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## Marky the MAGNIFICENT Fairy

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Pastel backgrounds contrast with the flaming red hair and striped socks of a fairy named Marky in this heartwarming book geared toward helping children better understand and accept people with disabilities. Marky is magnificent in many ways, but that doesn't stop some of the woodland creatures from teasing her about her "exceptional qualities"—the book's verbiage for disabilities. With an awareness of both invisible and visible disabilities, Marky reminds us that we are all more alike than different.

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