

A true story about what is possible if you refuse to give up



Amili Targownik
Hasn't Got Wings but Can Fly

[Hat keine Flügel, kann aber fliegen]

My story

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Amili Targownik was born in Tel Aviv in 1995 with cerebral palsy. She spent her childhood in Germany, with many therapies and difficulties at school. In grade ten she moved to a school in the USA, where she graduated and began to write the story of her life. She is now studying social science in Tel Aviv. She speaks four languages and lives in Israel and Munich.

"When I was a child I thought everyone was born handicapped; that for my 18th birthday I would get a licence for walking and grow up as a normal adult."

Amili was born with cerebral palsy and has been in a wheelchair since birth. When her little sister starts to walk Amili stops speaking. She is silent for one and a half years, invents her own world, makes up fictitious friends, lives in a world of dreams. Her school in Germany doesn't believe in her abilities. But she has a strong will and leaves the special-needs school and goes to an American high school. And finally to university.

Her message: anything and everything is possible, but you must never give up. This is her story – poignant, poetical and humorous.

A very special young woman with a message: against disregard and exclusion, for empathetic togetherness.

Press

"Amili Targownik affords deep insights into her inner life. [...] She does so in a touching, poetic way, but with humour as well." *Jüdische Allgemeine*

"With her story, Amili reminds us whom we all need: other people." *Berliner Zeitung*

"*Hasn't Got Wings but Can Fly* is a marvellous book about how

dreams can be pursued." *kultura-extra.de*