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**AUTISM
MOTHERS
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OUT**

*Stories of Advocacy and Activism
from Around the World*

Margaret Golding and
Autism Mothers Speak Out: Stories of Advocacy and Activism from
Around the World



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This collection of stories from all corners of the globe celebrates the love, dedication and heroism of moms of autistic people. Raising an autistic child includes its own unique set of challenges, not least which is dealing with the continuous scrutiny of your parenting. Mothers from different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds speak out about the highs and lows of raising autistic kids, and the change in attitudes to autism as they watch their kids enter adult life. These intimate accounts reveal both the differences in cultural attitudes, and the universality of the autism encounter. Placing to bed the fact that autism is a result of poor parenting, this reserve not only lets parents know they're part of a supportive global community, in addition, it highlights the strengths of autism and champions neurodiversity.



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Different countries - different perspectives - common thread I learnt something from each tale. As one of the contributors who hadn't read the additional accounts before publication, this knowledge helps with continuing to improve solutions and continuing to advocate for acceptance and understanding, not merely in our country, but globally. Different countries, different perspectives, different complications, still the same common thread that the best hurdle can be society's acceptance and understanding.



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