

FOR SIBLINGS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS*

Books for siblings:

Band, Eve & Hecht, Emily, *Autism Through a Sister's Eyes: A young girl's view of her brother with autism*. Arlington, TX: Future Horizons, 2001. A simply told story, written in the voice of a girl who lives in the Baltimore area.

Bleach, Fiona, *Everybody Is Different*. A book for young people who have brothers or sisters with autism, for ages 8-16.

Feiges, Lynne Stern & Weiss, Mary Jane, *Sibling Stories: Reflections on Life with a Brother or Sister on the Autism Spectrum*. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Co., 2004. Addresses important issues about what it means to be the brother or sister of a person with autism.

Harris, Sandra L. *Siblings of Children with Autism: A guide for families, Second Edition*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine Press, 2003. Offers compassionate and authoritative advice and strategies for dealing with specific issues that are often troublesome for siblings.

Katz, Illana & Ritvo, Edward, *Joey and Sam*. Northridge, CA: Real Life Storybooks, 1993. Story illustrates similarities and differences between two brothers, one of whom has autism. For children grades K-5.

Messner, Abby Ward, *Captain Tommy*. Fictional story for children grades 1-4.

Meyer, Donald J., ed., *Views From Our Shoes*. Created to give siblings an opportunity to experience the thoughts and feelings of other siblings who have a brother or sister with special needs. For ages 9-12.

Moore, Deborah Ann, *Ethan and Phoebe: A child's book about autism*. Illustrated story for ages 4-8.

Murrell, D., *Tobin Learns to Make Friends*. Arlington, TX: Future Horizons, 2001.

Peralta, Sarah, *All About My Brother*. Written by 8-year-old Sarah, sister of a nonverbal younger brother with autism. For children ages 6-10.

Rosenberg, Marsha S., *Everything You Need to Know When a Brother or Sister is autistic*. For readers in grades 5-9.

Sullivan, Connor, *I Love My Brother*. A picture book written by 4-year-old Connor about his 2-year-old brother Sean, who has autism. For preschool and kindergarten children.

Thompson, M. *Andy and His Yellow Frisbee*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House, 1996. A simple description for readers in grades K-5.

Twachtman-Cullen, Diane, *Trevor, Trevor*. Cromwell, CT: Starfish Press, 1998.
Intended to be read by a parent or teacher, for children ages 6-10.

Books for school peers:

Edwards, Andreanna, *Taking Autism to School*. Valley Park, MO: JayJo Books, 2001.
Brief introduction to autism for elementary school age children.

Bishop, Beverly, *My Friend with Autism*. Arlington, TX: Future Horizons, 2002.
Offers elementary-age classmates concrete ways to develop friendships with children with autism; for ages 4-10. See "Notes for Adults" section for parents and teachers.

Ely, Lesley, *Looking After Louis*. A story about how a child with autism plays and interacts with students and teachers in a regular education classroom. For children ages 4-8.

Schnurr, R. G., *Asperger's Huh? A child's perspective*. Ottawa: Ansior Publishing, 1999.

Welton, Jude, *Can I Tell You About Asperger Syndrome?* NY: Jessica Kingsley, 2004.
A guide for friends and family.

Books for teachers:

Stanton, Mike, *Learning to Live with High Functioning Autism: A parent's guide for professionals*. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2000.

Books for parents:

Siegel, Bryna & Silverstein, Stuart, *What About Me? Growing up with a developmentally disabled sibling*. Although not autism-specific, this is a detailed guide for families and mental health professionals with the information and understanding needed to promote a better family life.

Willey, Liane Holliday, *Asperger Syndrome in the Family: Redefining normal*. NY: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2001. Liane Willey and one of her daughters both have Asperger Syndrome, and in this book, she looks at the implications this has for her family, with much practical help offered for families in similar situations.

Other books:

Meyer, D.J. & Vadasy, P.F., *Sibshops: Workshops for siblings of children with special needs*. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes, 1994.

*Most of these books are available from the North Carolina ASA Bookstore,
www.autismbookstore.com or from the publishers listed.

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