



Book List for Peers

What is Autism? Series for Young Learners

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Age: 4-9

Larson, E. M. (2006). *I am utterly unique: Celebrating the strengths of children with Asperger Syndrome and high-functioning Autism*. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Company.
 This book details the many unique qualities of children with Asperger Syndrome in an A-Z format.

Doherty, K., McNally, P., & Sherrard, E. (2000). *I have Autism... what's that?* Bethesda, MD: National Autistic Society.
 This cheerful book helps children and young people with autism discover how that are different from neurotypical people.

Smith, M., & Fraser, A. (2011). *Point to Happy: For children on the Autism Spectrum*. New York, NY: Workman Publishing Company.

A pointer device allows children to point to "happy", "sad", "hug", etc. This is a highly interactive story for parents to read with their children.

Amenta, C. A. (2011). *Russell's World: A story for kids about Autism*. Washington, DC: Magination Press.
 By looking inside Russell's real-life family, children will get an idea of how others who are on the Autism Spectrum deal with real-life situations.

Koborg Brsen, S. *Do you understand me?* (2006). Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
 Sofie is an eleven year old girl who is on the Autism spectrum. This book is told from her point of view and details her experience being in a mainstream school and being a bit different from those around her.

Age: 9-12

Elder, J. (2006). *Different like me: My book of autism heroes*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers
 This book is about famous people who may have had an ASD. It talks about the achievements of people such as Einstein, Kandinsky, etc.

Vermeulen, P. (2000). *I am special: Introducing children and young people to their autistic spectrum*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
 Aimed at young people over the age of ten with autism spectrum disorder, this workbook is designed to be worked through with an adult, parent, teacher or other professional. The content and layout are devised especially for children who process information differently.

Gerland, G. (2000). *Finding out about Asperger syndrome, high-functioning Autism and PDD*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
 Gunilla's book can be helpful to all young people who receive a diagnosis of Asperger syndrome, PDD or high-functioning autism. It will also be of interest to their peers in school, siblings, and other children.

Faherty, C. (2000). *Asperger's...what does it mean to me?* Arlington, TX: Future Horizons, Inc.
 A workbook explaining self-awareness and life lessons to the child or youth with high functioning autism or Asperger's.

Age: 12+

Ogaz, N. (2008). *Buster and the amazing daisy*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
 This story provides an awareness of the hopes, dreams, fears, and frustrations of many individuals with Autism.

Hoopmann, K. (2001). *Blue bottle mystery: An Asperger adventure*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
 In this mystery book the hero is Ben, a boy with Asperger Syndrome. The story follows him as he goes on his many adventures and provides insights to how this child and children like him may respond to the many joys and challenges that come his way.

Hoopmann, K. (2001). *Of mice and aliens: An Asperger adventure*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
 This book is a sequel to the one listed above and follows the same child, Ben, as he goes on adventures and both teaches and learns about himself as an individual with Asperger Syndrome along the way.

Hoopmann, K. (2002). *Lisa and the lacemaker: An Asperger adventure*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
 Lisa, a friend of Ben from the books above, gains

understanding of her diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome as she goes on a mysterious adventure.

Robinson, J. E. (2011). *Be different: My adventures with Asperger's and my advice for fellow Aspergians, misfits, families, and teachers*. Crown Publishing Group: New York, NY.
 The author of this book was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome as a child and tells stories about his experience growing up. He encourages readers to, "be different" and empowers them through emphasizing the strengths of individuals with an Asperger's diagnosis.

Jackson, L. (2002). *Freaks, geeks and Asperger syndrome: A user guide to adolescence*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
 Luke has Asperger syndrome. He was aware how little information there was for teenagers like him so, with the help of his teenage brothers and sisters, he wrote this honest and witty book when he was thirteen. It covers a host of tricky teenage topics, including bullying and dating.

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