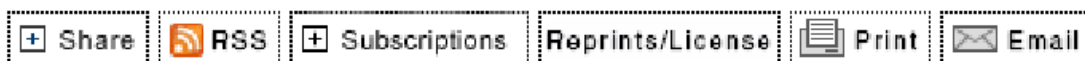


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LING, Nancy Tupper. **My Sister, Alicia May.** illus. by Shennen Bersani. unpagged. Pleasant St. 2009. Tr \$16.95. ISBN 978-0-9792035-9-6. LC 2008924640.

Gr 1-4—Rachel describes both the love and the frustration she feels in dealing with her sister, Alicia May, who has Down syndrome. Everything about this title is well done: the artistically rendered colorful pictures are almost photographic in their detail, and the narrative, which portrays Alicia May in positive terms, never surrenders to the usual banality of many books on the topic. Ling's book surpasses Jennifer Moore-Mallinos's *My Brother Is Autistic* and *My Friend Has Down Syndrome* (both Barron's, 2008). Recommend *My Sister* to children looking for a book written from the perspective of a child with a special-needs sibling.—*Wendy Smith-D'Arezzo, Loyola College, Baltimore, MD*