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FOLLOWING EZRA

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A heartwarming, intimate and amusing memoir of a father's knowledge raising his autistic boy. When Tom Fields-Meyer's boy Ezra was three and showing early symptoms of autism, a therapist suggested that the father had a need to grieve. "" That moment helped fortify the author's resolve to do just the opposite: to love the child Ezra was, a quirky boy with a fascinating and complex mind. The response: " he asked.For the kid he didn't turn out to be.For what?" Full of tender moments and unexpected humor, Following Ezra is the story of a father and child on a ten-year journey from Ezra's diagnosis to the dawn of his adolescence. It celebrates his growth from a remote control toddler to a fantastic young man, connected in his own remarkable ways to the globe around him.



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Worth My First Book Review Ever As someone who is nearly an Amazon evangelist, who reads such as a term addict, who appointments Amazon more than Facebook and reads each and every available review before buying anything, including groceries, We suddenly realize I've under no circumstances written a book review before, but Following Ezra deserves me making the effort to do it. This book was an amazing account of a family group who have one child with Autism. I really like this book as very much for what it leaves away as what it shares. This book shows me that we are unique, and parenting means viewing your children blossom and experiencing the beauty of what makes them unique. I really like the way the author respects his son's privacy even while he shares his personal encounters. Here, we are demonstrated that acceptance, respect, faith, and love are the essential equipment for family life - as well as perhaps more significantly, we are shown how to use them to create pleasure and well-being. thanks a lot for writing this reserve. Brave, frank, tender and effortlessly readable, the story of the indomitable spirits of Ezra and his family members makes me thrilled for whatever the future keeps for my daughter and us. Over time, I've come in order to avoid "books about autism," but my book golf club chose this title. Rather, it had been an observational account of Ezra during different factors in his childhood, detailing the experiences of a kid with autism, and his place within family members and his community. I would say that this book really is not really about autism, though it is the best autism book I have examine, among the dozen or so that have found their method into my house. Fields-Meyer includes a way of causing you to see his son Ezra through the autism. What was refreshing about this reserve is certainly that it wasn't just another chronicle of therapies or diets to try to miraculously treatment autism. We may stumble and fall, but through it, we will soon see it all. The others of my thoughts are available on my blog, [... Heartbreakingly honest, however infused with humor and so MUCH love and understanding.] A father & son story filled with humor & heart "Following Ezra" is a most extraordinary book -- much like the teenager mentioned in its name. Tom Fields-Meyer can be a wonderfully gifted writer who has delivered a heartfelt AND humorous memoir of his journey watching his autistic son grow up. Following Ezra has probably the most powerful and beautiful endings of any book - non-fiction and fiction as well - that I've read in an exceedingly long time. We've a 5 year old boy with autism. Ezra is an exceptional boy, who never fails to consult me if my pup, George, continues to be dead. following ezra: what one father learned all about gumny, otters, Autism, and appreciate from his extraordinary son i've a 5 yr aged autistic son who's high on the autism spectrum & And while this book obviously deals with autism, it's really in regards to a father trying to figure out how exactly to reach his son and how to honor who he is, while never losing sight of the two items that matter most in parenting -- like and laughter. There are a great number of books out there about autism. provides Aspergers. this fathers book really gave me a whole lot of insight into our (my child, dallas & i) long term. it was a very endearing tale of a family who did so very much to help and understand their boy also to help him to end up being the very best person that he could be. i believe ezras parents did a wonderful work with him esp when you consider that they had 2 other sons to also raise 7 nurture. i hope that i could be as awesome & progress for our children and all the children on the autism spectrum. understanding mother or father as ezras had been for him. hopefully this reserve will help many more parents of an autistic kid to just keep doing what they are carrying out and striving for understanding & loving & I really like just how this book exudes happiness. :) Best reserve ever for families struggling with Autism! For the Fields-Meyers, question and frustration are met head-on with joy and question. A.L.Y. Mr. It is so amazing and mind blowing to read a publication about struggles with Autism, without it being a parenting book! Knowing

every child on the spectrum differs, it's very powerful to read about the reflection of years of daily struggles, break throughs, and even more. Five Stars Compassionately observed and beautifully written. There are people who really need to read this publication, and I will probably buy them copies. Following Ezra I found this heart-rending but extremely hopeful and it gave me an improved understanding of Autism. The author do well in describing his boy, although at times the switching back and forth in tense produced following a story a bit difficult. He will go from Ezra at 9 or 10 back to when he was 5 and switched back to another period to make his point. In every, it was an excellent read. I anticipate discussing it with my publication club next month. He tells it since it is. Through the years I've go through many books about autism. This is some sort of discovery objective for father and boy to a better understanding of themselves and one another as both continue steadily to grow as exclusive individuals. This very smart book offers a touching and humbling outlook. at times, heartwarming and heartbreaking. Even while, Ezra by no means ceases to amaze and inspire. I really like the way the book lacks self-righteousness and cynicism. This book came highly recommended by a wonderfully brilliant woman running P. The book is completely of touching moments and hilarious ones. That is more than a story solely for parents of children with autism (I'm not just one); it really is a book for all parents who like their children and anyone who has ever cared in regards to a child. Moving Story of a Loving Father and his Unique Son I LOVED this book! It's the story of a father's romantic relationship with his autistic son.2Learn us is participating in. As I see it, this is a book about parenting, love, life, surprises, children, diversity, and feeling at peace. Very moving. Fantastic and gripping book I am not really a strong reader and I finished in 2 times, it was an outstanding book! Buy it, browse it and use it the next time you are luckily enough to interact with someone with autism. Five Stars Great book. AN EXTRAORDINARY Book About Love And Family I read Following Ezra right through, finding it impossible to put down. Moving and well crafted My daughter at 12 was recently diagnosed with autistic spectrum disorder. Sincerely informed, their story is normally punctuated with humor and grace; I love Ezra, and I really like Tom. I haven't go through a publication about autism before that really let me start to see the kid and how he thinks therefore clearly. Totally engaging right from the starting. I recommend this reserve to anyone, it opens your eye and sees others in a different viewpoint. A loving and eye-opening account of existence with an Autistic kid: A complete "Must-Read" A riveting account of an amazing child and equally amazing parents. Couldn't put it down.. A must read. Scanning this reserve has provided me the one thing preschool and therapy under no circumstances could--the confidence to be a better mother or father for my 3 year outdated. I am in pursuits to become special education instructor with a master's in Autism expert and Behavioral therapy, this publication is one I will keep in mind not only in my education, but my career and life. Just Magnificent!! It had been so captivating I would recommend it to everyone so they get a sense of what it really is like to possess a child with special skills & I have a son not just like Ezra, however, not thus different, and I feel like I've been waiting for years to learn a book like this, because this book doesn't scare me, doesn't offend me, doesn't preach if you ask me, doesn't pity me, doesn't patronize or judge or depress me. I struggles. It had been also a delight to meet Rabbi Fields-Meyer and discuss her perspective on raising a special needs kid. I am blessed to know the amazing Fields-Meyer family members, and this book really captures Tom's gentle, sensible, observant, patient, paternal and sometimes exasperating trip through parenting Ezra. It's a remarkable publication by a talented writer who, as it happens, can be a compassionate dad with the wisdom to understand he must learn "to become the right parent" for his autistic son. This is about

existence. I am glad that they do. It was an uplifting and inspiring tale that allows me to better look at my very own son's behavior, and appreciate and like him for who he is. A wonderful read for a family group affected by autism I read this reserve at the recommendation of our rabbi, since Rabbi Fields-Meyer (the wife of the author) recently found our temple as a Rabbi-in-residence.



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