



# Autism Awareness

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
<b>EASY</b>		
N/A	Avis, J.I. <i>Morty the Meerkat Has Autism</i> . Norfolk, VA: Child Heroes Pub., 2011.  <i>Morty the Meerkat Has Autism</i> is a book about a meerkat that is on the autism spectrum disorder. Although it appears to be a children's book with exceptional, colorful pictures and easy to read vocabulary, it doubles as a teaching tool for adults to help them not only understand the autism spectrum better but give them strategies to help the autistic individual be more successful in his or her environment.	E AV56M
1 - 4	Ely, Lesley. <i>Looking After Louis</i> . Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman, 2004.  When a new boy with autism named Louis joins their classroom, the children try to understand his world and to include him in theirs through imagination, kindness and a special game of soccer.	E EL93L
PreK - 2	Peete, Holly Robinson. <i>My Brother Charlie</i> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2010.  A girl tells what it is like living with her twin brother who has autism and sometimes finds it hard to communicate with words, but who, in most ways, is just like any other boy. Includes authors' note about autism.	E P3475M

1 - 3 Thompson, Mary. *Andy and His Yellow Frisbee*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House, 1996. E  
T3756A

The new girl at school tries to befriend Andy, an autistic boy who spends every recess by himself, spinning a yellow frisbee under the watchful eye of his older sister.

1 - 2 Walsh, Melanie. *Isaac and His Amazing Asperger Superpowers!* Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2016. E  
W1686I

A little boy with Asperger's syndrome celebrates his differences while explaining how he often has more energy than other kids, has very acute senses, and says things that may be blunt but are never intended to be mean.

## FICTION

4 - 7 Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything but Typical*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2009. F  
B2929A

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

6 - 9 Dooley, Sarah. *Livvie Owen Lived Here*. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2010. F  
D7207L

Fourteen-year-old Livvie Owen, who has autism, and her family have been forced to move frequently because of her outbursts, but when they face eviction again, Livvie is convinced she has a way to get back to a house where they were all happy, once.

9 - 12 Duyvis, Corinne. *On the Edge of Gone*. New York: Amulet Books, 2016. F  
D958O

In Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in 2034, a comet is due to hit the Earth within the hour. Denise, who's sixteen years old and autistic, must try to find her missing sister and also help her neglectful, undependable mother safely aboard a spaceship

9 - 12 Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. New York: Doubleday, 2003. F  
H1174C

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

5 - 8 Hautman, Pete. *Slider*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2017. F  
H297SL

Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on

his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother.

N/A Klingel, Deanna K. ***Rebecca & Heart***. Aledo, TX: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press, 2018. F K687R

The story is amusingly told through the eyes of an insect. Rebecca's journey takes place in pre- World War II England, and during the war. It's a sweet, informative story that notes the first identification of autism, and addresses the characteristics and misconceptions regarding autism. The story provides the reader examples of the everyday struggles that some on the autism spectrum must deal with. It also makes the reader aware of the possible hidden potential masked by the autism.

4 - 7 Lord, Cynthia. ***Rules***. New York: Scholastic Press, 2006. F L8842R

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

N/A Ludwig, Benjamin. ***Ginny Moon***. Don Mills, ONT: Park Row Books, 2017. F L9665G

Meet Ginny Moon. She's mostly your average teenager--she plays flute in the high school band, has weekly basketball practice, and reads Robert Frost poems in English class. But Ginny is autistic. And so what's important to her might seem a bit ... different: starting every day with exactly nine grapes for breakfast, Michael Jackson, her baby doll, and crafting a secret plan of escape. After being traumatically taken from her abusive birth mother and moved around to different homes, Ginny has finally found her "forever home"--A safe place with parents who will love and nurture her. This is exactly what all foster kids are hoping for, right? But Ginny has other plans. She'll steal and lie and exploit the good intentions of those who love her--anything it takes to get back what's missing in her life. She'll even try to get herself kidnapped. Told in an extraordinary and wholly original voice, *Ginny Moon* is at once quirky, charming, heartbreaking, and poignant. It's a story about being an outsider trying to find a place to belong and about making sense of a world that just doesn't seem to add up.

