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The ability to perceive accurately stimuli in the environment is basic to many areas of academic, communicative and social functioning. Although people with autism live in the same physical world and deal with the same 'raw material' their perceptual world turns out strikingly different from that of non-autistic people. It is widely reported that autistic people have 'unusual' sensory perceptual experiences that may involve hypo- and hypersensitivity, fluctuation between different 'volumes' of perception and difficulty interpreting a sense. In this book, Olga Bogdashina attempts to define the role of sensory perceptual problems in autism identified by autistic individuals themselves. Often ignored by many professionals, this is one of the main problems highlighted by autistic individuals. This book singles out possible patterns of sensory experiences in autism and the cognitive differences caused by them. The final chapters are devoted to assessment and intervention issues with practical recommendations for selecting appropriate methods and techniques to eliminate the problems and enhance the strengths. *Sensory Perceptual Issues in Autism and Asperger Syndrome* is vital to teachers and other professionals working with autistic individuals to fully comprehend sensory perceptual differences in autism. This book will help readers select appropriate methods for dealing with autistic individuals. In addition, parents of autistic individuals and autistic individual themselves will find the information will enable them to initiate relevant strategies and environmental changes to facilitate more effective learning. A sometimes comic, sometimes heartbreaking journey into the world of autism. Sandra is looking for love. Gordon is seeking acceptance. Simon just wants these parents to stop talking for two minutes so he can get on with teaching their kids. And Casper? Casper is not here. Jody O'Neill's play *What I (Don't) Know About Autism* mixes narrative, song, dance and direct address to explore this contentious and often misunderstood subject matter. *What I (Don't) Know About Autism* was co-produced by Jody O'Neill and the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, in association with The Everyman, Cork, and Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre, Bray. It was first performed, with all relaxed performances and a cast of autistic and non-autistic actors, on the Abbey's Peacock Stage, in February 2020, before touring. Jonah Adams was diagnosed as autistic at two years and eight months. Just a few years later, a doctor refused to believe such a diagnosis could ever have been given to this healthy, happy boy. This is the true story of how Jonah's mother, Christina, seized his limited window of opportunity for recovery. Detailing how she utilized a combination of a special diet and one-on-one tutoring with speech therapists and behavioral psychologists, Christina shares the entire journey she undertook to give her child a second chance at a full life. A diverse collection of autistic voices that highlights how parents can avoid common mistakes and misconceptions, and make their child feel truly accepted, valued, and celebrated for who they are. Most resources available for parents come from psychologists, educators, and doctors, offering parents a narrow and technical approach to autism. *Sincerely, Your Autistic Child* represents an authentic resource for parents written by autistic people themselves. From childhood and education to culture, gender identity, and sexuality, this anthology tackles the everyday joys and challenges of growing up while honestly addressing the emotional needs, sensitivity, and vibrancy of autistic kids, youth, and young adults. Contributors reflect on what they have learned while growing up on the autism spectrum and how parents can avoid common mistakes and overcome challenges while raising their child. Part memoir, part guide, and part love letter, *Sincerely, Your Autistic Child* is an indispensable collection that invites parents and allies into the unique and often unheard experiences of autistic children and teens. *Tales from the Table* is a practitioner's account of the successes and limitations of using Lovaas/ABA home education with five young boys on the autistic spectrum. The abilities and skills of these children before, during and after intervention are documented with a focus on the realities of undertaking Lovaas/ABA home education: the impact of a 35-hour learning week on both child and parents, changing tutors and issues of commitment to the approach. Each chapter includes a commentary on the programme from a different perspective, with the voices of parents, siblings and teachers providing the context to the individual children's learning processes. This book will help parents to make an informed decision about using Lovaas/ABA interventions and will give professionals and students practical insights and useful information on the approach. When Max was first suspected to have autism his parents were devastated and lost. Join Raquel Idolyantes, a mother of two boys, for a candid look back at her adventures as a mom, a mom with an autistic son. Her eldest son, Max, was diagnosed with autism and ADHD, and Raquel brings you along for her journey. She puts Max's challenges into perspective by weaving the threads of his disability into the tapestry of life. Her struggles with obsessive-compulsive