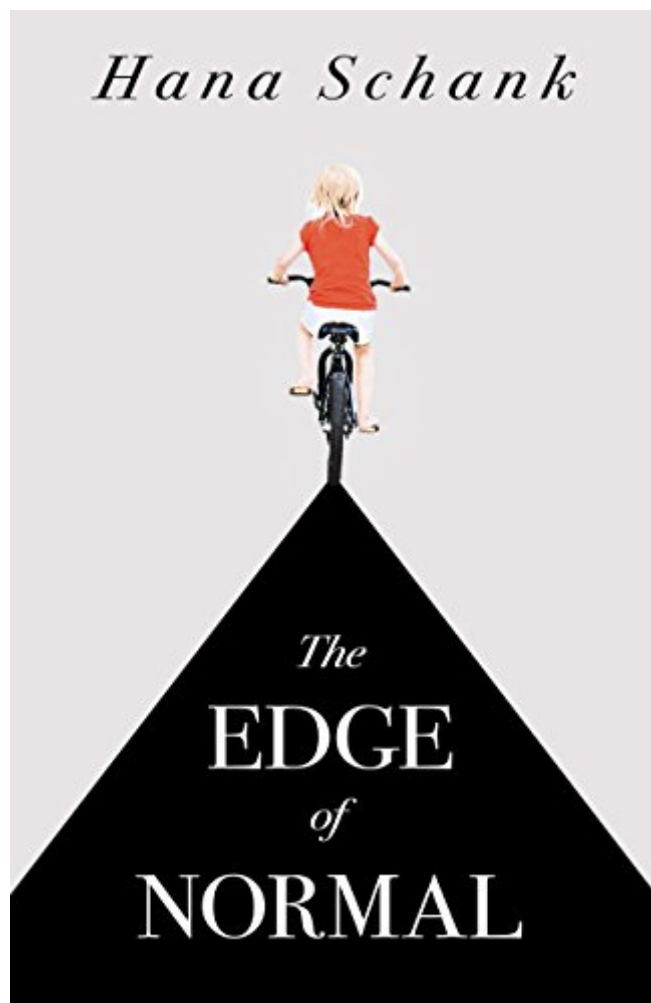


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# The Edge Of Normal (Kindle Single)



## Synopsis

What is normal? Everything in Hana Schank's life is going according to plan — career, marriage and a growing family. But when her second child is born with albinism, a rare genetic condition whose most striking characteristics are white blonde hair, pale skin and impaired vision, she discovers that the very definition of normal is up for grabs. A moving memoir with flashes of humor, this essay tells one mother's story of navigating the spectrum of ability and disability, filled with both heartbreak and joy. And how ultimately she and her daughter learn to balance together on the edge of normal.

Reviews and Praise

THE EDGE OF NORMAL was selected for 's Best Kindle Singles of the Year, and has been featured in the Sunday Times Magazine (UK), Longreads, and OZY.

About the Author

Hana Schank is an author and a technology consultant. She is a frequent contributor to the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Atlantic.com, and her writing has appeared across the web and in national magazines. Her memoir, *A More Perfect Union: How I Survived the Happiest Day of My Life*, was a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers selection.

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This personal story is from a Mom who shares her experiences with her daughter's birth, search for a diagnosis, and learning what it is to be a Mom of a child with albinism. What is unique about this story is how Hana Schank reveals so much of what has been going through her own mind. So many, many parents have shared similar stories with me and I believe Hana Schank's telling her story brings the reader, whether a medical professional, an educator, a family member, or someone who wants to read about this very human experience, into her life and the life of her family. Without a doubt, you will want to read it in one sitting.

What an amazing book. This is the story of coming to terms with a child who has albinism, but it is also the story of the author's challenge to reconcile having a child with a disability with her expectation that everything in her life as a parent would be perfect. Her painful awakening brings her to a new and more richly experienced way of living. Hopefully this is the first chapter of Schank's memoir on raising a child with albinism. She has so much to say, and says it with such humor and grace! It would be wonderful to hear more of the story, as Nora grows up and her mother continues to grow with her.

I enjoy learning new stuff and Hana did a great job presenting in an enjoyable easy to read format. Worthwhile read#

Great book. This is a wonderful story about a mother's love for her child who has albinism. The reader learns more about what people with albino characteristics medically go through as well as emotionally what they and their parents experience. The love for her child comes through every page. It is a great, easy read that is both informative and heartwarming.

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My toddler daughter accidentally purchased this book on the Kindle. I have since figured out the parental controls! For a book I didn't intend to buy, it was not half bad. A quick read that I enjoyed. (Jessica Foster)

Taught me some valuable humility. To marvel again at the variety of human experience and to see the world as others experience it. At least a little.

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