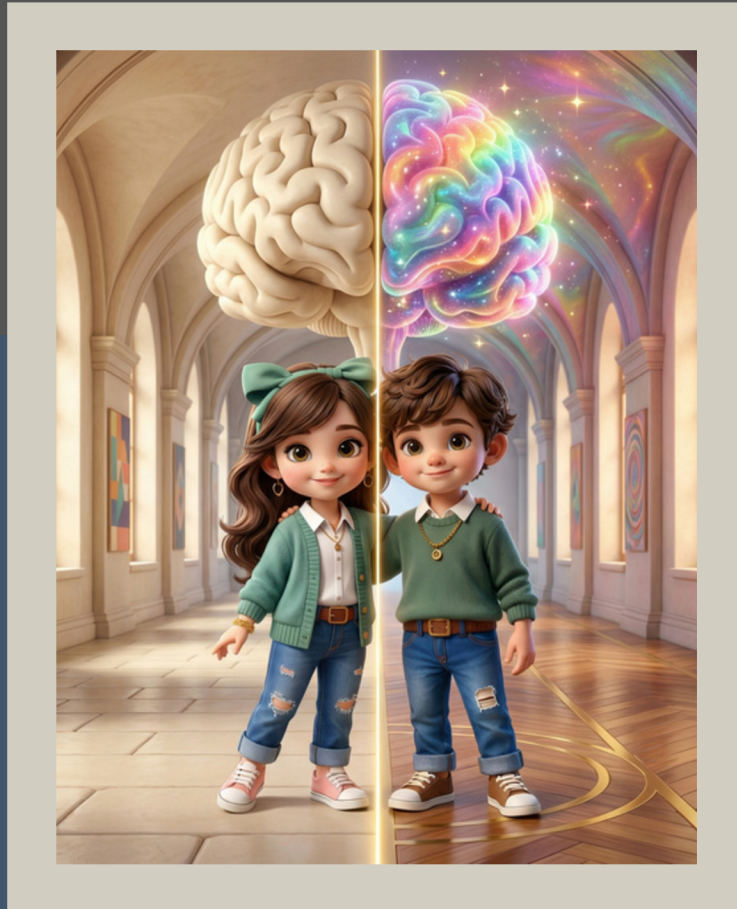


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**THINK LIKE A BRAIN!<sup>TM</sup>**

Luna Lefty and Roger Righty's Mixed Up  
Masterpiece

Logic, creativity & teamwork in your brain

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For: Parents, Educators, & Co-Regulators

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# THIS BOOK IS ONE PIECE OF A BIGGER SYSTEM.

## **Luna Lefty and Roger Righty are part of Think Like a Brain!™**

— a structured developmental pathway that walks children (and the adults who love them) through the brain from the bottom up. Each character is a different brain region, and each book is a different layer of how humans regulate, remember, perceive, connect, and grow.

You're not meant to piece this together on your own. The pathway is designed to build in order.

The developmental arc, from the ground up:

Benny the Brainstem — the foundation. Survival, regulation, the automatic body. Start here.

Bella the Cerebellum — balance, movement, rhythm, coordination.

Amy the Amygdala — the alarm system. Big feelings, fear, protection.

Hippocampus Hal — memory, meaning, and the story of "me."

Olly the Occipital Owl — sight, images, imagination, pattern.

Tammy Temporal — sound, language, and the music of a life.

Perry the Parietal — body maps, touch, space, and belonging.

Luna Lefty & Roger Righty — the two hemispheres, logic and art, list-making and daydreaming.

Callie the Connector — the bridge that lets all of it talk. Integration. Whole-brain thinking.

Each book stands on its own. Together, they form a bottom-up, trauma-informed, neurodevelopmentally-sequenced map of the human brain — written for children who are building themselves, and the grown-ups who are building alongside them.

Why the order matters. You cannot ask two hemispheres to cooperate before a child's body feels safe, their feelings feel heard, and their senses feel trusted. The Think Like a Brain!™ pathway follows the same sequence real children use to grow: regulation first, then relationship, then reasoning. When you read these books in order — or reach for the one your child needs in the moment — you're matching the story to the layer of the brain that's doing the work.

Luna & Roger's place on the pathway. The twins live near the top of the arc because higher-order thinking — planning and creating, analyzing and imagining — only comes online once the layers beneath are working. A child has to feel safe (Benny), balanced (Bella), emotionally held (Amy), rooted in memory (Hal), and confident in their senses (Olly, Tammy, Perry) before the two hemispheres can really collaborate. Luna and Roger are what happens when the whole foundation is in place: the planner and the dreamer finally free to make something together. They sit just below Callie, who carries every message between them.