disorder, social anxiety disorder, and personal tragedies have challenged Raquel and her family to persevere and emerge stronger. This look at her family's struggles is not only informative, it is inspiring and hopeful. It is this sense of hope that helped to transform her imperfect family life dealing with the autism spectrum into the perfect life for her family. Raquel visits the challenges of accepting her son's disability, the process of getting a diagnosis, the difficulties of being her son's advocate in school, the confusion of finding her son the right therapies and activities, and the heartache of dealing with the rest of what life threw her way at the same time. All the challenges and difficulties may have been tiring, but she has been able to deal with everything while finding time to give back to her community. Her message is one of triumph over the initial disappointment of having a child with a disability. She shows how her son's disability has opened her world to compassion and understanding she would otherwise never have known. Max's life is proof positive that someone with autism can change the world for the better, and he's just getting started. At last, long-awaited answers to the questions you've been asking. Help for frustrated ADHD patients and their families. (As well as those with autism, PDD, Asperger's syndrome, and other related conditions.) Attention deficit/hyperactive disorder (ADHD) is one of the most rapidly growing diagnoses of our generation. Often the diagnosis fails to provide real help, leaving patients, doctors, and families at a loss to know what to do next. But for the first time ever, new insights into the overwhelming number of similarities between Autism and ADHD are giving those with ADHD genuine hope. For years, the label of Autism has carried a negative connotation. Parents were afraid to admit the diagnosis and banished the term from discussion. Finally, *The ADHD-Autism Connection* gives parents, educators, and doctors a reason to embrace autism with a renewed sense of hope and understanding. This book will show how these understandings can minimize the frustration, misdiagnoses, and misunderstandings ADHD sufferers and their families face. Written by a teenager with dyspraxia, this is a humorous and inspiring practical guide for young adults with dyspraxia and those around them trying to get to grips with the physical, social and psychological chaos caused by developmental co-ordination disorders (DCDs). In her own conversational style, Victoria Biggs explains the primary effects of dyspraxia - disorganization, clumsiness and poor short-term memory - as well as other difficulties that dyspraxic teenagers encounter, such as bullying and low self-esteem. Peppered with personal stories from other teens, this award-winning book offers down-to-earth advice on a wide range of adolescent issues, from puberty, health and hygiene to family life and making friends. The new edition includes an update from the author on her university and work experiences and how dyspraxia affects her now as an adult. Her positive approach and profound empathy with others in her situation make this book a must-read. 'This is an important contribution to the field of SEN. By putting the child into a context, the authors recognize that each child is unique and cannot be reduced to a simple diagnosis. Highly recommended' - SEN Magazine 'In just over 100 pages this book gives the clearest account I have yet read of 'overlapping and co-existing conditions'....All professionals working with children with complex conditions will find it both interesting and practical' - Special 'The book is written in an easily digestible form, and provides insight into overlapping conditions as well as advice on support to those working to meeting the needs of pupils with these complex disorders' - SNIP 'Many have tried but few have succeeded in bringing together the varying threads of special educational needs into a concise and proactive format. I know, having tried and failed myself. Here at last Dittrich and Tutt have created a fascinating account of the current SEN world and have succeeded, in my opinion, in demystifying and explaining the significance of specific SEN terms, while illustrating that overlap is more the norm than the exception. Well researched and written with both clarity and experience, the authors stress that there really is no such thing as a SEN child, but that some children are in essence more interesting in their learning and behaviour style than others.' Fintan O'Regan, Author and Consultant There are growing numbers of children displaying the symptoms of more than one condition or disorder, and this has led to those involved in education needing to understand which conditions commonly overlap or co-exist, and how to meet children's more complex needs. By bringing together some of the latest research on how the brain learns with what is known about identifying developmental disorders that appear to have a common biological basis, this book covers: - what is known about a common group of disorders, (including ADHD, autistic spectrum disorders, dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia) - how to recognise when a child may have more than one condition - what teaching approaches and strategies might be most relevant Written in a non-technical style, the book blends together scientific knowledge from different disciplines and translates it into practical terms for school