Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog

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Book Review

Title: Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog  
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Tuesday is no ordinary golden retriever; he is Luis’s energetic service dog, a help and support in everything he does. Luis has suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) since he returned from war in Iraq, but thanks to Tuesday, he’s able to function far better than he could before. From the beginning until the end of each day, Tuesday is right by Luis’s side to help with basic household tasks, go on public outings together, and even visit other veterans to try to help them as well. Thanks to Tuesday, Luis feels safe and calm, and thanks to Luis, Tuesday lives a fulfilling and exciting life!

This educational and entertaining book is presented in an easy-to-read format for young children, including basic language and clear coordination between text and pictures. It is a nonfictional account of a real dog and a real veteran, written by Luis himself and complete with plenty of detailed photographs of both man and dog. The narration is done as if from Tuesday’s perspective, which gives a cute feel to the story that children would be sure to enjoy. Also, it certainly fulfills its purpose of bringing awareness to readers both about the role of service animals and the difficulties associated with anxiety-related disabilities. This book would be especially useful in the classroom and at home to discuss these particular subjects, and the lovable Tuesday makes it a delightful read in any circumstance.