

# Prepare to Read

*from My Left Foot*



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- background
- graphic organizers
- literary elements
- reading strategies

## **Preview**

### **Connecting to the Literature**

Imagine having detention for five years. You could see your friends run off after school while you were trapped inside. If you can imagine this, then you might begin to understand how Christy Brown felt his whole life. Brown was able to think and feel emotions just like everyone else, but he was trapped inside a body he could not control.

### **Background**

Christy Brown, the author of *My Left Foot*, was born with cerebral palsy. People who suffer from this disorder have difficulty controlling their limbs, facial expressions, or both. Although some people with this condition are mentally challenged, others, such as Brown, have average or above-average intelligence.