

# About the Author

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# Dedication

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This book is dedicated to my mother, June Ballman, and my brother, Randy Ballman. Long before I even knew what a speech-language pathologist was, or that I wanted to be one, Randy provided my first exposure to voice disorders in children when he screamed so much as an infant that he developed vocal nodules. His nodules were surgically removed, perhaps because at that time there weren't speech-language pathologists easily accessible in schools or in clinics. I'm happy to report that he has a healthy voice now. Surely my mom deserves recognition for putting up with that much screaming . . . and for nurturing the two of us over the years.

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