leaders, practitioners in the field of special educational needs and disabilities, and students following courses in higher education. Presents advice for parents on how to raise children with autism, Asperger's syndrome, and AD/HD. *Autisme is een pervasieve ontwikkelingsstoornis die het leven van mensen met een dergelijke aandoening (al dan niet samengaand met een verstandelijke handicap) aanzienlijk nadelig kan bepalen. Kinderen en jongeren met autisme laten vaak problemen zien op het gebied van de sociaal-communicatieve ontwikkeling en de zelfredzaamheid. Ook komen gedragsproblemen relatief vaak bij hen voor. Door de aandacht in de media en het surfen op het internet zijn ouders tegenwoordig meer dan voorheen bekend met de kenmerken van autisme en de gevolgen ervan voor opvoeding en begeleiding. De hulpvraag van ouders aan professionals is hierdoor in de laatste jaren veranderd. Ouders stellen gerichte vragen en zijn kritisch ten aanzien van de levering van diensten en de resultaten ervan. Daarom is het nu meer dan ooit belangrijk om als professional op de hoogte te zijn van de laatste ontwikkelingen in de wetenschap en de klinische praktijk. Dit boek is hiervoor uitermate geschikt. In de eerste hoofdstukken wordt ingegaan op de ontwikkelingen binnen de genetica en taakgerelateerde hersenactiviteit van kinderen en jongeren met autisme. Voorts komen de mogelijkheden van (vroegtijdige) diagnostiek van autisme aan bod. Vervolgens worden verschillende behandelmethoden voor specifieke problemen beschreven, waarbij tevens aandacht wordt besteed aan onderzoek naar de effectiviteit van deze methoden. De ontwikkeling van de serie Behandelingsstrategieën zijn initiatieven van Cure & Care Development. CCD wil hiermee een*

bijdrage leveren aan de ontwikkeling van standaarden en strategieën die leiden tot kwaliteits- en efficiencyverbetering in de (geestelijke) gezondheidszorg. *New Hope for Autism* explores the link between autism and heavy metal toxicity (believed to be caused by children's vaccines containing the mercury-based preservative thimerosal) and shows how the use of a natural, safe and effective metabolic chelating peptide formula has helped numerous children recover or improve. Written by autistic trans people from around the world, this vital and intimate collection of personal essays reveals the struggles and joys of living at the intersection of neurodivergence and gender diversity. Weaving memories, poems and first-person narratives together, these stories showcase experiences of coming out, college and university life, accessing healthcare, physical transition, friendships and relationships, sexuality, pregnancy, parenting, and late life self-discovery, to reveal a rich and varied tapestry of life lived on the spectrums. With humour and personal insight, this anthology is essential reading for autistic trans people, and the professionals supporting them, as well as anyone interested in the nuances of autism and gender identity. Completely revised and updated, this book focuses on sensory perceptual problems as identified by individuals on the autism spectrum. Despite frequently being identified by individuals with autism as one of the main problems they face, sensory perceptual issues are still often overlooked by professionals. The author covers the sensory perceptual experiences and sensitivities seen in autism spectrum conditions, and the cognitive differences caused by them. She considers assessment and intervention, and makes practical recommendations for selecting appropriate methods and techniques to eliminate sensory perceptual problems and enhance individual strengths. Brought up-to-date with current research and the latest thinking on autism, this book enables teachers, parents, professionals and individuals with autism fully to understand and address the problematic aspects of the sensory perceptual differences of people with autism spectrum conditions. Since the advent of autism as a diagnosed condition in the 1940s, the importance of music in the lives of autistic people has been widely observed and studied. Articles on musical savants, extraordinary feats of musical memory, unusually high rates of absolute or perfect pitch, and the effectiveness of music-based therapies abound in the autism literature. Meanwhile, music scholars and historians have posited autism-centered explanatory models to account for the unique musical artistry of everyone from Béla Bartók and Glenn Gould to Blind Tom Wiggins. Given the great deal of attention paid to music and autism, it is surprising to discover that autistic people have rarely been asked to account for how they themselves make and experience music or why it matters to them that they do. In *Speaking for Ourselves*, renowned ethnomusicologist Michael Bakan does just that, engaging in deep conversations--some spanning the course of years--with ten fascinating and very different individuals who share two basic things in common: an autism spectrum diagnosis and a life in which music plays a central part. These conversations offer profound insights into the intricacies and intersections of music, autism, neurodiversity, and life in general, not from an autistic point of view, but rather from many different autistic points of view. They invite readers to partake of a rich tapestry of words, ideas, images, and musical sounds that speak to both the diversity of autistic experience and the common humanity we all share. After decades of revolutionizing