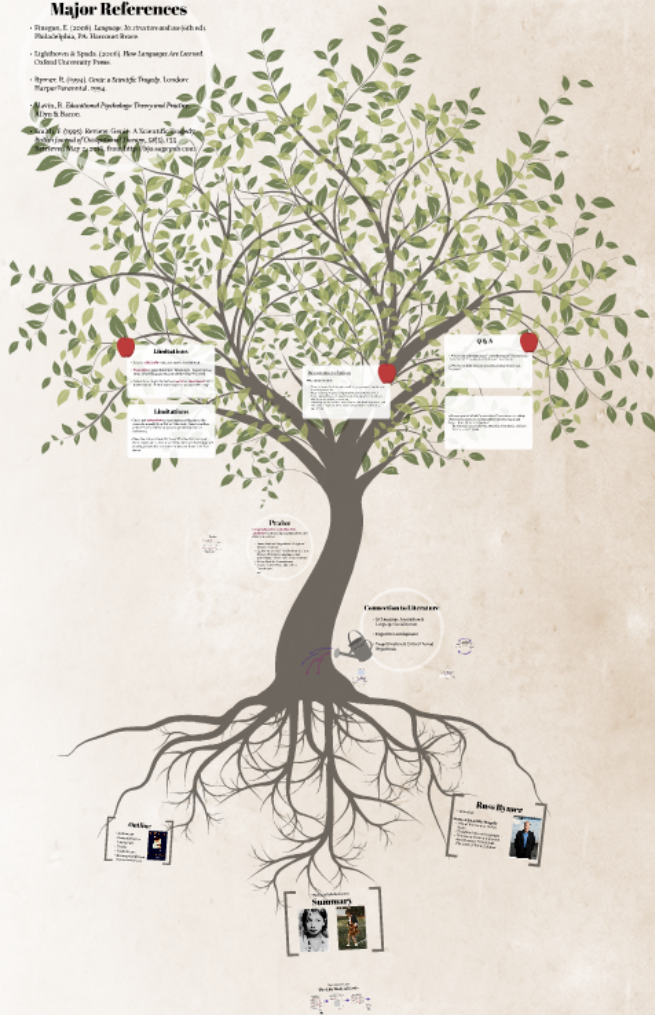


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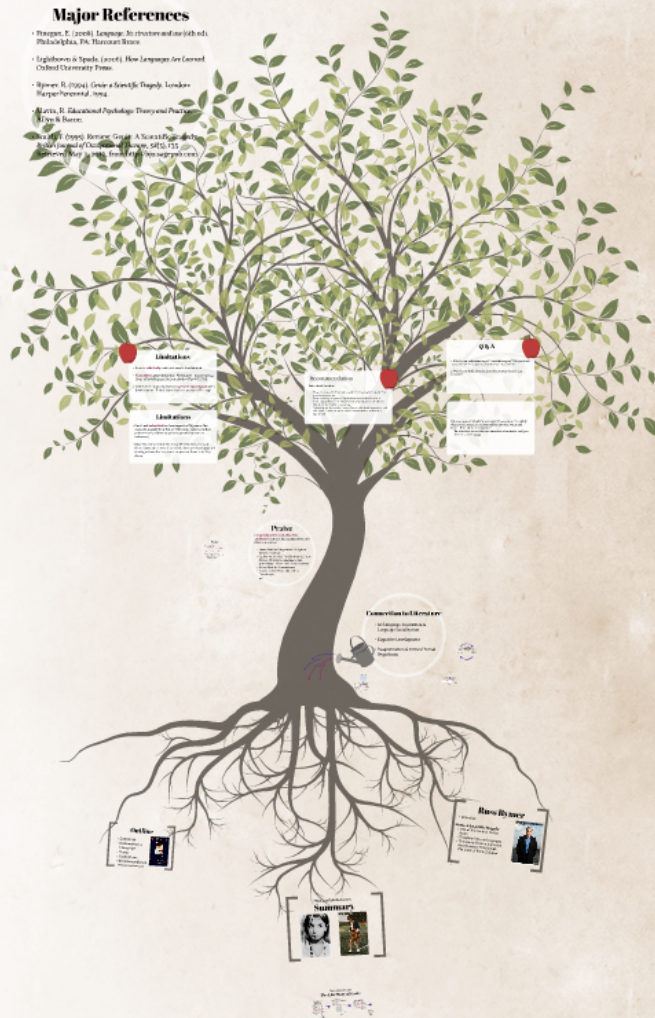
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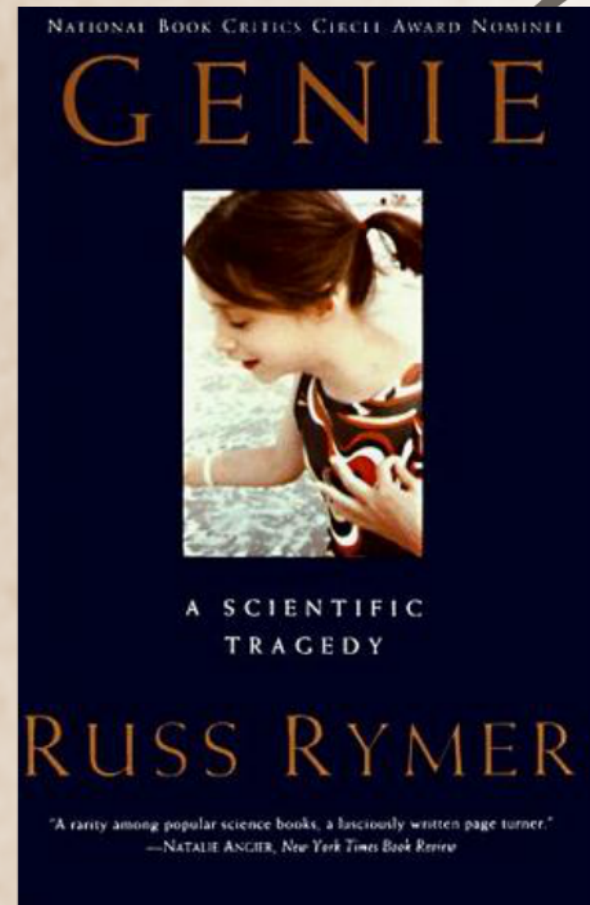
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# Summary





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# The Life Story of Genie

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### • Health condition

"Slow" & "retarded" (p.17)

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13 year social isolation and severe abuse

14 months

20 months

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### Abuse

- "Confined to a small bedroom"
- "Tethered to an infant's potty seat"
- "Told her to lie in bed to sleep"
- "Threatened by her father acting as a dog"
- "Beaten" for "making any sound"
- Limited diet



(Extractions from Chapter 4)

## The Research Subject

### • Rescue at age 13

Los Angeles, California

November 4, 1970



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## The Tragic Ending

### • Home

Lived with mother

### • Abuse

Was abused in foster family and lost the ability to speak

### • Readmission

Children's Hospital for two weeks

### • New foster families

Confused with frequent moves

1975

for 1 and half years

April 1977

late 1977 and early 1978

## The Tragic Ending

Ending

Hidden away from scientists  
Sent to retarded adults' home with weekly meeting her mother



March

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## The Research Subject

• <b>Temporary Placement</b> Lived with Teacher Jean Butler	summer, 1971
• <b>Foster Parents:</b> Lived with David and Marilyn Rigler; Was enrolled in nursery and public school	for 4 years



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# The Research Subject

## Research and Treatment

Admitted into Children's Hospital    **Dec 1970**

Researchers & doctors:

**Principal investigator David Rigler**

Psychiatrist/consultant Jay Shurley

Linguist Susan Curtiss

Psychologist James Kent

Guardian John Miner

**Teacher Jean Butler**

etc.