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A Family's Journey into the Community and Culture
of High-Functioning Autism and Asperger's Syndrome

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From her first inklings of Elijah's difference to her discovery of a complete spectrum of another way of life that includes from civil rights organizations for autistics to Asperger artists, Valerie Paradiz describes how she decided to cross what she calls 'cultural boundaries' to overcome her fears about her son's condition. This provocative and pioneering book is both a refreshing exploration of the history of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) and a robust story of the author's own have a problem with her son Elijah's Asperger's Syndrome. Her inspiring narrative presents compelling insights into lifestyle with Elijah's Asperger's syndrome and her very own 'shadow syndrome', which affects many family of autistics. Elijah's Glass offers shifting and insightful observations as well as factual details for parents and anyone dealing with people with ASDs. This revised edition includes a contribution from Elijah and a new chapter that brings the story up-to-date: the writer successfully sets up a specialist educational unit for Asperger pupils, Elijah experiences his first 2 yrs of school, and the author's dawning recognition of her own Asperger's Syndrome leads to major life changes. Additionally it is a celebration of the idiosyncratic beauty of the Asperger brain and the sense of mutual support and self-respect in the ASD community.



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He will be a grown-up with a significant advantage over other children like him, for having acquired Valerie Paradiz for a mom. This is a fantastic, rare and unique book about an autistic child. Elijah was enrolled in special programs from the age of 3 and his greatest progress is made in the home and with a friend he and Valerie meet. I read lots of autobiographies by people with autism or people who like them. The look at that every child has value, and there's something to be said for treasuring him simply for who he is. Elijah is a fascinating child. He has been able to absorb much comprehension about the world, and his personal disability, and how exactly to cope, through his endless questioning of his mother, and her amazingly affected person, honest, and encouraging replies. A truly extraordinary book! Powerful Family Story Elijah's Cup is a powerful narrative of the trials and tribulations of looking after a special needs children, and the difficult path to recognition of these need. It is a tale of challenging for caution in a community unable to recognize the proper diagnosis. This is a story of a family struggle, the tensions between couple, and the questioning of a mother. This reserve is therapy. With an increase of drums getting beaten, you have different drummers! Thank you! Thank you for this miracle of a book. Life's "Let's Dance to the Drummer's Beat" and Linda Ronstadt & The writer has done an enormous provider for the autism community with this exquisitely created work. A superb and evocative book, a must-browse for teachers and parents Elijah's Cup isn't only a superb read that I would suggest to all or any teachers of kids but also an adventurous journey into what it is to end up being autistic as well as to possess aspergers syndrome. Sharron turns into a dedicated friend and requires to Elijah like a duck will take to drinking water. One misperception is certainly that folks with autism all think in pictures, which simply isn't true. It is a must-have for every library and college in the property. The thing that makes it this way, is his mother's natural and loving acceptance of him, just just how he is certainly. Sharron, an unbiased artist is herself fighting Asperger's, the spectrum partner to autism. She recognizes in Elijah similar characteristics and experiences she contends with and lastly receives a medical diagnosis. She bonded instantly with the boy and was his regular sitter for some years. Not only is Elijah's Cup beautifully written you can easily go through and understand, a genuine boon for active parents who don't have the time or inclination to slog through a ponderous jargon-filled reserve. I've banged on the various drum for a long time about how getting on the a/A spectrum can be something to celebrate. Trevor came away with empowered with knowledge and an opportunity to be more accepting of someone he sees as being "different" and Elijah understands what he can do to regulate his behaviors and move more comfortably in sociable circles. She has a thorough index, bibliography, and reference section which will be of help many. I also just like the outdoor programs for people on the autism/Asperger's (a/A) spectrum which are defined in the book. Best of all, having autism is usually CELEBRATED! I like the way she taught him more appropriate ways of responding to peers, such as for example Trevor in the chess golf club. People on the spectrum have novel perceptions and unique insights that many neurotypical (NT) counterparts usually do not. Instead of condemning Elijah to a life of labels and misperceptions approximately autism, Valerie Paradiz educated her little upstate New York community as well as the world most importantly in this book about her personal experiences with autism. Ben Levinson, co-author of "Finding Ben" and Sean Barron, co-author of "There's a Boy In Here" aren't picture thinkers and neither are many other people on the a/A spectrum. After a few years, the seizures abate, but he's found to possess Asperger Syndrome by his babysitter, Sharron Lorree, who gets the disorder, also. Unfortunately, the NT world often appears askance at those on the a/A spectrum basically from too little understanding of what