the treatment of dyslexia through the use of colored lenses, educational pioneer Helen Irlen has turned her attention to children and adults who suffer from other learning disabilities. The *Irlen Revolution* examines the author's unique program for helping people with ADHD/ADD, Asperger's syndrome, autism, depth perception problems, head injuries, strokes, and a host of other conditions that affect learning. The *Irlen Revolution* begins with an overview of learning disabilities and a look at standard treatments. It then examines the Irlen Method and explores the scientific basis of the program. Finally, the author discusses the individual disorders—what they are, and how the Irlen approach may be used to treat them successfully. An extensive resource section provides additional guidance for readers who want to learn more about the program. When *60 Minutes* featured a dyslexic child being “cured” with the Irlen Method, the world was introduced to a safe and effective tool to combat dyslexia. Now the battle lines have been expanded, and many more people can benefit from *The Irlen Revolution*. *DisAppearing* offers a relational orientation to disability studies. From encounters with disability and disabled people in educational settings from elementary school to university, in novels and other texts, in hospitals and policing, in dance, on the street, and in community centres, as well as in considerations of injury and healing, and life and death, the chapters in this collection explore a variety of cultural scenes of disability. By doing so, this collection reveals what disability can mean through scenes of its dis/ appearance and demonstrates how to remake these meanings in more life-affirming ways. Encouraging critical engagement with how disability is noticed and lived, the many chapters, as well as poetry, narrative, and a podcast transcript, reveal the meaning of disability appearing and disappearing in everyday life and beyond. Bringing together the work of scholars, artists, and activists, many of whom identify as disabled, *DisAppearing* encourages students to approach disability differently and to reimagine its appearance in the world. Engaging, political, artistic, and philosophical, this text, with an emphasis on the Canadian context, is an invaluable resource for disability studies students and instructors. *Recognising Autism and Asperger's Syndrome* is an accessible guide, offering information and guidance, self-help and coping strategies and illustrated throughout with personal quotes, vignettes and anecdotes from clients with autism with whom the author has worked clinically. The book captures the individual stories, quotations and experiences, observed in adult autism diagnostic services, woven in with contemporary research, theory and clinical insights. It outlines the history of the condition and the present criteria for obtaining a diagnosis. With exercises, tips, questionnaires, psycho-educational work and advice sheets, this new edition also elucidates the female presentation of autism that has attained significance in the recent times. The book is deliberately aimed at a broad audience of people: those who have just received a diagnosis and want to know more, those who are considering seeking a diagnosis, family members, relatives, friends and clinicians, including mental health workers, psychologists, support workers and all those who work with autistic people. Part of the *Reading Well* scheme. 35 books selected by young people and health professionals to provide 13 to 18 year olds with high-quality support, information and advice about common mental health issues and related conditions. Winner of the NASEN & TES Special Educational Needs Children's Book Award 2003 *Have you ever been called a freak or a geek? Have you ever felt like one?* Luke Jackson is 13 years old and has Asperger Syndrome. Over the years Luke has learned to laugh at such names but there are other aspects of life which are more difficult. Adolescence and the teenage years are a minefield of emotions, transitions and decisions and when a child has Asperger Syndrome, the result is often explosive. Luke has three sisters and one brother in various stages of their adolescent and teenage years but he is acutely aware of just how different he is and how little information is available for adolescents like himself. Drawing from his own experiences and gaining information from his teenage brother and sisters, he wrote this enlightening, honest and witty book in an attempt to address difficult topics such as bullying, friendships, when and how to tell others about AS, school problems, dating and relationships, and morality. Luke writes briefly about his younger autistic and AD/HD brothers, providing amusing insights into the antics of his younger years and advice for parents, carers and teachers of younger AS children. However, his main reason for writing was because "so many books are written about us, but none are written directly to adolescents with Asperger Syndrome. I thought I would write one in the hope that we could all learn together". Drawing on 20 years of research, Hermelin describes not just what autistic savants do, but how they do it. In her fascinating and highly informative book she describes her investigations into the nature of the talents of savants who are gifted at poetry, foreign language acquisition, the visual arts, music, and calendar and numerical calculations. Autism diagnosis can