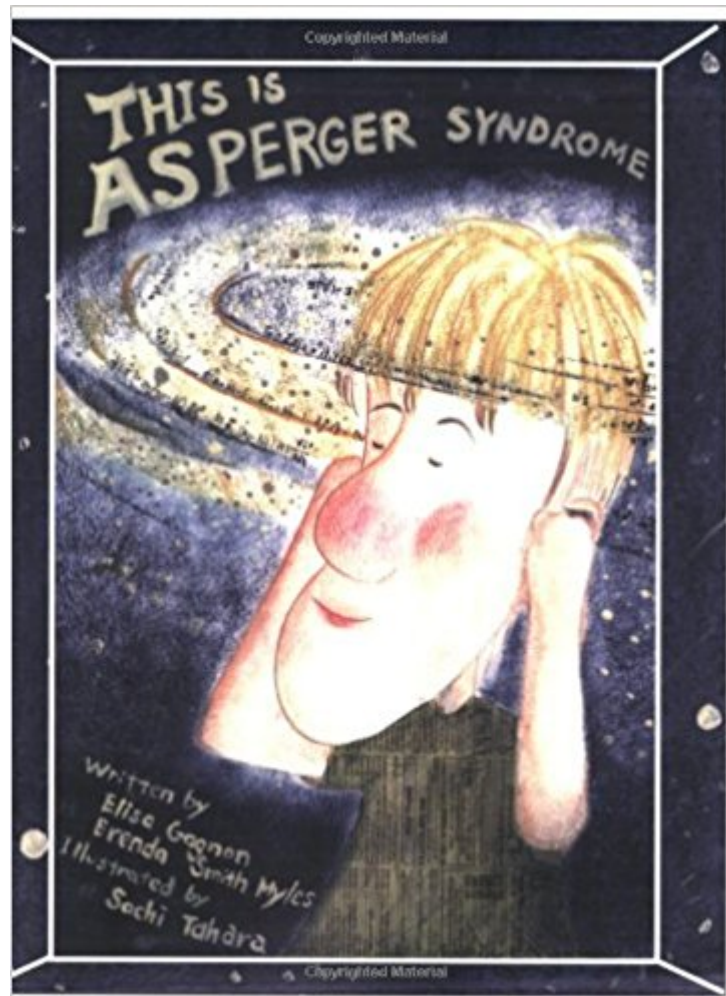




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# This Is Asperger Syndrome



## Synopsis

Through brief vignettes and whimsical black-and-white cartoon drawings, *This Is Asperger Syndrome* introduces siblings, peers and other children to the everyday challenges faced by children with Asperger Syndrome at home or at school. Written for children ages 6-12, the book may be read independently by older children and serves as an excellent springboard for further discussion led by parents and teachers. A special section, *Notes on Asperger Syndrome*, at the end of the book summarizes the major characteristics of Asperger Syndrome.

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## Customer Reviews

This much-needed book demystifies the unique and sometimes puzzling behaviors of individuals with Asperger Syndrome by letting the reader experience the world from the perspective of a young child with Asperger Syndrome. The brief, easy-to-understand text is accompanied by whimsical cartoon-like characters. --From the Publisher

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Exceptional Children, Division on Developmental Disabilities Burton Blatt Humanitarian Award. She has written over 150 articles and books on autism spectrum disorders, including Asperger Syndrome and Difficult Moments: Practical Solutions for Tantrums, Rage, and Meltdowns (with Southwick) and Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence: Practical Solutions for School Success (with Adreon). The latter was the winner of the Autism Society of America's Outstanding Literary Work. Brenda has made over 500 presentations all over the world, and served as the co-chair of the National ASD Teacher Standards Committee. Myles is also on the executive boards of several organizations, including the Organization for Autism Research and Maap Services Inc. In addition, she was recently acknowledged as the second most productive applied researcher in ASD in the world from 1997 to 2004.

I liked this book. Each page contains a picture accompanied by a vignette describing a particular problem or perception experienced by the protagonist. The examples are clear and concrete. The drawings are clear, but perhaps a little too cartoonish. This story could help students in a classroom understand the behavior of a classmate with these characteristics. Instead of labeling behaviors as "obnoxious" the other students might be stimulated to see the world from the perspective of the child with Aspergers. This book is not meant to be a comprehensive text, but it describes the reactions and feelings of a particular individual. Because people with Aspergers are each so unique, it might not fit the exact behaviors of each person. Still, it is a good book because it gets you thinking from a another perspective--and that is what Aspergers is about.

Great book for children with Aspergers. Though it may sound a little on the negative side it is very realistic. My students who have Aspergers could totally relate to the different situations it addresses. I would highly recommend it. The book was in excellent condition. Definitely worth the money.

This is the first book on my "So You'd Like to..." list, which is book suggestions for parents seeking to introduce their child to his or her own Autism/Asperger Syndrome. Although the publisher says ages 9-12, I'd recommend this book for younger children, 6-8, possibly even including kids younger than that. That said, I did however buy this for my own mother back when my son was originally diagnosed at age 5, and she, in turn, bought several copies for the more-resistant relatives who needed a bit of education (the "He's just being BAD on purpose to get attention"-types). Easy-to-read, almost like a colouring book, and covers many aspects of the Autistic Spectrum in simple language and pictures. Some people feel it covers too much of the

negative aspects, but I feel these are the things that people need to understand and accept the most. At the time of my son's initial diagnosis, I also bought several copies for the preschool, which the staff found useful for themselves and for teaching moments with other kids.

This book explains Asperger Syndrome is a very simple way for adults and children. I have a 5 year old son with Asperger and I showed this book to his grandparents, my friends and his after-school care takers. After they read it, they finally understood all the information that I had tried to explain to them before. Plus there were some things in there that I didn't realise were related to Asperger so it was a learning experience for me as well. Not all of the symptoms will fit to your child and you'll find yourself saying, "Does that" & "Nope, doesn't do that", etc. This really is a great way to explain Asperger to others and it's a very fast read.

My reason for rating as only OK is that this book did not deal with the fairly mild , though still confusing, level of Asperger syndrome applicable to my relative.

My 7 year old son is in class with a child with Asperger's Syndrome. I needed something to explain what Asperger's is and how it impacts the actions and responses of this child. THIS WAS THE PERFECT BOOK. It is short, easy to read (my son could actually read it himself) and it explains several of the difficulties that many Asperger's children experience. Best of all, it is from the perspective of the child that has Asperger's. Not only did my son (and I) learn a great deal about Asperger's, we also learned how about how a child with Asperger's might feel about being different from other children. This really helped my son to understand and react appropriately to the child in his class. I am donating the book to his classroom in hopes that others can also use this great resource.

Good resource!

I have used this book for years in my college classroom. It gives a clear and easily understood portrait of Asperger Syndrome.

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