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EDGE AND BEYOND

*Living with ADHD
and Asperger Syndrome*

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Parenting a kid with Asperger syndrome is certainly never easy, and adding ADHD to the psychological blend makes life even more difficult. The only real predictable thing about Luke is usually his unpredictability, and Jan also takes a light-hearted approach at some of his more unusual habits and obsessions. Writing frankly about the medical problems of Luke's early years, including the effect of MMR and Ritalin, Jan recalls how Luke's diagnoses came into being, and how lifestyle at The Edge, their aptly named family home, changed because of this. She describes the complexities and ramifications of the behaviours connected with Luke's circumstances, and the impact they had on each family member, including his younger sister, Abbi. In this searingly honest account of mentioning her boy, Luke, Jan Greenman issues common perceptions of a 'life with labels', and recalls her family's 18 year journey to the advantage and back again. Parents will take from the family's successes, study from their mistakes, and realize that, no matter how close to the edge they could feel, they are never alone. Lifestyle at the Edge and Beyond is crucial for anyone involved in bringing up a child with Asperger syndrome, ADHD - or both. The reserve includes advice from Jan, Abbi, and Luke himself, and the ultimate chapters exceed Luke's early years to look at his life as a teenager - his solo trip to Dubai, and subsequent encounter with customs, his expulsion from college, and the inspirational Headteacher who helped him to carefully turn his life around.



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breakdowns and breakthroughs. I am simply such a parent which book offers been comforting, a source of information, and confirmation if you ask me. They say what we all lengthy to say. For many years, Jan and her family struggled from one crisis to another, feeling like there is no help available, no protection for the mom or younger sister as Luke grew increasingly frustrated, aggressive and violent toward himself among others. Life at The Edge is hard to learn in places -- disturbing, actually -- as this is actually the real-life story of a brave mother's fierce like, desperation and advocacy for her child. Jan tells their story with warmth and humor, with a practical advantage of hard-won wisdom. By the end of every chapter, she offers useful suggestions and includes honest knowledge and insight from Luke and his young sister, Abbi. I believe all autism organizations must have this book within their library. Aspergers/ADHD Reality, Wish & Parenting a child with any sort of disability or difference is challenging.. Through her book one gains an understanding of a persons lifestyle with aspergers and adhd, along with the life of their own families. and frequently lonely. As my pal Jan Greenman clarifies: "We belong to a different family. It was so good to visit a positive outcome for Luke. What Jan shares is the invisibility of aspergers in our society.-- Sherri Caldwell, Humor Columnist & Reviewer at RebelHousewife.com Co-Writer, The Rebel Housewife Guidelines: To Heck With Household Bliss! AN ABSOLUTE MUST HAVE For Parents of Asperger Children I've just finished reading this book and I cannot express enough how much I really believe all parents who have kids with aspergers syndrome have to get this book. Inspiration Life at the Advantage and Beyond: COPING WITH ADHD and Asperger Syndrome can be an amazing book for an extremely special audience -- essential browse for anyone involved with bringing up a kid on the Autistic Spectrum. For the parent of a kid with similar diagnoses, there's so much here that's familiar and heartbreaking, from difficult social interactions to obsessions to sensory issues and level of resistance to change; The complete time I read this reserve I kept thinking, this is about my children and what we have been heading through! It's as though Jan Greenman were writing our existence story! So comforting. It is an exceptionally personal, brutally honest memoir of 1 family's 18-year journey through the dark forest of having a child who's different, knowing something is "wrong" -- having no idea what -- and the agonizing difficulties of education, "expert" assistance and opinion, evaluations, labels, diagnoses and often-conflicting suggestions. I thank God for this woman's courage and for all of us mother's who carry expectations for our children. I want to purchase a copy of this book for every single person who offers punished our kid for his behavior or believe a "great swat" would cure it. I am hoping this publication is examine by the professional community most of all. They NEED to pay attention to us. Thank you Jan Greenman, Luke Dicker, and Abbi for being our voice. Rosemarie Oliver Mix A must read I urge any doctor, educator and politician as well as families who've experience with aspergers to learn this wonderful reserve! Jan Greenman openly shares her life with her son in a humorous yet poignant style. Her publication is important at this time when autism is on the rise, aspergers being in that spectrum." Indeed. Because of lack of knowledge and understanding for society's professionals in education, medication and the legal system she and her child struggle to find answers and to obtain needs met. She actually is a effective advocate on her behalf son and her book extends that advocacy to others who have the same experience.. That is essential read for family members in this same position and moreover for experts who encounter people with aspergers. Provides Desire to Parents of Aspies Everywhere So many books about high-functioning autism just gloss of the core of the way the disorder impacts not only the child, but the entire family. A lot of us lengthy to confide to others the total absurd fact we live, but dread we'd be accused to be over-reactive at best and untruthful at worst. As the parent of a child diagnosed with Aspergers, I've heard religious platitudes ascribe special characteristics to us, maybe to provide us strength. Our son still pulls "runners". As

Jan emphatically places it "his behavior is usually his disability"! (All this while his father and I'd be searching the complete countryside for him.) We too, have broken home furniture and busted doorways AND our son is fascinated with tape! When relatives ask what to obtain him for a birthday gift, we inform them tape, boxes and string. One which we wouldn't elect to belong to, but one that understands, actually understands and the alleviation is enormous. We battle the same battles in the U. And her honesty, her son's honesty about their feelings, holding nothing back, is so liberating for the rest of us. educational system. What we wish professionals to listen to from us; the family members, the patients. He even used to let himself into our neighbor's homes --sometimes they might waken to just a little boy consuming chips from their cupboard and sitting on their living room ground watching cartoons on the TV! For Parents Prepared for Reality I would like to thank Jan Greenman for her honesty in writing about her boy Luke's particular manifestation of a kind of autism (Aspergers syndrome), the looks of his symptoms, the negative reactions of others including well-meaning friends and family members, the endless medical consultations, and the sometimes violent behavior the problem evoked in him and in weaker moments, provoked in her, but which she were able to control by distracting herself and confiding in friends. I could relate with this tale on so many levels. Whenever we react normally to frustration and disappointment, however, we feel guilty because we have been not much better than that.



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