

On Blindness and Mobility: My 5-Star Review of Grandpa's White Cane by Jim Hoxie and Joanna Jones

When I recently attended the Wyoming Council of the Blind convention virtually, I met Jim Hoxie and Joanna Jones during their presentation. Fascinated by their story, I decided to pick up this children's picture book.

I love its warm, conversational tone. A child asks Grandpa why he uses a white cane, and Grandpa responds with thoughtful, detailed answers. The sidebar—filled with helpful resources and extra information—adds a meaningful layer that both children and adults can appreciate.

Though Amazon lists this book for ages 5–11, I believe its message is valuable for readers of all ages. It's a wonderful book for children and parents to enjoy together, sparking conversations about independence, inclusion, and understanding.

As someone who is visually impaired, I know how vital it is to educate the public about blindness and to remind drivers to stop, allowing people with white canes to cross streets safely. Since today is White Cane Safety Day, I hope you'll pick up this book and let it open your eyes to a new perspective.

Thank you for reading.

Abby Johnson Taylor's book review

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