folks with autism cope with on a routine basis. Elijah, for example would vomit during thunderstorms as the noise upset him. This was especially demanding for a financially struggling mom. This is one powerful tale of perseverance by way of a heroic mom and her son.. That is a lovely and honest story about a very special family members. the Stone Poneys 1968 track, "(Beat of a) Different Drum. The contributions are NOT limited to Temple Grandin, Andy Warhol and Einstein and additional public figures. This reserve is an account for likewise situated parents struggling to look after marvelous small children. People on the a/A spectrum enrich the world tremendously." With an increase of drums beating, you get quite a tune! People who have autism provide ample opportunity to find out acceptance and realize the world is for everybody and not just the NT population. Frequently, people on the a/A spectrum are expected to make all of the concessions, especially interpersonal concessions to the NT globe and try to keep an eye on the Tacit Social Codes & Guidelines, which always seem to transformation at the whims of the NT globe. Now let's almost all march to our different drummers. BUY THIS TREASURE What can one say about a reserve written a parent approximately her kid with Asperger Syndrome that isn't like the rest? From the beginning, the reader can show that he or she has a actual gem. The writer, Valerie Paradiz, describes her son, Elijah's early years, including the many seizures he previously and the odyssey of doctors and medications. Meltdowns because of sensory overload aren't uncommon among the spectrum. Ben has problems accepting the medical diagnosis and with time the relationship dissolved. In this nifty small reserve, Paradiz requires an abrupt ideal turn From the doom and gloom and the search for a remedy that so a great many other parent stories about their children focus on. Great writing! This book was required reading for a college course, but I would suggest it to anyone. While at Autreat and after, Paradiz takes on an increasingly positive attitude toward her son's autism, focusing on the STRENGTHS, rather than deficits. In addition, the writer gives the reader insights into the relationship between her and her estranged spouse and how they are able to reconcile their relationship. Throughout the books, the writer weaves in descriptions of famous people who probably were on the Autism Spectrum, including Einstein and Andy Warhol, showing the reader how autism and Asperger Syndrome can actually HELP a person to create stunning discoveries and accomplishments that move society forward. The writer writes just like a poet a she deftly weaves the descriptions of the famous people in with descriptions of lifestyle with Elijah and how he relates to the world. One can't help but love him; he is a sweet, caring small boy, who seems to really enjoy lifestyle. I like the way Valerie caused Elijah; A Mother's Warmth and Perseverence Upon completing Elijah's Cup I sat back and said "Wow". Rather, the author finds methods to accommodate her son's needs in order that he can thrive on earth and enjoy life by himself terms. This book sticks out because the author's supreme writing ability enables her to deftly and beautifully flesh out many difficult-to-explain nuances of the globe of autism. I want to shout from the rooftops BUY THIS Publication! Everyone having anything to do with an autistic kid, should read it, if only for the different point of view. Her son and dad are both on the spectrum which book is among the many that points out the genetic basis autism has. Extremely touching and honest. Operate by Jim Sinclair, a major shape in the self-advocacy motion and a proponent of "autistic culture, " the basic principle of allowing people with autism to end up being themselves also to accommodate their needs by what offers been derisively called "self-stim," where actually, this is a way to meet up one's sensory requirements, to communicate or even to better adapt to one's environment, or most of these. The author's accounts of increasing an autistic son is simultaneously unfortunate and

triumphant. She shares their struggles and issues so concerning make the reader totally relate, without coming off as self-pitying. An excellent example of a mother's love for their child, tested to the limitations!! Instead, the author takes her child to Autreat, a retreat in NY State for those who have autism and individuals who support them. His mother's creative solutions to make coping with him the best it could be. One cannot state enough about this treasure. Empowering and idiosyncratic As an autistic woman, married to an autistic man, mother to four kids on the spectrum, I cannot mention how glad I am that I go through *this* book first, instead of one of the many, many How To Defeat Autism Today And Get YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER Back guides which are currently flooding the marketplace. (We got diagnosed later, after our oldest kid got her diagnosis.) I loved what sort of reserve dispelled stereotypes of silence, headbanging, etc. Even more than that, I adored just how autism was portrayed as an sometimes empowering, occasionally crippling difference rather than as a tragedy or a form of brain damage. It had been an affirmation that yes, autistic people can have "normal" lives too - if we wish them. Very off the beaten monitor, inspiring, and a remarkable introduction to autistic tradition. Another plus is usually that treatments are not mentioned. Wave that banner of interlocking puzzle pieces proudly - autism is NOT something to become ashamed of having! Several things resonated while reading Paradiz's work, I'll talk about just three of these here. Having a particular needs kid requires sacrifice and patience. Valerie exemplified what sacrifice and endurance is all about spending hours with Elijah doing redundant activities such as repeating the same words over and over, trying on clown hats, filling balloons with helium and letting them go, and numerous other tedious activities which were essential for Elijah's growth. Taking care of her child intended that her personal career ambitions needed to be put on hold indefinitely. I love just how another reviewer stated in re a/A, "Vive la difference! I found it specifically interesting that at one stage Valerie did involve some work by means of interpreting some of Albert Einstein's function from German to English. In doing this she discovered many of the features of Einstein that suggests he too was on the autism spectrum. In another anecdote that displayed courage Valerie got to defuse a situation that made another kid very apprehensive in becoming near Elijah. Marching to another Drummer Valerie and Ben are devastated when their then 2-year-old son was identified as having autism in addition to epilepsy. Paradiz writes beautifully, bringing her tale alive in graphic details while informing her reader in a broad and comprehensive manner concerning both Autism and Aspergers. I love the conversations mother and child had; Tasha Halpert Wonderful! This was one of the first books I read after finding my son had Asperger's. Valerie Paradiz's insight, vulnerability, and unswerving truth possess helped me every day in dealing with my children. Two songs seem to underscore this book so properly - Herman Kelly &. The joys and miracles, and the challenging, difficult challenges. I must say I love this publication and suggest it for a strong knowledge of the human aspect of asperger's and the problems a family faces.



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