The BRAVEST BOY I KNOW

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This book is dedicated
to all the people who teach us
to share the joy of words and stories.

This book is dedicated to all the people who help keep us healthy so that we can learn and grow.

This book is dedicated to friends and family who love us for who we are.

This book is dedicated to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for putting education first.
This is my friend...
We like to meet under our favorite big tree.
We go to school together and learn lots of things.
We run and play football once the bell rings.
Sometimes we picnic down by the lake,

Kayla brings fruit and I bring cake.
We like to sing and dance when it’s rainy or sunny.
We like to talk and laugh and just be funny.
Kendi is living with **HIV**.

And that’s okay with me.
My Mum helps me make sure I take my medicine every day.

And after I do, I like to say...
Now I am as STRONG as an ELEPHANT...
As **FAST** as a **CHEETAH**...
And BRAVE like a LION!
But sometimes
I feel sick
and I have
to say...
I feel sleepy throughout the day.
That’s when we lie on the grass and just watch the clouds.
Or sit and read quietly away from the crowds.
I am happy KAYLA is my friend.

She tells me again and again...
You are as **STRONG** as an **ELEPHANT**,
As **FAST** as a **CHEETAH**...
And the **BRAVEST** boy I know!