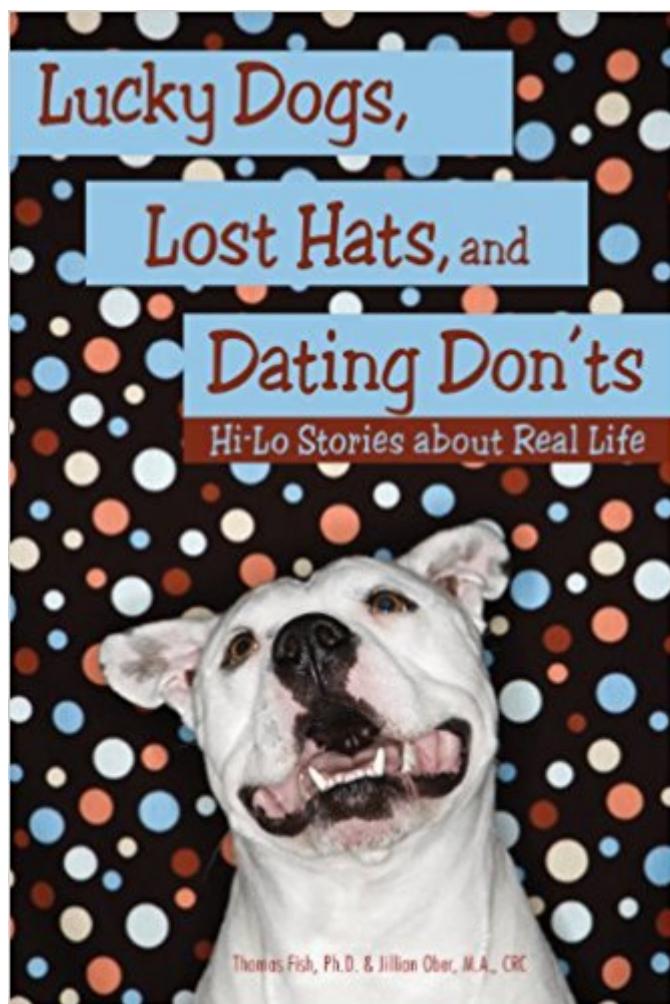


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# Lucky Dogs, Lost Hats, And Dating Don'ts: Hi-Lo Stories About Real Life



## **Synopsis**

Our readers and customers asked for informative and entertaining fiction for teens and young adults about their lives, and we've listened! We're pleased to publish *Lucky Dogs, Lost Hats, and Dating Don'ts*, a collection of over a dozen hi-lo (high interest-low reading level) short stories for people with intellectual disabilities or other learning challenges. Middle schoolers through adults will identify with the book's true-to-life stories and their characters (some with developmental disabilities, some without), who want to live as independently as they can. And just like real life, there are episodes of hilarity, poignancy, messiness, responsibility, longing, fulfillment, and adventure. From roommate troubles to wanting a pet, and from seeking a girlfriend to going camping with friends, these appealing short stories engage readers and impart subtle life lessons. A set of questions at the end of each story encourages discussion and further self-reflection. Stories included are: -A Day of Kindness -A Very Lucky Dog -Adventures in Camping -Bad Hair Day -Dear Diary -Dirty Dishes -Doctor Visit -Evening Walks -How to Find a Girlfriend -Road Trip -Slugger -Sneezes -The Kissing Scene -Tornado at Big Burger Written by experts in literacy and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities, stories range in reading grade level from 1.5 to 3.5 (Flesch Kincaid scale) and are illustrated with large format black and white photos. Large type, a sans serif font, ample margins, and space between paragraphs helps to provide a smooth reading experience. An Introduction provides important information about who can benefit from the book and how to use it. If you're a parent, educator, reading specialist, book club coordinator, librarian, or counselor don't miss this unique book for your teen and adult readers with intellectual disabilities or other struggling readers!

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 8 Up-This anthology, written at a second- or third-grade reading level, is aimed at "developmentally disabled populations." It focuses on "relationships-romantic and platonic, personal and professional." In "Dirty Dishes," a woman struggles with her roommate, who is messy. While cleaning up the kitchen, she is shocked to find a bug in the sink. The protagonist must figure out a way to approach her roommate about the situation. Other highlights include stories about a camping trip gone awry and a bad-hair day. Older readers will definitely relate to stories about a man who is afraid to go to a new doctor and a lucky hat that goes missing. In addition to the 12 short stories, the book includes two plays that can be used for reader's theater. With a large typeface and black-and-white photos, this collection is definitely less intimidating for struggling readers. That said, the photographs are a bit amateurish. Questions at the end of each story are loosely based on the text and are written for book-club discussion prompts. High school special education teachers interested in using this book for literacy units aligned to the Common Core State Standards will have to create their own text-dependent questions.-Lindsay Klemas, JM Rapport School for Career Development, Bronx, NY  
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Whether the reader is an adult who struggles to read, or a teen with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), *Lucky Dogs* is an enjoyable, non-threatening series of stories that will captivate, provoke thought, and enable discussion. --ForeWord Reviews

This is a wonderful collection of personal real life short stories that relate to this group of readers. "Emerging" readers will enjoy the large text, wider spacing between words and lines. Although the text and print is written for young readers, the content and photos is suited for adults. Very well done - MORE of these types of books need to be created and available! My gratitude to the author!mom of a son with Down syndrome

This is an excellent book! We just finished reading it with Saint Paul Public Library's first Next Chapter Book Club-every time we read a story I hear some quiet laughs and reactions to what is going on in the story our participants and parents alike have really been engaged by this book and its stories which are about young adults and adults but written at a level that makes them accessible

to those for whom more dense text might be more challenging. I look forward to any new books these authors might write!

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