

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day. Top Children Books to Help Embrace Difference and Understand ASD

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day. This is a great time to teach children about autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and difference. Make time to share a book with your class, family, and community about ASD. Books are a fantastic way to communicate the complex nature of ASD and help EVERYONE understand. With better understanding about difference, children learn to *Embrace Difference to Make a Difference*.

These book provide a valuable resource for:

- ✓ Teachers wishing to convey to their students the behavioural characteristics of children with ASD.
- ✓ Families to share with child with ASD, siblings, cousins and extended family.
- ✓ Preschools and Schools wanting to discuss diversity and explain ASD.
- ✓ Increasing tolerance and understanding of children who think and behave different to their peers.
- ✓ Supporting children with ASD, to understand ASD and that it is okay to be different.



Kevin Thinks | by Gail Watts

Kevin Thinks is the story of a boy with Aspergers Syndrome who sees the world a little differently! His quirky observations will strike a chord with all those who are familiar with AS, from his special interest in outer space and his aversion to itchy clothes, to his (mis) understanding of non-literal expressions and his tendency to say exactly what he thinks, regardless of the consequences, whilst the accompanying illustrations reveal what is really happening from a neurotypical point of view, to often hilarious effect.



Via | by Nicole Dixon

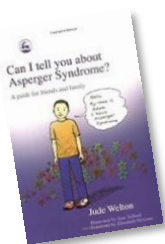
Written from the heart, using simple often cheeky illustrations, Via conveys a powerful message to bring about more awareness of Autism. Via is a short story about a girl who loves to do many different things, and emphasises that you should never place limitations on what a person can and can't do no matter what.



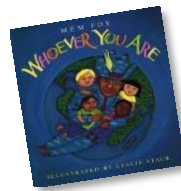
My Friend with Autism | by Beverly Bishop

With vivid illustrations and a charming storyline this book will foster tolerance and understanding among peers. A peer narrator explains that his friend with autism is good at some things and not so good at others – just like everyone else. In an informative, positive tone, he addresses issues such as sensory sensitivity, communication differences, unique ways of playing and insistence on routine.

Can I Tell You About Asperger Syndrome?
By Jude Welton



Whoever You Are
By Mem Fox



It's OK | by Jo Heslop



All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome
By Kathy Hoopmann



Inside Aspergers Looking Out
By Kathy Hoopmann



All Dogs Have ADHD
By Kathy Hoopmann



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