be an overwhelming time for many families. This is an accessible, easy to navigate guide for parents, answering the questions they may have before, during and after diagnosis. Written by a highly experienced author team, this book will support parents from the moment somebody mentions autism, through the diagnosis process and beyond. It provides reliable advice on every stage, with guidance on what to do during the long wait for assessment and diagnosis. Working from a pro-neurodiversity perspective it encourages parents to see beyond the diagnosis and to celebrate each child's unique personality and strengths. Combining information on medical diagnosis, educational needs and more, the book shares case studies and direct quotes from families to help parents to give their children the best start following an autism diagnosis, and help them to achieve their full potential. There is also a bonus downloadable chapter with information from the key professionals involved in the diagnostic process, so you know who you can turn to for the support and help you need. A deep dive into the spectrum of Autistic experience and the phenomenon of masked Autism, giving individuals the tools to safely uncover their true selves while broadening society's narrow understanding of neurodiversity “A remarkable work that will stand at the forefront of the neurodiversity movement.”—Barry M. Prizant, PhD, CCC-SLP, author of *Uniquely Human: A Different Way of Seeing Autism* For every visibly Autistic person you meet, there are countless “masked” Autistic people who pass as neurotypical. Masking is a common coping mechanism in which Autistic people hide their identifiably Autistic traits in order to fit in with societal norms, adopting a superficial personality at the expense of their mental health. This can include suppressing harmless stims, papering over communication challenges by presenting as unassuming and mild-mannered, and forcing themselves into situations that cause severe anxiety, all so they aren't seen as needy or “odd.” In *Unmasking Autism*, Dr. Devon Price shares his personal experience with masking and blends history, social science research, prescriptions, and personal profiles to tell a story of neurodivergence that has thus far been dominated by those on the outside looking in. For Dr. Price and many others, Autism is a deep source of uniqueness and beauty. Unfortunately, living in a neurotypical world means it can also be a source of incredible alienation and pain. Most masked Autistic individuals struggle for decades before discovering who they truly are. They are also more likely to be marginalized in terms of race, gender, sexual orientation, class, and other factors, which contributes to their suffering and invisibility. Dr. Price lays the groundwork for unmasking and offers exercises that encourage self-expression, including: • Celebrating special interests • Cultivating Autistic relationships • Reframing Autistic stereotypes • And rediscovering your values It's time to honor the needs, diversity, and unique strengths of Autistic people so that they no longer have to mask—and it's time for greater public acceptance and accommodation of difference. In embracing neurodiversity, we can all reap the rewards of nonconformity and learn to live authentically, Autistic and neurotypical people alike. This comprehensive guide provides overviews of the key psychological processes affecting mental health, such as development, attachment, emotion regulation and attention, and draws out the implications for preventive measures and promotion of emotional well-being. The authors, from a range of professional disciplines, emphasise the importance of early intervention and prevention, exploring in particular how initiatives in parenting and education can promote children's emotional well-being. The topics they cover include: \* the prevention and management of addiction and eating disorders \* the development of culturally sensitive services for ethnic minority children and families \* the impact of parenting programmes and the life skills education programmes in schools \* ways of meeting the mental health needs of children who are socially excluded, homeless or in local authority care. Providing examples of a broad range of projects and initiatives in Britain and other European countries, this handbook will be an invaluable resource for all professionals working in child and adolescent mental health. Through a series of essays contributed by clinicians, medicalhistorians, and prominent moral philosophers, *Cognitive Disability and Its Challenge to Moral Philosophy* addresses theethical, bio-ethical, epistemological, historical, andmeta-philosophical questions raised by cognitive disability Features essays by a prominent clinicians and medicalhistorians of cognitive disability, and prominent contemporaryphilosophers such as Ian Hacking, Martha Nussbaum, and PeterSinger Represents the first collection that brings togetherphilosophical discussions of Alzheimer's disease,intellectual/developmental disabilities, and autism under therubric of cognitive disability Offers insights into categories like Alzheimer's, mentalretardation, and autism, as well as issues such as care,personhood, justice, agency, and responsibility Autism is a baffling brain disorder that profoundly affects children's communication and social skills. This work provides a reference guide to this disease. It includes approximately 500 entries that address