



# skadi cooke

AUTHOR

## about the author

Skadi Cooke lives in West Virginia with their partner, kid, and two ridiculous dogs. Previously, they worked as a college developmental writing instructor and ESL instructor because, they feel, even though the English language is \*wild,\* everyone deserves to be understood.

They have an MFA in Creative Writing. They have previously written a memoir, and they are the founder of Vulture and Crone publishing. This is their first children's book.

## behind the book

This book came about because Skadi's child is nonverbal and autistic. As their son got older, Skadi found there were very few resources aimed at young children where Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) was discussed. So, they wrote and illustrated this book for him. Now, they hope to share it with you.

# LET'S TALK WITH PICTURES

by Skadi Cooke



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This picture book serves as a toddler-friendly introduction to assistive communication devices, specifically physical cards, and demonstrates how they can be used in a variety of settings.

## Q&A

### How does this differ from other books on the market?

Other books take time to explore signing in addition to AAC. Given the stigma often associated with it, this book focuses primarily on AAC in an effort to increase education and awareness.

### Who can benefit from this book?

This book is intended for at-home use, but it can also be helpful for Speech Language Pathologists and Special Education teachers/coordinators.

### Does my child need to be nonverbal to enjoy this book?

Nope. We encourage all children to enjoy this book. AAC devices are often given to nonspeaking students as young as preK or Kindergarten. This book can give speaking students a better understanding of their peers.

### Where can I learn more about AAC?

The American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) has a number of reputable articles and resources. You can also reach out to the Speech Language Pathologist at your child's school.

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