“With all due respect to Stephen Hawking, Bill Gates, and any living Nobel laureates, the most remarkable mind on the planet just might belong to Daniel Tammet... an account that inspires even as it astonishes.” - *Entertainment Weekly*

**Born on a Blue Day**

*Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant*

**Daniel Tammet**

Bestselling author of *THINKING IN NUMBERS*

Special Bonus Features:
Reading Group Guide • A Conversation with the Author
How Does It Work?

In order to prepare you for college-level reading, inquiry, and discussion, Michigan Technological University sponsors a Reading as Inquiry initiative each year for the new incoming class. Over the summer, you will read *Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant* by Daniel Tammet. All first-year students are expected to read this book before arriving at Michigan Tech.

During Orientation you will meet with a member of the faculty or staff and your Orientation team to discuss the book as a group. To top off that experience, you will get a chance to hear author Daniel Tammet speak. Parents and family members are also invited to read the book. There will be a book discussion group designed just for them.

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Important Dates

PARENT & FAMILY DISCUSSION  
Sunday, August 27 – 642 Dow Building

AUTHOR ADDRESS  
Tuesday, August 29 – Rozsa Center  
9:00 am–10:30 am & 1:00 pm–2:30 pm

FIRST YEAR STUDENT DISCUSSIONS  
Tuesday, August 29 – Team Meeting Location  
3:00pm – 4:00 pm

You may purchase your book online and have it mailed directly to you from the Michigan Tech Bookstore.

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DANIEL TAMMET  
AUTHOR

One of only 50 high functioning autistic savants, Tammet was recently named one of the world’s 100 Living Geniuses in a British poll.

Entertainment Weekly says he possesses the most remarkable mind on the planet.

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Points to Ponder

- What themes did you see in the book? What are the social implications of those themes?
- How does Daniel Tammet’s experience of numbers and language differ from yours?
- How does Daniel use his knowledge of different languages to help him understand and learn new ones?
- Given the opportunity to ask one question of the author, what would it be and why?
- What lessons did you take away from reading *Born on a Blue Day?*