4 - 6 McGovern, Cammie. ***Just My Luck***. New York: Harper, 2016. F M1774J

This year is not going at all how Benny Barrows expected. He hasn't gotten any better at riding a bike -- even though his brother George, who's autistic, can actually do tricks. His best friend moved away and he's having trouble finding a new one. His teacher is suddenly acting very strange. And worst of all, Benny worries he's to blame for the accident that sent his dad to the hospital. When his principal announces a contest that will recognize students for their good deeds around the school, Benny starts to think his mom might be right -- when bad things happen, you should focus on helping others. But no

matter how helpful Benny tries to be, no one seems to notice. Making videos with his toy figurines is the only time Benny feels like he's in control -- and the only time he can imagine a happy ending. Now Benny just needs to figure out how to do the same for him and his family.

- 4 - 6 Matlin, Marlee. *Nobody's Perfect*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. F  
M4277N
- Megan, a popular and outgoing fourth-grader, is sure that the "perfect" new girl dislikes her because she is deaf, but persistence and a joint science fair project help Megan see that the two girls have something in common after all.
- 8 - 12 Mazer, Harry. *Somebody, Please Tell Me Who I Am*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2012. F  
M45714SM
- Wounded in Iraq while his Army unit is on convoy and treated for many months for traumatic brain injury, the first person Ben remembers from his earlier life is his autistic brother.
- 8 - 12 Stork, Francisco X. *Marcelo in the Real World*. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2009. F  
ST747M
- Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mail room of a corporate law firm.

## NONFICTION

- 9 - 12 Solomon, Andrew. *Far from the Tree: How Children and Their Parents Learn to Accept One Another...Our Differences Unite Us*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2017. 306.874  
SO472F
- The old adage says that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, meaning that children usually resemble their parents. But what happens when the apples fall somewhere else -- sometimes a couple of orchards away, sometimes on the other side of the world? In this young adult edition, Andrew Solomon profiles how families accommodate children who have a variety of differences: families of people who are deaf, who are dwarfs, who have Down syndrome, who have autism, who have schizophrenia, who have multiple severe disabilities, who are prodigies, who commit crimes, and more.
- 7 - 9 Atwood, Megan. *Living with Autism*. Minneapolis, MN: ABDO Pub., 2012. 616.85  
AT96L
- Living with Autism features fictional narratives paired with firsthand advice

from a medical expert to help preteens and teenagers feel prepared for dealing with autism during adolescence.

- 4 - 6 Brill, Marlene Targ. *Autism*. New York: Marshall Cavendish Benchmark, 2008. 616.85 B7696A
- Discusses autism and its effects on people and society.
- 9 - 12 Rosaler, Maxine. *Coping with Asperger Syndrome*. New York: The Rosen Pub. Group, 2004. 616.89 R7107C
- Presents information about Asperger's syndrome, including theories concerning its cause, its various characteristics, and management of the condition.
- N/A Cain, Barbara S. *Autism, The Invisible Cord: A Sibling's Diary*. Washington, DC: Magination Press: American Psychological Association, 2013 618.92 C1231A
- Autism, The Invisible Cord* follows 14-year-old Jenny as she describes her day-to-day life with her younger autistic brother, Ezra. Ezra can be both her best friend as well as her biggest obstacle to living a normal life, and Jenny often finds herself stuck worrying about her younger brother. Through taking care of Ezra and a very special school project, Jenny ends up learning about her own character and strengths, and a way to shine despite everything else.
- 1 - 3 Carlson, Nancy L. *Armond Goes to a Party: A Book About Asperger's and Friendship*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, Inc., 2014. 618.92 C1975A
- Armond doesn't want to go to Felicia's birthday party. Parties are noisy, disorganized, and smelly--all things that are hard for a kid with Asperger's. Worst of all is socializing with other kids. But with the support of Felicia and her mom, good friends who know how to help him, he not only gets through the party, but also has fun. When his mom picks him up, Armond admits the party was not easy, but he feels good that he faced the challenge--and that he's a good friend. A great book for anyone to learn about coping with autism or Asperger's.
- 2 - 3 Robbins, Lynnette. *How to Deal with Autism*. New York: PowerKids Press, 2010. 618.92 R536HAU
- This book provides information about autism: the signs to watch for, different kinds and severities of autism, and various treatments.
- 4 - 6 Shapiro, Ouisie. *Autism and Me: Sibling Stories*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman, 2009. 618.92 SH227A
- In these moving essays, children tell their stories of what it is like to live with a sibling who has autism.

