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## Not Even Wrong : Adventures in Autism



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The book leads to almost a parody of the old sunburst-through-clouds, ohmygod-it's a breakthrough fashion when Morgan notices Collins provides left the room and yells "Daddy" to bring him back. Not Even Wrong: Adventures in Autism was compiled by historian Paul Collins, the author of Sixpence House. His explanation of the classrooms and the activities were right on target as well. Morgan is certainly not a "stranger in the strange property of human emotions" as the official review promises (once more, the autistic as weird alien stereotype). He's \*happy\*. He has a great time. He's as enthusiastic as Mandy West in Paul West's old classic Terms for a Deaf Child and simply as oblivious to the truth that according to autism experts, he's actually surviving in an environment of his own and that there should be a real child in there struggling to obtain out, etc., etc. (Mira Rothenberg's Children with Emerald Eyes). They think he's just a bright child with many passions. Who the hell cares if he doesn't solution when you request his name or play alongside dumb "consider the funny monkey" games when there's a much more interesting talking computerized video camera in the same space? In a nutshell, the parents don't discover anything wrong with the kid, because there is not anything wrong with a child. He isn't surviving in an environment of his personal. He's just more interested in music, mathematics, reading, and audio devices than people. And I'll live to see it, and so will you. Like Paul West citing stories of famous deaf people, Collins dates back in time to look at historical figures who may have had conditions similar to autism, which the shrinks finally talk him into believing his child reaches least sort of, sort of, on the spectrum. Bettelheim defrauded the psychiatric community and the public for a long time, while brutalizing hundreds of children at his Orthogenic College. Thirty years back, the obviously devoted Collins could have been targeted, for his thoroughness and thoughtfulness, as one of those too- intellectual "refrigerator parents" whose cold, remote attitude forced their kids to "withdraw right into a shell of autism". He discusses Bruno Bettelheim, too -- the guy who developed that, who faked a psychology level and promoted the theory that all autism was caused by abusive parents. He spends a lot of time on Peter the Wild Boy, gets into a bit of Henry Darger and others, and presents us with an countless array of amazing trivia. He also finds evidence that so-called Asperger syndrome is not a "mild" or "high functioning" type of autism -- it is autism. I have quickly sick and tired of the tirads that parents feel they need to write about, and how they had to battle this and fight that, when for the most part, people in this field are in it once and for all reasons and are using the best they can. When I examine "adventures in autism" I gasped. Collins looks for (and finds) a method to help Morgan communicate without murdering who he's, using a range of homemade picture cards. He also discovers a college with an autistic system where the kids are permitted to learn within an interdisciplinary fashion, linked to their particular interests and styles. I'd provide it ten stars easily could. Just wonderful. After reading "Sixpence House" and finding it delightful, I looked up Paul Collins in the library catalog and saw this book. Speaking of experts - the books postive undertake the therapists was a breath of oxygen. I was presented with an assignment in my graduate Humanities course to recommend one chapter of a publication for the whole class to read. Merely letting autistic people end up being autistic is normally such a innovative idea! But I believe it'll be accepted, along with ideas such as for example autistic lifestyle, in the very near future. It is easy to forget that autism is still classified as a mental disease. Part of this confusion is caused by the fact that some psychotic children (made that way by misuse or other toxic existence circumstance) behave superficially much like autistic (cf. And his parents! At the same time as he's pursuing these leads to discover more about his autism, his own son is diagnosed. Right now it really is generally acknowledged thanks to Bernard Rimland and others that autism includes a biochemical and/or neurological

basis and isn't a reply to child abuse. (I believe it really is just a matter of period before multiple personality is similarly demystified. Anything else is secondary. However the internet is filled with autistic teens and adults, who clarify their experiences on thousands of blogs and Youtube movies, rejecting puzzle-piece objectification. And there are blogs by parents explaining that, once again, there is nothing wrong making use of their kids. They're simply different, so their education (not really "intervention") will have to be different. It'll have a while to improve, but I believe it will modification. A phalanx of specialists make an effort to convince Collins that Morgan's in need of vast levels of therapy to provide him up to "regular", but Collins sensibly doesn't buy it even after he's made to understand that two-year-olds generally have more interest in the aforementioned social interactions. Many thanks, Paul Collins, for getting that day just a little closer. I am a 30-year-old mom with Asperger Syndrome, my 11-year-old daughter has Autism. I am often looking for books that I can share with parents to greatly help them on their road to raising the youngster. This is likely to the top of the list. His explanation of how people who have autism think can help me show parents why their child might be reacting the way that they carry out. Collins has written. For one thing, the total unconditional love Morgan's parents display shines through. The reader was remaining sense renewed for the fight - if need be - for his own family or friends.) As of 2010, most mainstream services for autism remain dedicated to the proposition that autism may and should be cured, and that until that day, autistics should be trained to behave as close to non-autistic as possible. In short, that is just a fantastic book on so many levels. This book talks about the author's exploration of the history of autism, and people who have lived or are living their own unique lives. The author's emotions were authentic, and the stories were touching. The very best book I've read in an exceedingly long time. This book was difficult to place down so, even with a 4 year old to look after, I read it in 4 days. Period is usually of the essence. I also have trouble sometimes getting them to see that they indeed are companions in this technique - what we perform at school cannot be isolated, and should be followed through in the home as well. His descriptions of how they experimented, and how they had taken the suggestions of therapists and altered them to fit Morgan was ideal. His child Morgan bounces around exuberantly playing verbal video games with quantities and letters, banging on the piano, reading everything in sight, and getting together with his nanny and parents in his very own way. What a gift Mr. I was impressed by his experience as a dad. It's a rare family members where in fact the father actually assumes the same share of the task in raising a kid with disabilities. Along with his talent for describing history, Paul Collins has put his heart and soul into this book. We also appreciated the historical viewpoint. I think parents and professionals want that background to see where we've been and get yourself a better idea of where we are heading. The book repeatedly and convincingly gives the message that it's a mistake to try to force we autistics to behave as something apart from our true selves. The perceived difference between autism and Asperger originated with different samplings and with the differing attitudes of Leo Kanner and Hans Asperger toward their youthful subjects. It's very important to parents to question also to look for choices. Their disabilities are just as much remarkable abilities. That is such an important view for parents, and teachers, to have. I highly recommend it to any parent, professional in the field, or anyone who would like more information about autism. Highly recommend this lovely book! This is a delightful read - not about how exactly to fix or cure someone with autism, but about loving someone with autism and carrying out one's best to help them get along in a world filled with ordinary people. Paul Collins skillfully weaves in snippets of background, helping the reader recognize the roles

