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Mirror, Tory Woollcott Reviewed by Ms. Mouchbahani, January 27th, 2016

Mirror Mind, written by Canadian dyslexic writer and cartoonist, Tory Woollcott, is a personal account of her experience as a young Toronto student who struggles with reading. Inspired by Marjane Satropi's Persepolis, Woollcott writes in the voice of her childhood self, engaging the reader with her innocence and candour. In graphic novel form, she demythologizes dyslexia and shows us that proper identification and school support is crucial in ensuring student success and well-being. An important read for educators – and anyone who has struggled with some aspect of learning – Mirror Mind shows us how necessary it is for diverse learners to be understood and properly supported. We have come a long way in the area of special education and must continue to advocate and self-advocate to ensure that students are reaching their optimal potential. Tory Woollcott is living proof that diverse learners have so much to offer the world, and that learning differences should never come in the way of a student's success in school and beyond.