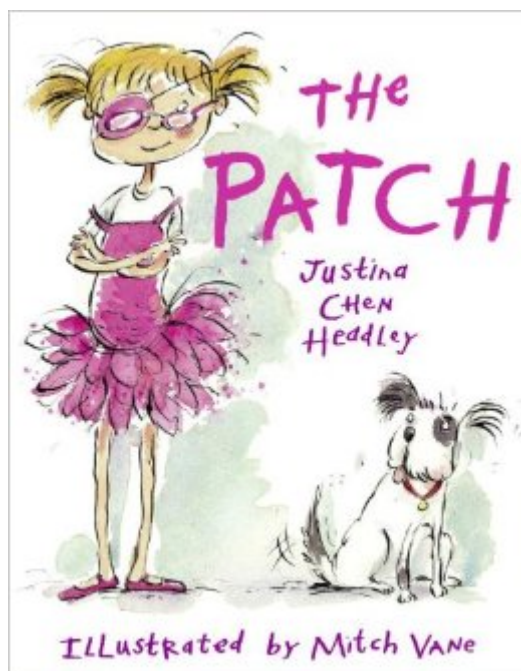


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# The Patch



## Synopsis

The kids at school want to know why Becca is wearing glasses and a patch. Instead of telling them she has amblyopia, Becca leads her friends on imaginative adventures to explain her new fashion accessory. Mitch Vane's illustrations capture the spunky exuberance of this resourceful heroine.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a bitter disappointment. It did not help my 9-year-old daughter who cries because she thinks her patch makes her look silly. When out in public, she hides her face from the glances of passersby. This story does a poor job of explaining, to children, the importance of wearing the patch. The story completely ignores advising children on how to cope with the embarrassment. Telling my daughter to pretend she is someone or something else, as a productive way to manage her distorted image, does not settle well with me at all. I would not recommend this book to anyone.

My daughter was diagnosed with amblyopia last week and is waiting for her glasses to arrive. I purchased this book and a matching 'Becca' patch from patchpals.com. She has read the book at least 10 times in the past 24 hours. She can't wait to get her glasses and put on her patch. The story was very cute and went well with my daughters love for pink. My only complaint is: I thought the author dropped the ball when it came time for Becca to tell the class why she was wearing a

patch. I thought there should be more of an explanation. I was hoping my daughter's teacher would read this to her class so they could understand why she has to wear a patch. The book makes the patch seem fun, but doesn't explain amblyopia. There is an article (written for adults) at the end that describes amblyopia.

Bought to give my daughter confidence. Most of book was about child coming up with excuses and being embarrassed about wearing eye patch. Character eventually owns up to eye problem and is accepted by peers but with little emphasis. In two short lines prob is solved. cute enough but I was looking for a book to emphasis confidence and importance of wearing eye patch telling kids to have confidence about it from the get go rather than after several failed attempts

I love the concept of this story! My issue is the book was a bit mature for my 2 and 3 year old since they don't go to school yet. My 2 year old has strabismus with no vision impairment, she does not need glasses but does wear a patch for 3 hours a day. This book resonated with my 3 year and inspired her to help her baby sister become more enthusiastic about her patch. I did not care for the usage of the word stupid either which is why I gave it 4 stars and not the full 5. We do not condone negative language in our home and I was fairly disappointed to see it used in such a useful learning tool. Luckily my girls do not read and I was able to change the word to silly. I loved "Becca's" many explanations for her patch and was thrilled when she was able to reveal the real reason with her head held high. Overall this book has been a tremendous help.

Cute book for both girls and boys about "fitting in" when patching. I appreciate that this little girl, while a ballerina who likes pink, also likes pirates. This story appealed to both my elementary school-aged son and daughter, both of whom have to patch. Another great title on this topic is "Jacob's Eye Patch". Good to send these books to school for the teacher to read to the class when a child has to go into school with an eyepatch. We did this on the first day our kids patched in school. Having the story ready aloud to their class really helped the other kids to understand and accept the patching and ours not to feel self-conscious about wearing the patches in school.

I'm glad I purchased this book, however I have not read it to my 4 year old daughter yet. I just feel like it introduces the idea that she should be ashamed of wearing glasses and a patch. I'm not saying we won't read it at some point, but I have not plans to do so.

Despite trying lots of colorful patches, plain patches that would blend in, and lots of positive talk, my five-year-old is very embarrassed to wear her patch in public. She loves this book, and I think it has helped her to see a positive female role model navigate wearing a patch with confidence.

Purchased for my daughter who was born with a cataract and now wears a patch to strengthen her eye. Its not an issue now, but i thought this will be great for when shes old enough to understand. I actually cried reading it the first time. So happy that a book on this issue exists! Was very surprised to find it. Love it!

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