



**Brad Cohen**

Teacher, author and motivational speaker

**Brad Cohen has  
authored a best-selling book  
won a Teacher of the Year Award  
worked as a team mascot for MLB  
and Tourette Syndrome.**

Brad Cohen is a second-grade teacher who was named Georgia's First Class Teacher of the Year for his outstanding educational skills and positive role model abilities. ((X)) He is the author of the award-winning book *Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had*. ((X)) He is a sought-after motivational speaker and a former "Homer" mascot for the Atlanta Braves. ((X)) Brad also happens to have Tourette Syndrome – an often misdiagnosed and misunderstood neurological disorder that's a lot more common than you think. ((X)) You may know or have seen someone with TS symptoms – they sometimes make sudden, often strange, physical movements or vocal sounds that they *just can't help*. ((X)) People with TS are not psychologically impaired, less intelligent, obstinate or purposefully disruptive. And contrary to what you may have heard, fully 85 to 90 percent are *not* prone to using inappropriate language. ((X)) We're continuing to explore the causes of Tourette Syndrome and, hopefully, the day will come soon when we can find better treatments and the cure. ((X)) But until then, if you come across someone who has TS, please remember that, like Brad, that person also has so much more.

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