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# FINDING KANSAS

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All I'd like is someone to care, to find out, to understand. And maybe, for a short moment, I am free..Aaron has another interest, too: the globe of auto racing. Finding Kansas can be a memoir like no additional, written by an unlikely author who at first never dreamed he'd find actually one reader. Today a sought-after speaker and blogger, he's passionate about posting his insights into this often misunderstood condition. For others on the autism spectrum, Kansas may be trains, history, or the weather. When he was identified as having Asperger's syndrome at age 20, Aaron Likens began to collect his thoughts and encounters on paper-the highs, the lows, the challenges, and the unexpected joys.. A successful flag man at racing events across the country, Aaron phone calls racing his Kansas-a place where he feels safe, confident, and regular. What he found was hope -- not merely for himself, but also for others with Asperger's. It is here where, like Aaron, they find freedom, and the likelihood for development and changeFinding Kansas brings us into Aaron's world and, in the process, offers a richly observed, deeply thoughtful, and sometimes unpleasant picture of what it's prefer to go on the autism spectrum.



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A MUST-Read for anyone that loves an Aspy! I've a brother with Asperger's and I'm thus thankful We happened upon this reserve. We thoroughly enjoyed reading "Locating Kansas" and I desire all of the best for Aaron and his journey in life. This was very similar to the film THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY in regards to a stroke victim who was simply somehow able to transcend his condition and actually describe that which was going on inside his head. Like this movie, the publication FINDING KANSAS is definitely wrenching in it's capability to throw back the curtain on medical analysis and assumptions and care-takers frustration with people that have brain abnormalities, regardless of what they may be, and eloquently illustrate that behind all these surface things, there's ultimately a person who is deeply struggling. The writer has uniquely described what he goes through every day, just trying to get through the day. What fascinated me most is the agony this article writer goes through KNOWING he is not quite regular, but becoming utterly POWERLESS to accomplish anything about it. As research boosts on these conditions, I hope this book does not go unnoticed by the medical community. I hardly ever imagined that perhaps he doesn't Desire to be this way, that perhaps he's completely aware of what's causing other people distress and can't perform anything about it.. But this can be an excellent book. If individuals surrounding those with Asperger's are better in a position to understand them, there has to be a possibility that a few of the internal discomfort can be slightly relieved. (For everyone involved!) I've read many books, message boards and websites about Asperger's - but this is actually the most enlightening and enjoyable bits of writing I've yet to come across.!! nice cost and fast shipping This is a great read for those who wanting more insight into what it .. It really is so therapeutic to put your tale out there to explain how you experience and even more when others who hear your tale can see a piece of them in it and may say they understand your emotions because they will have felt some of these things too. something most Aspy's are not capable of. I recommend this reserve to anyone and everyone. This book left me thanking God that I've not been cursed with this syndrome, but it also remaining me with a deep compassion for my buddy and all the other people who are struggling with a condition which allows them to seem normal some of the period, but leaves people frustrated and confused once the same person struggles to deal with the complexities of personal associations and daily life. After scanning this, I am also left wondering how aware almost all sufferers of autism spectrum disorders are about their conditions, but just like a stroke victim or alzheimer victim, cannot tell the world the proceedings of their minds. It is definitely easy for me to assume that my brother was just being hard and stubborn. There exists a lot of insight here that I have not seen somewhere else in my search to comprehend my brother. An enjoyable assortment of personal essays Aaron's book isn't a step-by-step guide on how best to live with Aspergers Syndrome; A++ from me! As the book's pacing will not "flow" such as a traditional novel, his assortment of personal essays are enjoyable to read on their own and offer a diverse range of short stories, psychological descriptions, and life encounters that help the reader understand the idea process of someone with AS. It had been good to start to see the perspective of somebody diagnosed later in life as my child was. I personally enjoyed the format of "Finding Kansas", as Aaron does not continue to dwell on one concept or subject for too long, but instead explores a lot of his life experiences and how he has reacted to all of them. Relationship difficulties give way to his adventures in the world of auto racing and everything in-between, and it's really genuinely hard to reduce curiosity after reading just a few pages. Even though you don't know someone personally who's Autistic, Aaron's assortment of personal writings is worth a go through because he effortlessly can explain his nontraditional

thought process in a way the common reader can understand. Great Book I am not a book reviewer. In many ways this book is unpleasant and heartbreaking, nonetheless it is also full of threads of hope. Interesting read. Aaron is an extremely articulate son and he allows you to understand the chaos occurring in your brain of a person with Asperger's Syndrome. I think his insights are phenomenal. Some parts of this book provides tears to your eye so be ready. You won't ever look at someone who is a little bit different the same way again. I highly compliment this book as something special to those who read it!. There is nothing even more relatable than words and thoughts shipped by the person living with a problem rather than maybe a doctor who provides studied it or a family member observing from the outside. By the end of the book, the reader hasn't only been released to a stranger called Aaron Likens, but they actually get to better understand him through his ability to open his center and tell his accurate story without hesitation. Great book My husband bought this to try to help our neighbor's grandson. It really is a great book Five Stars I thought it was an incredible reserve.. I am positive, through this book, Aaron has helped various other readers therapeutically--readers who tell him they will have Asperger's so they understand him or readers who don't feel just like they can fit in and would simply tell him he is not by yourself. I took out of this book the idea that although we might not understand just what is happening inside somebody's mind, we can try to understand the pain life may create and that everybody has their own story. We should nurture one another, as we may actually be similar in ways even if for different factors. It was heartbreaking to read of Aaron's struggles, but it was also glorious to see a young man learning his self and growing because of his desire to seek freedom and understanding. Aaron is normally braver than so many people who by no means understand who they are because they merely don't want to know. It has shed light on so many of the traits that sometimes exasperate the complete family. Personally i think like this isn't only an important reserve for individuals who are either dealing with Asperger's themselves or know somebody with it, nonetheless it opens the door for connecting with anybody who has ever felt as an outcast. For many reasons, people can really feel disconnected to those around them or culture in general and Aaron speaks to those people and portrays their story as well as his. It had been good to start to see the perspective of somebody diagnosed later in .! I never thought his real condition could be causing as very much deep internal discomfort for him since it does for all those who love him. Several times throughout the publication, you feel just like you actually "get" Aaron just by just how he explains his perspective to the reader. Was able to see many similarities despite having some of the phrases used to describe. Wonderful! As someone who has always been exposed, and caused those on the spectrum- this is really an eye opener on a number of the things each of the individuals We use were most likely going through. So a lot of his tales, insecurities and life encounters are similiar to all of humanity - but the pain and frustration are magnified exponentially. It's an emotional book with a whole lot of life lessons while also filled up with experiences only somebody on the spectrum would be able to see and experience. but rather a first hand accounts of his daily struggles. Interesting Insight Interesting insight in to the brain of a guy with Asperger's. Allowed me to understand even more of what my son goes through. nice price and fast thanks!. The author has a unique gift to end up being unrelentingly open up and honest(while writing anyhow). Author, Aaron Likens, provides truly dispelled some of the mysteriousness of Asperger Syndrome and brilliantly portrayed truths about the angst it could result in a person living within and a family surrounded by this disorder.. Provides great insight. The author also has a FaceBook page where he offers posted some instructional movies. I

think it must be read by anyone that functions or lives with anyone on the Autism Spectrum. Prompt delivery. This is a great read for those who wanting more insight into what it really is prefer to have Asperger's Syndrome, especially if you want an encouraging success story.



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