

"The book is about the transformational power of a mother's unconditional love. If you have a child who's different—read what doesn't—you won't be able to put it down." —**STYLIA MANSAB**, author of *A Beautiful Mind and Good Enough*

# THE SPARK

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## The Spark: A Mother's Story of Nurturing, Genius, and Autism



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Kristine Barnett's "it all" Surrounded by ""'s trip with Jake is all the more remarkable because his extraordinary brain was almost lost to autism. Jake Barnett's Temple Grandin, writer of *Thinking in Photos* and co-author of *The Autistic Mind* At nine he started working on an original theory in astrophysics that specialists believe may someday put him in line for a Nobel Prize, and at age group twelve he became a paid researcher in quantum physics.experts" Dramatic, inspiring, and transformative, *The Spark* is approximately the power of love and courage in the face of overwhelming obstacles, and the dazzling possibilities that can happen when we discover ways to tap the true potential that lies within every kid, and in all of us.s most basic skills and curtail his distracting passions—moving shadows on the wall, stars, plaid patterns on sofa fabric—t?" Against the information of her spouse, Michael, and the developmental professionals, Kristine implemented her instincts, pulled Jake out of particular ed, and began preparing him for mainstream kindergarten on her own. Counting on the insights she created at the daycare center she runs out from the garage area in her house, Kristine resolved to check out Jacob's "The Washington Post's ' Why focus on what he couldn't— Why not concentrate on what he could?—"mores around the campfire) and the need for play, helped Kristine overcome huge odds.spark" . But through hard work and determination on behalf of Jake and his two youthful brothers, along with an undying faith in their community, friends, and family members, Kristine and Michael prevailed. The results were beyond anything anyone could have imagined.This eloquent memoir about an extraordinary boy and a resilient and remarkable mother will be of interest to every parent and/or educator wishing to nurture a child' in the home and in special ed who attempted to focus on Jake'Compliment for *The Spark* Kristine knew in her center that she got to make a modification.[An] amazing memoir . . ."" — "s all here. "his passionate interests.different'—and who doesn't Jake made no progress, withdrew increasingly more into his own world, and eventually stopped talking completely.—you won't be able to put it straight down. But the story of Kristine'—Sylvia Nasar, writer of *A Beautiful Mind* "Like, disease, faith, tragedy and triumph—s, a photographic memory space, and he taught himself calculus in fourteen days.The *Spark* is about the transformative power of unconditional love. ." The Barnetts weren't wealthy people, and likewise to monetaray hardship, Kristine herself faced serious health issues. At age group two, when Jake was diagnosed, Kristine was told he could never be able to tie his personal shoes.s tale contains wisdom for every parent. compulsive reading.—Newsday " s authentic 'spark. ."Booklist Publishers Weekly Should you have a kid who'Compelling . .' Jake is unusual, but so can be his superhuman mom. .—— "The *Spark* describes in glowing terms the profound strength with which a mom can love her child."—Andrew Solomon, author of *The Noonday Demon* and *Far from the Tree* s son Jacob comes with an IQ higher than Einstein'Every mother or father and instructor should read this fabulous book! This fundamental philosophy, along with her belief in the energy of ordinary childhood experiences (softball, picnics, s't do? *The Spark* is an extraordinary memoir of mother and son.



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Caution: Inspiring Story however, not Applicable to Everyone I feel a bit such as a grinch for just giving this 3 celebrities - it really is an amazing story of one family's triumph over autism. The Spark shows us a different way to raise our children and maybe even a different method of looking at ourselves. First and foremost, I fear that it will generate guilt in parents who aren't blessed with the amazing network of friends, family members and community that appeared to be working right here, often without overt reputation by the writer. How did the writer manage her very needy older children, recover from a stroke and look after a child all while running a preschool. Most don't have this extravagance, and the truth about genetics can be that a lot of children, autistic or completely "normal" will not accomplish what this fellow do. I applaud and admire this family members and the incredible end result... "Through resilience and hard work, we'd done it ourselves, and we'd done it jointly. the call to all parents, to trust their gut to learn their children, to battle for them, and to at least try what the parent thinks will be greatest, is an excellent one. (134) 9) Once you feel depleted, connect to your senses." (x) Loved it! While you are following the story of how Kristine Barnett could connect with her son and discharge his gifts, you'll be thinking of how you can strengthen the relationship with your personal children, and how you can help them develop their personal special talents. Her 2nd insight was that play was essential and essential and that if they got play, they were in a position to end up performing the regular learning that everyone needed. . She had an insight into her son and it finished up being an insight into all autistic children and does apply to regular kids, as well. They keys appear to be rather than focusing on what you want the child to learn, focus on what they can handle and want to learn. The boy ended up becoming a genius. Both the mom and boy, as well as dad, will be the heros in this publication that is a pleasure to read as well we educating. Everything falls into place when you resolve their needs. There other activities, too. But that is, in my opinion, a great Psychology reserve and how to teach reserve. On e of the better books I have read in some time that was easy to read and yet filled with revelations. Do not hesitate to understand this book and examine it. There is no method you will regret it and for those who have an autistic child, that is essential for your child and you. Autism mother: Not the help you're looking for. Recommended Listening for All Parents Very enlightening.it'll offer you a smile, help to make your center sing, and give you a new method of looking at kids with autism. As a reserve is quite interesting but a little unrealistic and like I said if what you want foris a publication about support from a mother or father experiencing what we really go thru with having an autistic kid you won't think it is here. But to me, the mom is one in a billion.. CONGRATULATION to Jake and the whole Barnett family members!. Guilt, because some may feel that only if they devoted all their time and energy to their autistic kid, they too could create a high functioning math genius. Even with the support of her spouse and friends, existence was pretty challenging. I was left thinking about reality. Believe in your children, and in each other's children." (250) In the author's phrases: "Don't ever hesitate to be who you are. "I really believe it's a parents job to close up the chess panel and send the kid outside to play. I acquired this book due to my own ideas approximately autism and teaching. Too often in existence we are informed that people are not plenty of. That we have to fix our weaknesses and modification who we are, in order to succeed. It's nonfiction of course, so one can't analyze a plot range or character development - but my issues with this reserve were many. "Any kid will outperform your anticipations if you can discover a way to feed his or her passion. Therefore BRAVO to the mom's that might know their own children. However, having caused autistic kids mainstreamed in my own classroom, I think that the results attained by the family and supporters do prove that if the requirements of the child are observed and recognized, not just pigeonholed, that child has a better chance of