the different types of autism, causes and treatments, institutions, associations, leading scientists and research, social impact, and more. This ground-breaking book gives an accessible overview and synthesis of current knowledge of relevance to the development of excellence in autism education. By situating understandings of autism within a ‘bio-psycho-social-insider’ framework, the book offers fresh insights and new ways of thinking that bring together global pedagogic practice, research, policy, and the insider perspective. *Guldberg* critiques current notions of Evidence-Based Practice and suggests ways of bridging the research-practice gap. She explores the interrelationship between inclusive principles, distinctive group learning needs and the individual needs of the child or young person. Eight principles of good autism practice provide a helpful framework for how education settings and practitioners can adapt classroom environments and teaching so that autistic children and young people can thrive. Written for anyone who wants to make a difference to the lives of autistic pupils, *Developing Excellence in Autism Practice* provides

practitioners and students on education courses with tools for best practices, and shows how to draw on these to implement true positive change in the classroom. Group Therapy Techniques with Children, Adolescents, and Adults on the Autism Spectrum explains a comprehensive group therapy approach to helping children, adolescents, and adults on the autism spectrum learn to deal with emotions while developing perspective, self worth, and self awareness. This book also includes techniques for dealing with issues such as bullying and emotional control, as well as employment, transportation, and other challenges of daily living for those on the autism spectrum. "With honesty, humor, and strength Joni Parsley walks readers through the ups and downs of her life, inspiring them to "get real with God and with others and live with faith." The Christian life is not easy, and being a pastor's wife doesn't earn one extra credit. Daily life is mundane, stressful, joyous, and painful, and sometimes simply can't be explained. Joni Parsley's days find her facing many of the same issues that we all face. In this book she writes about and through life's challenges to weave an emotional tapestry layered with laughter, tears, questions, thoughts, errors, and struggles. With a conversational style full of engaging stories and enlightening metaphors, she demonstrates how readers can live a life of joy and faith as they: Encouragement and inspiration for special needs families God has a unique and magnificent purpose for every child-a purpose that is no less important for special-needs children. Through the story of her own ongoing struggles and victories raising her autistic son, Kelly Langston brings to light God's promises for exceptional kids and highlights covenants that assure special-needs parents of their children's potential and beauty. Exploring the relationship between ASD and mental health difficulties, this book offers practical guidance to help parents and professionals recognise and handle co-morbid conditions, and dispels the myth that they are just a part of autism. The authors cover a wide range of common mental health problems experienced by children with ASD, including Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), anxiety, ADHD, eating disorders, psychosis, stress, tics and depression, and illustrate these issues with case studies. They also provide vital advice in an accessible format and suggest strategies to ease the difficulties which arise from these co-morbid conditions. This book is essential reading for professionals working with children on the autism spectrum and is an accessible and practical resource for parents and carers. Henry Sullivan, 27, single, gay, and autistic, lives his life vicariously through the heroes and heroines of the 19th Century British novels he devours. But no marriage plot has prepared him for dating as a contemporary gay man. When he meets a potential match in Joseph, every romantic notion of his will finally come true-or will it? Hilarious and heartbreaking, LIGHT SWITCH tells the story of one remarkable young man's journey toward love and acceptance over the span of twenty years. LIGHT SWITCH is a vital and important theatrical piece. Dave Osmundsen, a gay, autistic playwright, weaves his personal experiences as both child and an adult into a passionate tapestry of loving relationships and insights into the autistic mind. LIGHT SWITCH will have you on the edge of your seat with riveting humor as well as deeply felt emotional moments, portrayed in a manner that is engaging, entertaining and educational. Its messages go well beyond the world of autism and LGBTQ relationships, and will be meaningful for those whose lives are touched by autism as well as those whose lives are not (or not yet). Barry M Prizant, author of Uniquely Human: A Different Way of Seeing Autism With LIGHT SWITCH, Osmundsen has created one of the great central characters of contemporary theater in a beautifully written story existing at the intersection of neurodiversity and queerness. The play is a classic example of the specific being universal. What defines us as individuals differs in the details, yet we are all after the same things in life. Just like the main character Henry, we all seek love. I highly recommend this play for theaters with young ensembles