

# Unstrange Minds

*A Father, a Daughter, and  
a Search for New Answers*

Remapping  
the World of  
**AUTISM**

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## Unstrange Minds: Remapping the World of Autism



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Unstrange Minds papers Grinker's quest to discover why autism is indeed a lot more common today, and to uncover the implications of the boost. It is a powerful testament to a father's quest for the reality, and is urgently relevant to anyone whose lifestyle is touched by one of history's most puzzling disorders. Grinker demonstrates the identification and treatment of autism depends upon culture just as much as on science. What he discovered is normally both unexpected and controversial: There is no true upsurge in autism. As more and more situations of autism are documented, doctors are describing the disorder better, college systems are coding it better--and kids are benefiting. Filled up with moving stories and informed by the most recent science, Unstrange Thoughts is unlike any various other reserve on autism. His search had taken him to Africa, India, and East Asia, to the National Institutes of Mental Wellness, also to the mountains of Appalachia.



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Cross-cultural mapping of how Autism is definitely perceived. We had Dr. The author's personal knowledge with increasing an autistic daughter, while interesting, wasn't as compelling as various other accounts I've read. *Unstrange Minds* is a wonderful book. The book is approximately Autism, per se. It is not actually about his family's knowledge with the problem (though it does are likely involved with why he made a decision to study the subject). Rather, it's the way the perception of ASD offers changed over the years and across different cultures. This dovetails a whole lot right into a common theme with him; a whole lot of conditions are constructed, or just labeled different over background. He doesn't question ASD exists, but in his research he's learned that some cultures (such as for example Korea) will hesitate to diagnose or deal with ASD, others will treat it as a form of mental retardation, and lastly the "explosion" of ASD in the West is largely reflective of a change in recognition amongst mental medical researchers, and diagnostic tools/metrics utilized for ASD.. we just didn't determine it as such. Dr. Grinker's stories about Korean culture w/regard to education is specially harrowing, and is well worth remembering if you ever hear someone discussing how Parts of Asia have an improved education system compared to the US. actually is among my all time favorite books. :) Subject matter handled with understanding and grace I came across the book to end up being informative and moving... Worthy of the read if you have any curiosity in any facet of Autism and exciting book to read. Autism has been around for centuries. Four Stars I wouldn't know, I purchased it as a Xmas gift for somebody. In a way, ASD is "new", but in the other it's always existed; easy to read for nonacademics The book is written from the perspective of a parent who has a child with ASD yet you can listen to the echos of the academic training the writer has among the lines. Well crafted and a real eye opener so far as the state of the artwork of psychiatry. Was not too enthused about reading this book nonetheless it was on my book club list. A Must Read I have already been "studying" autism for 20 years. Although please don't let my rating have an effect on your decision to buy it. Yet, reading this book, I've learned issues that I've never run into anywhere else. I love the author's positive attitude toward autism and his positive spin on the upsurge in diagnoses. I also liked the various cultural perspectives he offered. This is a must read for parents of children with autism and whoever has autism. turns out to be among my all time favourite books. The no non-sense method he puts the problems regarding the views on what may be leading to autism and which therapy method works best as well as the different perceptions on autism in various parts of the world is quite well put. I look forward to reading THAT reserve when he writes it. It enables you to verify the articles he offers woven in to the text for ease of reading. I tend to be a bit dubious when professors have their function for required reading, however I was pleasantly surprised by the book. Specifically

the part that tells you how various other countries are dealing with Autism.. It is not caused by vaccines any more than Cerebral Palsy or Tourette's. Enables you to want to investigate further the progresses that have been produced since Roy Grinker reserve was released and what we as parents, strangers and all should do or can perform to help people that have autism and various other mental disabilities. While the anecdotes in this part of the publication were fun to read, there was almost non-e of the educational rigor that I was longing for. I have a 28 yr older boy with Asperger's Syndrome and experienced quite a bit of that history first-hand but seeing the complete picture was still useful and informative. So I've never examine it. Grinker for a training course last semester, and this was required reading. It gives one an inside view of the encounters of parents dealing on a daily basis with an Autistic kid into adulthood. Five Stars Actually helps a person understand the annals and settings for ASD diagnosis Unstrange Minds The best part of this book was the extensive history of the diagnosis of autism. Another thing I enjoyed is the informal references the author provides as end notes at the references section. Five Stars Great publication for parents and educators!. It puts into perspective the existing "epidemic" of autism and, alone, is worth the price of the publication. I've read from Son-Rise to Uta Frith. I'm sure its a great book. Well written and a real eyesight opener . I was particularly looking towards his perspective on autism in various other cultures as he's an anthropologist. We must find positive ways for dealing with the issues it causes and make the best of it.



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