



Brad Cohen

Topics

Culture and Society, Health and Wellness, Inspirational Speakers

Travels From

Georgia

Bio

Brad Cohen presents an inspiring true story of incredible challenges and unwavering determination. This story is one about following your dreams despite the challenges that are placed in front of you. As a child with Tourette syndrome, a neurological brain disorder that causes the body to make strange sounds and uncontrollable violent twitches, Brad was beaten, mocked, and shunned. As an adult, Brad overcame all odds to become an award-winning teacher of the year for the state of Georgia. The road in between was a roller coaster ride of perseverance. Brad Cohen inspires audiences to overcome life's challenges and pursue their goals. Brad has been featured on Oprah, People Magazine and Inside Edition after the release of his award-winning book, *Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had*. His book was named the "Education Book of the Year" for the Independent Book Publishers. Brad's life was the inspiration for a 2008 Hallmark Hall of Fame movie titled *Front of the Class*, which was remade in India as *Hichki* in 2018. As a motivational speaker he inspires people to keep a positive attitude and to follow their dreams. Even today Brad is ejected from movie theaters and restaurants. Still, nothing has stopped him from taking leadership roles in a variety of settings and being a role model for others. This story of personal challenge and unwavering determination proves anyone can make their dreams come true. No one can hear Brad's story and fail to see the power of a positive attitude. Brad is from Atlanta, Georgia and is an Area Lead Teacher for Cobb County Schools. Prior to that he taught 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and was a technology lab teacher. Brad has served as Vice President of the Board of Governors for the Tourette Syndrome Association of

Georgia, and also founded an overnight camp for children with Tourette syndrome. A native of St. Louis, he has a bachelor's degree from Bradley University (Peoria, IL), where he graduated cum laude with honors and received their Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. Brad has earned master's and specialist's degrees from Georgia State University, and graduated from both the Gwinnett County Leadership Academy for aspiring school administrators and Cobb County's Leadership Academy. Brad has received many other awards, including St. Louis Area United Way Volunteer of the Month; he was a Ben & Jerry's Citizen Cool semifinalist; and he was recognized by the Atlanta Braves and BellSouth with an Excellence in Education award. Brad recently got married to his wife Nancy and still works with the community.

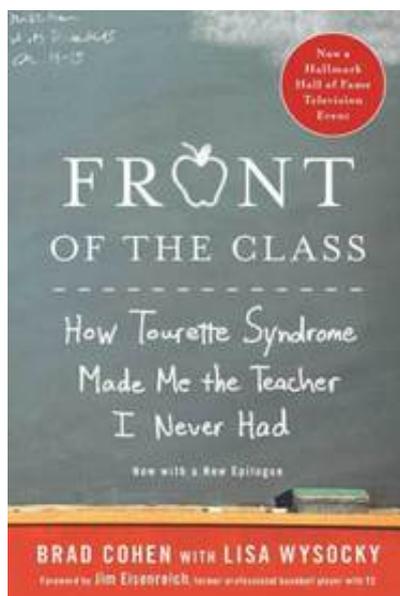
SPEECHES

Overcoming Obstacles and Winning the Game of Life Brad's inspiring talk on the difficulties he has overcome, and how, despite prejudice and ignorance at every step, he has managed to prevail and serve as a model for others.

The Power of One: How All It Takes Is For One Person To Make A Difference In The Life Of A Child Brad delves into his personal history and extracts an important lesson: that children are stronger than we suspect, and even one person can make a difference in the life of a child.

Celebrating Abilities and Creating a Positive Attitude For All Brad's broad speech on how to create a positive attitude within an organization, and how we can all celebrate our differences.

BOOKS



[Front of the Class](#) How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had

St. Martin's Griffin

As a child with Tourette syndrome, Brad Cohen was ridiculed, beaten, mocked, and shunned. But Brad Cohen's story is not one of self-pity. His unwavering determination and fiercely positive attitude conquered the difficulties he faced in school, in college, and while job hunting. Brad never stopped striving, and after twenty-four interviews, he landed his dream job: teaching grade

Trade Paperback

school and nurturing all of his students as a positive, encouraging role model. *Front of the Class* tells his inspirational story.

REVIEWS: Praise for *Front of the Class*

“This is a story for every underdog, for everyone who has ever stumbled in life, for anyone who thinks life has dealt them a little more than they can handle.”

-Jim Eisenreich, former Major League Baseball player with Tourette’s

“Brad Cohen has turned Tourette syndrome into an asset, and his life into inspiration.”

-Senator Johnny Isakson, Georgia

“Thank you, Brad, for your determination, your spirit, your compassion, and your perseverance, and thank you for daring to share it with all of us.”

-Susan Conners, Education Specialist, Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.

“This story of how a child with severe obstacles to learning triumphed as Georgia’s First Class Teacher of the Year is a testimony to the indestructibility of the human spirit.”

-*ForeWord Magazine*