

MEDIA RELEASE

greater EXPECTATIONS

Living with Down syndrome in the 21st century

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WITH A FOREWORD BY FIONA
STANLEY AC

ABOUT THE BOOK

Down syndrome is the most common cause of intellectual disability in Australia and renowned child health expert Professor Fiona Stanley calls *Greater Expectations* THE book to read if you have a child with Down syndrome.

Based on more than sixty personal interviews and supported by scholarly research, the book shows the varied attitudes and approaches which together make up the rich experience of living with a disability in a changing society.

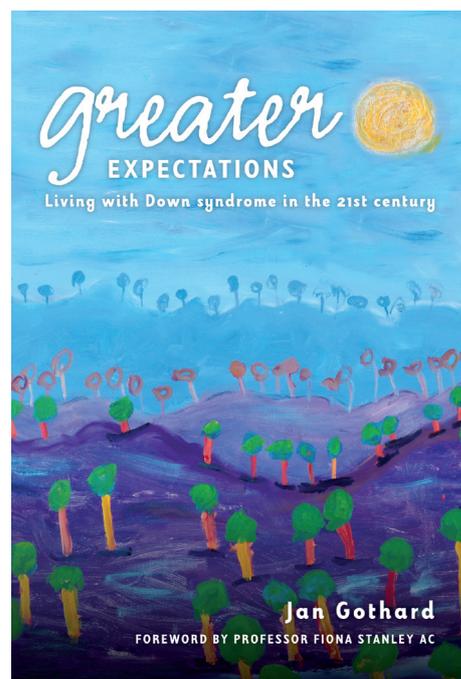
This moving, partly autobiographical, account is a must for everyone – parents, teachers, health professionals and policy writers – who make choices that affect those living with a disability.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jan Gothard is Associate Professor in Australian history at Murdoch University. She has had a longstanding interest in oral history and is the former editor of the Oral History Association of Australia Journal. In 2001, she was awarded the Australian government's Centenary Medal for 'services to literature and to society'. She has three daughters and has had a long-term interest in disability since the birth of her daughter, Maddie, with Down syndrome in 1992.

MEDIA NOTES

- The book features a foreword by renowned children's health expert Professor Fiona Stanley AC who is Patron of the Down Syndrome Association of Western Australia.
- Gothard's book *Blue China: Single Female Migration to Colonial Australia* (Melbourne University Press) won the WA Premier's Prize for History in 2002. Gothard was also the general editor of the Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia, which was shortlisted for the WA Premier's Prize in 2009.
- The book's themes, which include education, friendship, health, recreation, sexuality, employment and independence, have broad geographical and social application across Australia and beyond.
- There is very little Australian-originated material on this subject and nothing which goes from conception to old age.
- The author has donated her royalties to the Down syndrome Association of WA.



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