and for people interested in sitting down to read a fantastic play that will entertain and move them. Brian James Polak, playwright and host of The Subtext podcast Its intersectional importance aside, LIGHT SWITCH is simply a magnificent, skillfully-written play. It tells the story of a challenged, often challenging, but always endearing young man who is learning how to love. Michael John Carley, Founder, GRASP, Director, the Connections Program for New York University's global Autistic Students, Author, The Book of Happy, Positive, and Confident Sex for Adults on the Autism Spectrum...and Beyond! With LIGHT SWITCH, Dave Osmundsen has deftly written a beautifully poignant play of first love and self-acceptance through an Autistic lens. The relationships in the play are painfully complicated and fully realized by the playwright's keen observations of young people colliding in a world of love, sex, intimacy and intellectualism. It's a world I didn't know, but a world that I'm grateful Dave gave me a tender glimpse of. Gary Garrison, playwright, and author of Perfect 10: Writing and Producing the 10-Minute Play Professionals engaged in art therapy discuss aspects of practice which are affected by an environment of increasing cultural diversity. Some contributions examine problems faced by members of ethnic minorities who are caught between assertion of their cultural identities and assimilation into a different social milieu. Adults with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) or a suspected diagnosis often have hidden needs that go unmet by public services. This book describes and analyses the Kent ASC enablement approach, a short-term intervention led by occupational therapy to promote people with ASC becoming more self-aware and self-sufficient outside of public services. Designed to teach adults with ASC strategies for controlling their sensory, motor-processing and social-communication needs and preferences, this person-centred approach gives them greater self-management over their lives. The book also provides an overview of a range of both professional and self-help tools and technologies which can be used by adults with ASC to increase independence and wellbeing. Case-studies demonstrate the transformative effects of enablement on daily life for adults with ASC. The book also provides recommendation for building on the enablement approach. Barb Cook and 14 other autistic women describe life from a female autistic perspective, and present empowering, helpful and supportive insights from their personal experience for fellow autistic women. Michelle Garnett's comments validate and expand the experiences described from a clinician's perspective, and provide extensive recommendations. Autistic advocates including Liane Holliday Willey, Anita Lesko, Jeanette Purkis, Artemisia and Samantha Craft offer their personal guidance on significant issues that particularly affect women, as well as those that are more general to autism. Contributors cover issues including growing up, identity, diversity, parenting, independence and self-care amongst many others. With great contributions from exceptional women, this is a truly well-rounded collection of knowledge and sage advice for any woman with autism. Missionaries of the left, saviors are people of privilege who believe they have all the answers. They want to help, but don't want to listen; they lead but never follow. From post-Katrina New Orleans, to anti-sex-trafficking work, to do-gooder journalists, Flaherty's book reveals saviors' misdeeds but also shows how activists can build new, stronger movements. This guide to autistic spectrum disorders comes from a new scientific perspective. Delfos's biopsychological model provides a theoretical analysis of the nature of autism and the problems it can cause. She offers advice on how to approach problems from the perspectives of autistic children, adolescents and adults, as well as parents and carers. Gives parents and carers detailed up-to-date information about autistic disorders by providing practical suggestions and strategies, incorporating the latest teaching methods, to assist in the understanding and management of people with autism at home, in educational programs and in the community. It discusses the unique learning styles, sensory sensitivities, different motivations and relative strengths in visual processing and rote memory skills of children and adults with autism. \*Silver medal winner in the 'Middle Grades Fiction' category of the Nautilus Book Awards 2015\* Astie has always been different. Her 12th birthday is looming and she still has not decided on her thesis. All the Learners at the Hub picked theirs years ago. If it wasn't for her cousin, Jakob, life would be unbearable on Elemental Island. On the verge of being diagnosed with Social Syndrome, she stumbles upon Danny who has landed in a forbidden flight machine. To protect him, Astie persuades Jakob to tamper with the Overseer's memory. On the run from the Monitors together, Astie calls on her unique qualities to forge a friendship with the stranger and discover his reason for coming to the island. What she finds will shake the foundations of the place she calls home. Set on a secretive island utopia where science and logic rule, this intriguing novel explores and celebrates differences in people from an alternative perspective. It is engaging reading for children aged 8-13.

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