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54547, Something Special, Something Special, 0316563242, David McPhail, 45.00, 15.00, Joy St Books, Oct-88, 精装, ,,, Something Special, From Publishers Weekly Sam the raccoon is the only member of his family who cannot do something special. One sister plays the piano exquisitely, another sister is a baseball star. When Sam tries to emulate them, he is all thumbs, and he courts disaster when he tries to be a computer whiz like his brother. His father is a super chef, his mother carves lovely wooden birds and Grandma knits beautiful woollies. Only when his mother asks Sam's advice about painting the birds does Sam finally discover his own talent; soon he is immersed in creating portraits of the whole family. This story is perfect for children still unaware of their own abilities. Plucky Sam admirably keeps trying even though he does not always succeed, an appealing reminder that it sometimes takes

time to find a niche. McPhail\'s colorful illustrations bring to life the multi-talented raccoon family. He captures the ghastly results of Sam\'s playing the piano and the horrid effects of his cooking attempts. Ages 3-5. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal PreSchool-Grade 1 Everyone in Sam\'s raccoon family has a special talentone sister plays the piano, another plays first base, his brother is a computer whiz, his father is a wonderful cook, his mother carves wooden birds, his grandmother is a knitter, and even his dog can balance a bone on his nose. Sam fails at everything. At last he discovers his own special talentpainting, which wins him self-respect and the admiration of others. Expressive full-color ink-and-wash illustrations are uncluttered yet filled with humorous detail and serve as the perfect extension to the simple text. A reassuring story told with humor and a light touch, sure to be a comfort to young siblings seeking the special string to their bow. Starr LaTronica, North Berkeley Library, Calif.Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. See all Editorial Reviews

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