### **Disclaimer**

A gentle note. The Think Like a Brain!™ series is an educational and emotional literacy companion, not a replacement for medical, psychological, or therapeutic care. These books are grounded in developmental neuroscience and trauma-informed frameworks but are not diagnostic tools, treatment plans, or clinical interventions. If a child in your care is struggling with regulation, mental health, trauma, sensory processing, or development, please reach out to a qualified pediatrician, therapist, occupational therapist, or school counselor. The grown-ups who love a child are always the first and best line of support — and the grown-ups who get trained help are the ones who keep getting stronger at it. Trust yourself. Trust your team. Trust the pathway.

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# A QUIET NOTE FROM Maisel McLaula

These free pages are a small taste of something much bigger. Think Like a Brain!™ began as a love letter – to the children I’ve held, taught, and grown alongside, and to the grown-ups who stay up late worrying whether they’re getting it right. Every character, every printable, every breath script, every line of read-aloud guidance was built by hand, tested with real kids, and poured full of the thing I wish every child had: someone who believed their brain was not broken, just building.

Two ways to walk the full pathway:

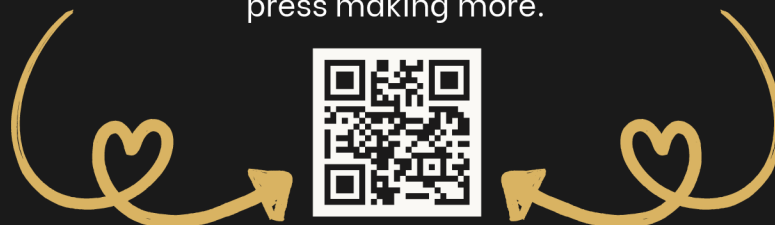
## **The books.**

Each Think Like a Brain!™ title is a complete story with its own resource pages in the back – read-aloud prompts, age-by-age questions, regulation tools, and the science behind the character, all tucked into the final pages. The books alone are enough. They’re available wherever books are sold

## **The Activity Packs (like this one).**

These 24-page learning expansion packs are a deeper, classroom-and-clinic-ready companion to each book – role-play scripts, sorting mats, body-scan scripts, neurodivergent-affirming adaptations, parent and educator notes, and printables built to be hung, folded, and loved. The Activity Packs are exclusive to online customers at NextGenLearners.com and are not available anywhere else right now.

If this sampler was useful to a child you love, the full **Luna & Roger** Activity Pack is \$3 at NextGenLearners.com – and every pack you purchase keeps this small, independent press making more.



With so much love, Maisel McLaula NGL Publishing · NextGenLearners.com



# CHARACTER CARD

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## About Luna & Roger

Luna and Roger are twins – the left and right hemispheres of the brain.

Luna Lefty has tidy blue braids, a clipboard, and loves words, order, numbers, and lists. She writes everything down. Roger Righty has wild purple hair, paint on his fingertips, and loves music, pictures, feelings, and big imagination. He splashes color everywhere. Luna says, “One step at a time!” Roger says, “Let’s make it magical!” They live side by side in the brain, and when they work together – Luna’s plan plus Roger’s play – anything can happen. They fight sometimes, like all twins do. But their best moments come when they stop competing and start collaborating. Their bridge is Callie the Connector, who carries messages between them.

# LUNA & ROGER'S



## READ-ALLOUD GUIDE

**Before reading:** Ask your child, “Have you ever had two ideas inside your head that didn’t agree? What happened?” Tell them they’re about to meet two characters who live inside every brain.

**During reading:** Use a “Luna voice” (careful, clear, measured) and a “Roger voice” (bouncy, musical, big). Let kids guess which twin is speaking. Pause when the twins argue and ask, “Who’s right? Or are they both a little right?”

**After reading:** Ask, “Which twin sounds more like you today? Which sounds like your best friend?” Draw a brain with both sides – what does Luna look like in you? What about Roger?



