

Some Entertaining & Insightful Autism-Related Books

Recommended by Staff & Family Members at The Birchtree Center

- Temple Grandin, ***The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism and Asperger's*** (Future Horizons, 2008; 260pp) “It’s fascinating to learn about the mechanics of the mind, and inspirational to see how hard Temple Grandin worked to establish the relationships that helped her achieve so much as an animal behavior expert. I also highly recommend the film *Temple Grandin* (HBO Films, 2010).” —*Rosemarie*
- Mark Haddon, ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*** (Doubleday Publishing, 2003; 240pp) “This is a humorous novel told in the voice of a fifteen-year-old boy with autism. Christopher intersperses his detective-inspired narrative with an entertaining assortment of diagrams, math problems, and candid observations about the absurdity of common social niceties.”—*Jessica*
- Rupert Isaacson, ***The Horse Boy: A Memoir of Healing*** (Back Bay Books, 2009; 351 pp) “This memoir tells the extraordinary story of a family that traveled to Mongolia seeking shamanic healing for their son with autism. We witness an incredible, surprising bond between a boy and his horse. The family’s story is also told in a documentary, *The Horse Boy* (Zeitgeist Films, 2009).” — *Rosemarie*
- Cynthia Lord, ***Rules*** (Scholastic, Inc., 2007; 208pp) This is a Newbery-Honor-winning novel for middle readers set in contemporary Maine. “It’s about a twelve-year-old Catherine whose brother, David, has autism. This book is great for kids who are over 10-12 years old.”—*Devon*
- Charlotte Moore, ***George & Sam: Two Boys, One Family, & Autism*** (St. Martin’s Press, 2006; 320pp) “This memoir by an English journalist tells about her experiences raising two sons with autism and one typically developing son. It’s honest, poignant, and even funny!”—*Jessica*
- Clara Claiborne Park, ***Exiting Nirvana: A Daughter's Life with Autism*** (Back Bay Books, 2002; 240pp) “This is a follow-up to the author’s 1967 memoir, *The Siege*, which recounted her family’s experience raising a child with autism at a time when little was known about effective therapies and education for individuals with autism. It was inspiring to learn what the family has accomplished since then!”—*Judy*
- Jodi Picoult, ***House Rules*** (Atria Books, 2010, 544 pp) “This is a murder mystery with surprising plot twists and captivating storytelling that offers insight into what it’s like to live as—or live with—an individual with Asperger’s Syndrome. A great read!” —*Katie*
- John Elder Robison, ***Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's*** (Crown, 2007; 304pp) “This darkly funny and fascinating memoir recounts the author’s adventures as a teenage tinkerer, toy engineer, auto restorer, and sound & effects engineer for KISS and other bands. We witness Robison’s struggles with social interactions and his eventual diagnosis of Asperger’s Syndrome at age 40.” — *Jessica*
- Daniel Tammet, ***Born On A Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant*** (Free Press, 2007; 256pp) “Tammet is a 27-year-old with extraordinary mathematical and linguistic abilities who has Asperger’s and who experiences synesthesia. His detailed memoir offers an incredible perspective on the way his mind works and the world he experiences.”—*Ellen*
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Are you a member of a book club? Representatives from The Birchtree Center can attend local book group meetings, provide background information about autism, and share their perspectives on living and working with autism. For more information, contact our Director of Development & Community Relations at (603) 433-4192.

More Autism-Related Books

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For Children & Young Readers

Beverly Bishop, *My Friend with Autism: A Coloring Book for Peers and Siblings* (Future Horizons, 2003; 36pp)

Andreanna Edwards, *Taking Autism to School* (JayJo Books, 2002; 32pp)

Cynthia Lord, *Rules* (Scholastic, Inc., 2007; 208pp)

Donald J. Meyer, *Views From Our Shoes: Growing Up With a Brother or Sister with Special Needs* (Woodbine House, 1997; 114pp)

For Adults

Jed Baker, Ph.D., *The Social Skills Picture Book: Teaching Play, Emotion, and Communication to Children with Autism* (Future Horizons, 2003; 240pp)

Andy Bondy, Ph.D., & Lori Frost, M.S., CCC/SLP *A Picture's Worth /PECS and Other Visual Communication Strategies in Autism* (Woodbine House, 2001; 155pp)

Sabrina Freeman, Ph.D., & Lorelei Dake, *Teach Me Language* (SKF Books, 1997; 410pp)

Temple Grandin, *Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior* (Harcourt, 2006; 372pp)

Carol Gray, *The New Social Story Book* (Future Horizons, 2000; 120pp)

Hammill Institute on Disabilities & Sage Publications, *Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities* (quarterly periodical available by subscription online at <http://focus.sagepub.com>)

Sandra L. Harris, Ph.D., *Siblings of Children with Autism: A Guide for Families* (Woodbine House, 1994; 127pp)

Ron Leaf, John McEachin & Jaisom Harsh, editors, *A Work in Progress: Behavior Management Strategies and a Curriculum for Intensive Behavioral Treatment of Autism* (DRL Books, 1999; 344pp)

Catherine Maurice, *Let Me Hear Your Voice: A Family's Triumph over Autism* (Ballantine Books, 1994; 400pp)

Catherine Maurice, Gina Greene & Stephen C. Luce, editors, *Behavioral Intervention for Young Children With Autism: A Manual for Parents and Professionals* (Pro-Ed, 1996; 400pp)

Catherine Maurice, Gina Greene & Richard M. Foxx, editors, *Making a Difference: Behavioral Intervention for Autism* (Pro-Ed, 2001; 221pp)

Lynn E. McClannahan, Ph.D. & Patricia J. Krantz, Ph.D., *Activity Schedule for Children with Autism: Teaching Independent Behavior* (Woodbine House, 1999; 117pp)

Clara Clairborne Parks, *The Siege: The First Eight Years of An Autistic Child* (Back Bay Books, 1982; 352pp)

Kathleen Ann Quill, *Do-Watch-Listen-Say: Social Communication Intervention for Children with Autism* (Brookes Publishing Company, 2000; 640pp)

Howard C. Shane & Sharon Weiss-Kapp, *Visual Language in Autism* (Plural Publishing, Inc., 2007; 171pp)

Chantal Sicile-Kira, *Adolescents on the Autism Spectrum: A Parent's Guide to the Cognitive, Social, Physical, and Transition Needs of Teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorders* (Perigee Trade, 2006; 288pp)

Mary Jane Weiss, Ph.D., BCBA & Sandra L. Harris, Ph.D., *Reaching Out, Joining In/ Teaching Social Skills to Young Children with Autism* (Woodbine House, 2001; 225pp)

Mary Wrobel, *Taking Care of Myself: A Healthy Hygiene, Puberty and Personal Curriculum for Young People with Autism* (Future Horizons, 2003; 270pp)