



Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism spectrum disorder, or ASD, is a series of neurodevelopmental disorders that impair a child's ability to communicate and interact with others.



Facts about ASD



1. ASD is more common than childhood cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined.
2. Boys are diagnosed with ASD four times more often than girls.
3. Autism affects 1 in every 50 schoolchildren in the United States.
4. Researchers recommend testing children for autism if they lose previously acquired language or social skills at any age.
5. Approximately 5% of children with autistic siblings develop autistic disorders themselves.



Activities and Ideas for Children with ASD



Paint with Ice

<http://www.education.com/activity/article/paint-with-ice/>

Make Oobleck

http://www.education.com/activity/article/Solid_Liquid_fifth/

Build Movement into the Child's Day

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/352537-physical-activities-for-autistic-children/>

Create a Sensory Table for the Child

http://www.education.com/activity/article/Sensory_Table/

Have a Theme for Each Day of the Week

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/06/20/82-summer-activities-for-families-with-special-needs/>



Additional Websites With Information about ASD



National Institute of Mental Health: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/autism-spectrum-disorders-asd/index.shtml>

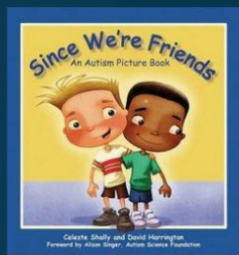
Interlock of East Central Indiana: <http://www.interlockin.org/>

Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation: <http://www.myasdf.org/site/>

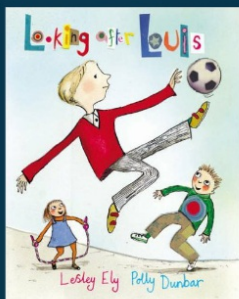
Child Mind Institute: <http://www.childmind.org/en/health/disorder-guide/autism-spectrum-disorder>

Autism Society: <http://www.autism-society.org/>

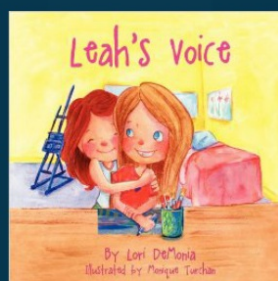
Children's Books Related to ASD



**Since We're
Friends: An Autism
Picture Book**
by Celeste Shally



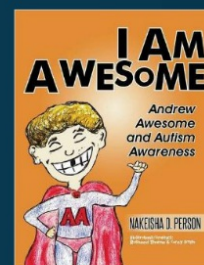
**Looking after
Louis**
by Lesley Ely



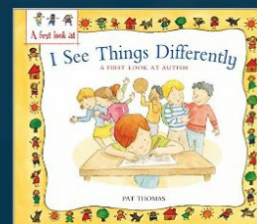
Leah's Voice
by Lori DeMonia



**In My Mind: The
World through
the Eyes of
Autism**
by Adonya Wong



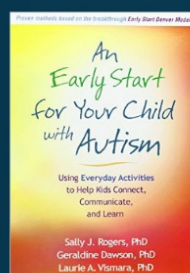
**I AM AWESOME:
Andrew Awesome and
Autism Awareness**
by Nakeisha D. Person



**I See Things
Differently: A First
Look at Autism**
by Pat Thomas

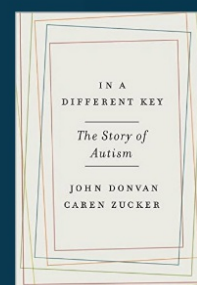


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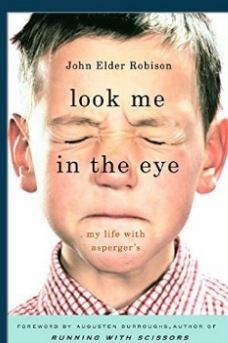


**An Early Start for Your
Child with Autism: Using
Everyday Activities to
Help Kids Connect,
Communicate, and
Learn**

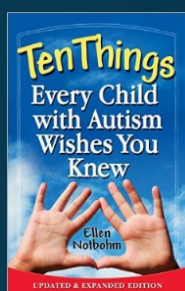
by Sally J. Rogers,
Ph.D., Geraldine,
Dawson Ph.D., and
Laurie A. Vismara, Ph.D.



**In a Different Key: The
Story of Autism**
by John Donvan and
Caren Zucker

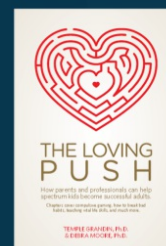


**Look Me in the
Eye: My Life with
Asperger's**
by John Elder
Robison



**Ten Things Every Child
with Autism Wishes You
Knew:
Updated and Expanded
Edition**

by Ellen Notbohm



**The Loving Push: How
Parents and
Professionals Can Help
Spectrum Kids Become
Successful Adults**
by Debra Moore, Ph.D.
and Temple Grandin,
Ph.D.



Sources:

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http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/09/21_autism.html

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