achieving his/her potential. (95) 6) Enter your child's world, rather than expecting him to turn out to you. Don't await the system to arrive and save your kids. but wish there were even more recognition of their extraordinary circumstances and caution that others, no matter how hard they work may still have got a child who will always need to have some extra help." (101) 2) Concentrate on your child's presents and do whatever you can to nurture his or her interest. The author's advice could be summed up in to the following: 1) You are not by itself." (73) 3) Provide your child a place to become himself or herself – an art studio, a cooking place, a construction area – but "give it freely and without any expectations.. An uplifting tale of an incredible mother and the fight of her lifestyle on her behalf son. "Showing a kid that you take his or her passion seriously and want to talk about in it is the most effective catalyst in the world. It's just not what I was looking for. Give your child that point. Do it together. 7) Follow your intuition and trust yourself. he can't discover who he is in vacuum pressure." (102) 8) In all things, there has to be a stability. Don't forget the importance of childhood and of simply having fun. 10 Things You'll Learn From This Wonderful, Wonderful Book The Spark is really worth reading. The child needs to have friends his own age group; "Every parent has to be a fighter with respect to his or her kid, not merely the parents of children with autism or developmental disorders. Nonetheless it doesn't get everyone such a content ending. Make your house smell such as a home. Make yourself physically warm and comfortable. Nourish yourself as well as your family with a home-cooked food. It was just a unfortunate disappointment, but I'm still a lover of Jacob." (160) 10) It's hard to trust your son or daughter to find their own path, particularly when we are informed every day that kids must match rigid boxes. Its one to put on the "To Re-Browse" shelf. Celebrate your child's passions. "In the event that you fuel a child's innate spark, it will always point the way to far higher heights then you could ever have imagined. The author expresses in the obviously, well written memoir. Discover what you love to do and do it. An excellent surprise! not being willing to quit and just depend on what "the experts" had to provide. Loved this publication and the doors and opportunities it opens to others. Then escape their method.. She takes forever to inform about one fact or how she fulfilled and fell in love with her husband, her economic difficulties, etc. Must.Read. For all moms, for all homeschoolers, for all parents in general. This book is amazing. But take the leap. just an interesting story We was hoping this book would help me with my autistic kid, since the author is a mom of an autistic kid exactly like me and nota psychologist or counselor. This is an inspiring story and Jacob is amazing! Well-written with plenty of details on the way, this publication offers alot of things to consider for households along with educators. Every kid deserves this much support!" (76) 5) Gifted kids are afforded much more time in their day to spotlight the things they care about. I wanted to learn about the "spark", what did she think helped to obtain him now there, what didn't function, etc. "Indulging the senses is not a luxury, but essential. Truly an incredible story. I wish everyone could browse this remarkable tale of a young mother and her unwavering support of her oldest boy. If not for her believing, seeing, and knowing there is more to Jake than the label autistic. a family struggling to meet up the requirements of their brilliant, but autistic son was well written This unusual tale of a family struggling to meet the needs of their brilliant, but autistic son was well written, but I still left with the sensation that the events were too good to be true. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to this audio publication on my daily commute. This story moved me right from the start and I've shared this book with friends who have autistic children to provide them hope for their incredible children.no informing where his life's path might have gone too. Create a community. Please consider the couple hours to read this." (70) 4) Watch and really listen to your child.. He's a genius and she actually is a brilliant mom with a super husband

it had been hard to believe at times all his support. But no, she's very good points like to discover what is your child's interest also to constantly advocate for him. Basically her autistic child is not like most. The author's message at the end says everything for all kid types.. Meh this is actually the story of 1 genius and a mom's journey which while interesting offered little insight or support for those in the spectrum. A terrific read! Just a fascinating show of strength and perseverance; From starting to end an amazing browse of a family triumphing over common misperception and views. I cannot imagine how difficult things must have been at various points on the way, both for the parents and the kid. And what an final result!!! However, I thought she would share what worked for her and Jacob when it comes to therapy, diet plan, stimulus, and various other advices to steer us mothers or caregivers..



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