## Luna & Roger's Quote of the Day

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*Two sides, one heartbeat, one brilliant team – your Luna plans the path, your Roger paints the dream.*



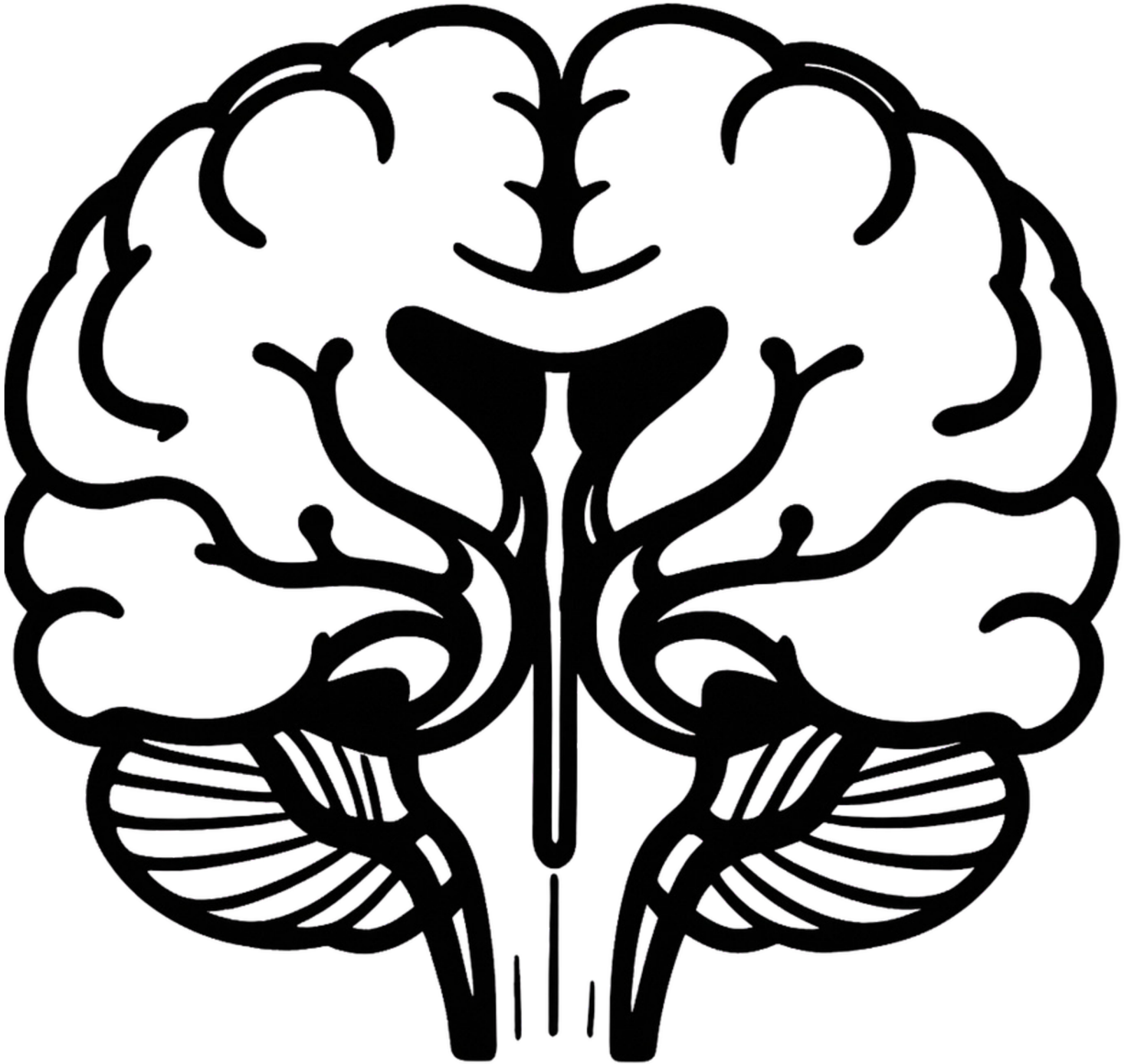
## Luna & Roger's Promise

Every child who meets Luna & Roger gets the same gift: the knowledge that both their sides belong – the planner and the dreamer, the list-maker and the song-singer, the logician and the artist. No part of them has to shrink for another to grow.

They were always whole.

# Luna & Roger's Mixed Masterpiece

Color in both halves — let Luna's side and Roger's side meet in the middle.



*Which side is talking, the planner or the dreamer?*

# THANK YOU



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## A NOTE FROM MAISEL

### **Thank you.**

For choosing *Luna & Roger*. For sitting beside a child while they learned that every side of them belongs – the list-maker and the daydreamer, the logician and the artist, the twin who plans and the twin who plays. For reading slowly. For pausing when they asked questions. For trusting that stories can carry real neuroscience into a child's heart.

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### **Share the Love**

If *Luna & Roger* helped a child you love, tell a friend, a teacher, a therapist. Word of mouth is how small presses grow big hearts. And if you'd like to leave a review – it truly does make all the difference.

– With gratitude,

*Maisel McLaula*