autists have played in our world. Bravo!! He interweaves his own tale with accounts of the history of the diagnosis of autism, of people with autism and of historical people it really is reasonable to speculate were autistic. This is my favorite book on autism, period. It had been such a recovery feeling to learn the book, I'm significantly considering reading it again. Incredible gift to parents and professionals I've taught preschool kids with disabilities for twenty odd years. Therefore, I have sought books to keep on hand to give to friends who could be interested in reading about autism. I wish I could afford a whole shelf full of this one! Paul Collins composing can be insightful and deep and it flows well - leading in one chapter in to the next, it's a difficult book to put down. They took the bull by the horns. The Journal of Autism used to end up being the Journal of Autism and Childhood Schizophrenia and both conditions were constantly being mistaken for each various other. It's a beautiful story because of the twists and turns, and because of the lives of individuals it illuminates therefore graciously. Parents of other autistic kids inform Collins about how exactly their kid experienced the pink monkey routine when they were mainstreamed, but did good in an autistic college where these were allowed to communicate within their own method. I knew instantly it will be this book, but had to take into account which chapter. It made autism appear to be a learning difference instead of a severe mental deficit (as it is sometimes portrayed). Not at all your everyday parent-of-autistic-child book You will not find the rage at autism that so many parents have experienced, or the accounts of scientific and medical detective work that other parents have undertaken. What you would find is a collection of stories of individuals in both relatively historic (Peter the Wild Boy) and relatively latest (Henry Darger) history who may have been diagnosed someplace across the autism spectrum, interspersed with his experiences of his boy, Morgan. Another way this book differs from lots of books written by parents of children with autism, is that Collins uses this assortment of stories to check out Morgan's life in its totality, thinking what Morgan might be like at age 40, or age 70, instead of focusing on today's trials and possibilities. Collins thinks a whole lot further into the future than most parents. I read the whole book in 2 times, and found it very uplifting. If you've currently browse some books about autism, you might think "Been there, done that" as you find out about important people in the autism community like Simon Baron-Cohen and Temple Grandin. One of the primary issues I have is trying to get parents beyond the intial shock and denial, and have them moving. I haven't had that knowledge with a book in a long time! "NOT Wrong" is incredibly interesting and informative on the subject and background of autism and the author's own private experience along with his autistic child is a tender and heartfelt thread binding it all together. Not only did it give me a much better understanding of autism but it got a profound impact on my understanding and respect for the unique way my own mind works, as well as the minds of these around me. Done well! His POV was enlightening and will give many other fathers encouragement to be involved. I loved this book This is not your typical book about autism, and After all that as a compliment. As another reviewer said, it's hard to characterize, but it is rather interesting even for someone who doesn't know a lot about autism. By taking a respectful look at the extreme distinctions of the autistic mind, it helps a person are more accepting of the delicate differences we all possess between us that, if we use what we've got rather than trying to fit a mold, make us therefore unique and interesting. So those who have confidence in the sickness/get rid of paradigm get a Reader's Digest condensed edition of what they want, and Morgan continues to be jolly well autistic. Asperger's research was ignored for decades, some of it dropped in WWII. Not their little boy?! But yes, their little boy, whose adorableness was palpable in "Sixpence Home," was diagnosed with autism around the age of three. That is

a memoir to become the mother or father of a particular needs kid. I say "becoming" as the change from "the mother or father of the kid we like who we thought was normal" to "the mother or father of the child we love who is autistic" can be gradual, marked by milestones of shock and understanding. Paul Collins shares this getting around, so honestly, so lovingly. I love this publication! In doing this, he makes a subtle case for the function of the autist in society past and present. But the good attitude in this book and the author's willingness to utilize the staff, makes all the difference. Their convenience of solitary minded obsession has led to many scientific discoveries and technological applications that we all depend on. uplifting My nephew had this publication, and I picked up his copy to look at. I couldn't put it down! However, using history to think about autism, may not be the best way to go, as a substantial amount of analysis into autism and related disorders is currently under method. It included 'historical' details on autism, and also personal encounters of the author. After much deliberation (there are many beautifully written tales that flow together in this quantity), I selected Chapter 16. The diagnosis was devastating, nonetheless it didn't end them from jumping in to the interventions that were recommended. It doesn't matter what he is able to or cannot do - he is a child first. I adore it.



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