



From New York Times bestselling author Andrew Solomon comes a stunning, poignant, and affecting young adult edition of his award-winning masterpiece, *Far From the Tree*, which explores the impact of extreme differences between parents and children. The old adage says that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, meaning that children usually resemble their parents. But what happens when the apples fall somewhere else—sometimes a couple of orchards away, sometimes on the other side of the world? In this young adult edition, Andrew Solomon profiles how families accommodate children who have a variety of differences: families of people who are deaf, who are dwarfs, who have Down syndrome, who have autism, who have schizophrenia, who have multiple severe disabilities, who are prodigies, who commit crimes, and more. Elegantly reported by a spectacularly original and compassionate thinker, *Far From the Tree* explores how people who love each other must struggle to accept each other—a theme in every family's life. The New York Times calls the adult edition a "wise and beautiful" volume that "will shake up your preconceptions and leave you in a better place."

And I believed I could, that I could be anything I wanted to be. But becoming something is easy, like playing a part on a stage. I have been many things in my life--a mother, a waitress, a videographer, a good little girl--but they were all just roles, parts that I have played. Inside, nothing changed. I am still just me, the person my genes and my environment programmed me to be. There is no escape through being something. To truly change we must change how we see ourselves, change its affect on us; after all, if an apple fell into an orange grove, it would still be an apple. No matter how much it might admire the bright, fragrant oranges, it would always be an apple. So no matter what role I play, nothing will change until I change the picture inside. Otherwise I will always be what my reflexes guide me to be, what my inner self sees and has always seen, the child of an alcoholic.

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