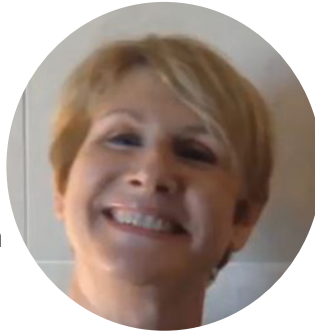




YOUR 2016 COMPANION

Dear Friend:

Searching for great autism resources can be daunting. A few years ago we compiled our “A-List” of autism resources curated from those resources we covered on our blog. We took the time to interview the authors, organizations, and companies to find out more about their books, programs, products and services. Please note that no one paid to be interviewed or to be included in the A-List Guide or Companion.



If you haven't downloaded the A-List Autism Guide, you can do so here:

<http://bit.ly/aut-guide-2016>

This is an updated 2016 companion to the original guide. Inside, it's filled with all sorts of new books, apps, programs, employment resources, and more!



If you'd like to read our interviews for more insights, please go to:

<http://bit.ly/gcb-interviews>

We hope that the A-List Guide and this Companion help you find the support, guidance and answers you are seeking for your child, student, or client.

Best wishes on your journey,



Here are some **Geek Club Books** resources you should know about:

Autism EDU is a collection of innovative educational tools to introduce autism in the classroom and help create an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome and valued. These tools were developed to capture and engage students' attention, ignite their curiosities and inspire discussions. The focus is on 'abilities' over 'disabilities' and 'similarities' over 'differences' for better understanding and connection.

Parents: Use our stories as a framework for talking about your own child's autism with teachers, classmates, siblings or other family members. Our “Friendship Kit” will show you how to set up a Lunch Buddy Program.

Teachers: Our stories, activities, and curriculum can be part of your language arts, literacy in social issues or social and emotional learning lessons.

Access Autism EDU here:

<http://geekclubbooks.com/autism-edu/>



ASSISTIVE TECH

Bluebee Pals

Revolutionary Plush Learning Tools
<http://bluebeepals.com/>

Toys that can connect with apps through smart phones, tablets, laptops or any Bluetooth®-enabled device. Seeing great results as a communication device and learning tool for those with autism.

AVAZ

Innovative Augmentative and Alternative Communication App
<http://www.avazapp.com/>

Avaz is the first app that combines a speech app for a child, and a training app for a parent or teacher to integrate it into a child's daily life.

RJ Cooper

The Assistive Tech Guy!
<http://rjcooper.com/>

RJ Cooper makes special software and hardware products for people with special needs.

GREAT BLOGS

Mosswood Connections

<http://mosswoodconnections.com/>

A fantastic resource for childhood development, education and special needs. Find social skills activities and games, auditory processing activities, arts and crafts projects, sensory regulation activities and more.

And Next Comes L

<http://www.andnextcomesl.com/>

Dyan Robson writes about hyperlexia + autism + other tales of learning. She shares her passions for music, blogging, sewing, DIY, books, in addition to sharing about her son's autism, hyperlexia, and hypernumeracy.

Anxious Toddlers

<http://www.anxioustoddlers.com/>

Natasha Daniels Anxious Toddlers website is dedicated to all things toddler and beyond. You can turn to her blog for laughs, support and guidance about raising children of all ages with special love and attention to those who have anxiety.

The Art of Autism

<http://the-art-of-autism.com/>

The intention of this blog is to showcase the gifts and struggles of autistic people. The blog covers a variety of topical subjects which effect the autism community. The founders, Debra Muzikar and Keri Bowers, give autistic people the opportunity to share their own writings and perspectives.

Parenting Asperger's Blog

<http://parentingaspergers.com/blog/>

The Parenting Asperger's Blog by Dave Angel shares a mix of inspirational stories, solutions, strategies and occasional humorous outbursts for parents of children with Aspergers.

Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)

<http://autisticadvocacy.org/>

"We work to empower Autistic people across the world to take control of our own lives and the future of our common community, and seek to organize the Autistic community to ensure our voices are heard in the national conversation about us. *Nothing About Us, Without Us!*"



GREAT PRODUCTS

Downs Designs Dreams

Special clothes for special people
<http://downsdesignsdreams.org/>

Stylish clothing and jeans with no buttons, zippers or hassles!

Independence Day Clothing

Adaptive clothing for kids, tweens, teens and young adults
<http://inddayclothing.com/>

Clothing that's on-trend and can be worn by everyone, including those with disabilities.

Sound Pillow

<http://www.soundpillow.com/>

A plush, hypoallergenic pillow with two virtually undetectable speakers with a preloaded MP3 player with nature sounds, hypnotic-binaural music, white noise, blue noise and pink noise files.

Snug Vest™

<http://www.snugvest.com/>

Snug Vest is a therapeutic product for individuals with autism, sensory processing disorder or anxiety. Snug Vest inflates to provide adjustable and evenly-distributed pressure for a "hug-like" squeeze.

Huggmee® Chair

<http://www.huggmee.com/>

The Huggmee Chair allows you to fit snugly inside and feel secure.

APPS

Autism Village

Find Autism Friendly Places
<https://www.autismvillage.com/>

Autism Village is the 'Yelp' specifically for finding autism friendly businesses and events.

Emergency Chat App

For Android only:
<http://bit.ly/emergency-chat>

Developed by an autistic software engineer, this free app helps a person with autism to effectively communicate during a meltdown or sensory overload experience.

Aiko and Egor

<http://www.aikoandegor.org/>

An animated video series designed specifically for children with autism. Works for a variety of learning levels on language, play, social, imitation and more.





SERVICES

Wings for Autism

<http://www.thearc.org/wingsforautism>

Wings for Autism® and Wings for All™ are airport rehearsals specifically designed for individuals with ASD and those with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

GRASP

<http://grasp.org/>

Mission is to improve and enrich the quality of life of teens and adults on the autism spectrum and their families through community advocacy and outreach, education, peer supports, programming and services, at no cost to their members.

Asperger Life®

<http://aspergerlife.com/>

“Small things to help your Asperger’s child succeed in a big world.”

The Wallet Card

<http://www.justdigit.org/wallet-cards/>

A tool to be used by a teenager or adult with ASD to help foster positive communication between the individual and police

PROGRAMS

Transitions

<http://www.transitionsusa.org/>

Program that prepares teens and young adults with autism and learning differences for college, career and life.

College Living Experience

<http://experiencecle.com/>

For students with unique learning needs, life after high school is full of possibilities, including college. With the help of CLE’s staff and environmental supports, young adults are experience independence.

Good Friend Inc.

<http://goodfriendinc.com/>

Good Friend’s novel K-6 curriculum teaches autism awareness and acceptance of differences. They also offer: Peer sensitivity workshop, general assembly, staff-in-service, first responder workshop, guest lectures.

AUTISM EMPLOYMENT

SMILE Biscotti and Firstplace Phoenix

<http://www.smilebiscotti.com/>

<http://firstplaceaz.org/>

SMILE Biscotti is an entrepreneurial bakery business founded by the Resnik family. It’s an important endeavor to help Matt Resnik and others with autism learn a business, skills development, social connections as a pathway towards greater independence. Support by buying their delicious biscotti! The Resnik’s are developing franchise opportunities to show other families how to start a SMILE Biscotti business.

Picasso-Einstein

<http://www.picassoeinstein.com/>

Self-employment education for individuals on the autism spectrum, families, organizations, and academic institutions.

Rising Tide U

<http://risingtideu.com/>

The goal of Rising Tide U is to provide a road map for entrepreneurs who wish to start businesses that empower individuals with autism through gainful employment.