- 1 - 2 Doering, Amanda F. *My Friend Has Autism*. Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2010. 618.92 T6491MAU
- My friend Zack has a disability called autism. But that doesn't matter to us. We talk about airplanes, build models, and enjoy hanging out at each other's house. I'm glad Zack is my friend!
- N/A Richards, Jace. *My Brother's Keeper: A Kindergartener's View of Autism*. Rome, GA: Mybrotherskeeper.biz, 2005. 618.9285882 R391M
- A kindergartner explains what it is like to have a young brother with Autism.
- 1 - 2 Rustad, Martha E.H. *Some Kids Have Autism*. Mankato, MN: Pebble Books, 2008. 618.9285882 R928S
- Teaches diversity and tolerance to young readers and helps them understand and appreciate those children who have health differences. Colorful photos show kids with disabilities enjoying activities with their peers.

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- 6 - 8 Montgomery, Sy. *Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2012. B G764M
- An authorized portrait about Grandin's life with autism and her groundbreaking work as a scientist and designer of cruelty-free livestock facilities describes how she overcame key disabilities through education and the support of her mother.
- K - 2 Mosca, Julia Finley. *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin*. Seattle, WA: The Innovation Press, 2017. B G764MOS
- Describes the life and accomplishments of the animal scientist and designer of cruelty-free livestock facilities, from her early life and autism diagnosis through her journey to become a livestock expert.
- N/A Tammet, Daniel. *Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant: A Memoir*. New York: Free Press, 2007. B T152T
- A journey into one of the most fascinating minds alive today--guided by its owner. Daniel Tammet sees numbers as shapes, colors, and textures, and he can perform extraordinary calculations in his head. He can learn new languages from scratch, in a week. He has savant syndrome, a rare condition that gives him almost unimaginable mental powers. But in one crucial way Daniel is not at all like the Rain Man: he is virtually unique among autistic people in that he is capable of living an independent life. He is even able to

explain what is happening inside his head. Starting from early childhood, when he was incapable of making friends and prone to tantrums, to young adulthood, when he learned how to control himself and to live independently, fell in love, experienced a religious conversion to Christianity, and most recently, emerged as a celebrity.

## PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

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| Moss, Wendy L. <i>Children Don't Come with an Instruction Manual: A Teacher's Guide to Problems That Affect Learners</i> . New York: Teachers College Press, 2004.      | 371.9<br>M855C    |
| Stowe, Cynthia M. <i>Understanding Special Education: A Helpful Handbook for Classroom Teachers</i> . New York: Scholastic Teaching Resources, 2005.                    | 371.9<br>ST78U    |
| Kaweski, Walter. <i>Teaching Adolescents with Autism: Practical Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom</i> . Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press, 2011.                     | 371.94<br>K1799T  |
| McConnell, Kathleen. <i>Early Start for Young Children with Autism/PDD: Practical Interventions</i> . Austin, TX: Pro-Ed, 2006.   | 371.94<br>M1347E  |
| Mahoney, Gerald. <i>Autism and Developmental Delays in Young Children: The Responsive Teaching Curriculum for Parents and Professionals</i> . Austin, TX: Pro-Ed, 2007. | 371.94<br>M2793A  |
| Willis, Clarissa. <i>Teaching Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder</i> . Beltsville, MD: Gryphon House, 2006.   | 371.94<br>W6792T  |
| Yerman, Jim. <i>So You Want to Be a Special Education Teacher? Hold On, You're in for a Wild (But Rewarding) Ride!</i> Arlington, TX: Future Horizons, 2001.            | 371.94<br>Y45S    |
| Phillips, Nicola J. <i>Teaching Play to Children with Autism: A Practical Intervention Using Identiplay</i> . London, UK: Paul Chapman, 2007.                           | 371.943<br>P5456T |

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