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Someone Special Uniquely Personalized Books

<http://www.someonespecialbooks.com/>

Create a personalized picture book to explain your child's disability in a kid-friendly way. Currently there are 15 different books that can be personalized—Autism, ADHD, food allergies, Down Syndrome, Epilepsy, physical conditions, Diabetes, hearing and vision impaired, and neurological conditions

May I Be Excused, My Brain is Full: Olivia's Asperger's Story

By Krista Preuss-Goudreault

<http://bit.ly/brain-is-full>

10 year old, Olivia bravely invites us into her thoughts and mind as she shares her life as an "aspie."

The Littlest Inventor

By Mandi Mathis

<http://www.mandimathis.com/>

The Littlest Inventor captures effective self-advocacy of a spectrum child whose sensory processing issues prevent him from going to the grocery store. At first, the external stimuli is overwhelming. Through his own self-awareness, access to the tools he needs, and support of his family, he turns a disaster into a huge success.

Super Lexi Series

By Emma Lesko

<http://emmalesko.com/>

SUPER LEXI is a funny chapter book series about a second-grade girl on the autism spectrum, who is just trying to navigate kid life. Her stories crescendo from self-acceptance to self-advocacy, and finally to advocacy for others.

Love for Logan

By Lori DeMonia

<http://bit.ly/love4logan>

Based on actual events, Love for Logan tells the story of a girl learning more about her sister's sensory challenges.

The Quiet Bear

By Gretchen Leary

<http://bit.ly/quiet-bear>

Gretchen Leary is a children's book author and a woman on the autism spectrum. The Quiet Bear is a simple bed time story about a young girl who does not use words to speak and finds a new friend in an unexpected way.

Noah and Logan Children's Book Series

By Benjamin K.M. Kellogg

<http://www.benjaminkmkellogg.com/>

Benjamin is an autistic children's book author. His 'Noah and Logan' series help autistic children learn social and life skills.

Normal Norman

By Tara Lazar

<http://bit.ly/normal-norman>

A humorous look at the wackiness that makes us all special— and a gentle reminder that "normal" can't ever be defined!

Darius Hates Vegetables

By Darius Brown

<http://www.iamdariusbrown.com/>

Darius Brown is a 5th grader with autism. He writes stories based on true events that have happened to him at school or at home. This story is about learning to try vegetables.



The ABC Book of Feelings

By Kathryn Lescroart Detzer
<http://bit.ly/abc-feelings>

Delightful and playful characters illustrate all the emotions, literally from A to Z. The perfect discussion starter for kids including those unable or unwilling to express what they are thinking and feeling.

Amy is Aumazing

By Paula Powers
<http://bit.ly/aumazing>

Meet Amy, an almost 6 year old kindergartner who is gifted and talented and also is autistic. She tells the tale of her magnificent math and marvelous memory super powers as well as the challenges she faces.

TWEEN / TEEN BOOKS

How to Be Human: Diary of an Autistic Girl

By Florida Frenz
<http://bit.ly/diary-autistic-girl>

Written and illustrated by an autistic teen who wants to help others understand autism and have compassion for autistic people. “I am an autistic who knows that I can overcome the challenges that I face and lead a happy productive life.”

Aspean YA/SciFi Series

By Roy Dias
<https://roysdias.com/books/>

Roy Dias has Aspergers Syndrome. He’s also a husband, father to two sons with Aspergers, and a teacher at a school that teaches English as a second language. Roy’s “Aspean” series brings the topic of autism into today’s zeitgeist, making it less ‘issue’ and more...human.

Are You Seeing Me? YA Novel

By Darren Groth
<http://bit.ly/seeing-me>

Author Darren Groth has fourteen year old twins, one of whom is on the autism spectrum. He creates characters and interesting storylines inspired by his children. This book explores the relationship of Justine and her autistic twin brother, Perry, on a trip through the Pacific Northwest.

Anxiety Sucks!

A Teen Survival Guide (Volume 1)

By Natasha Daniels
<http://bit.ly/anxiety-sucks>

Therapist Natasha Daniels wrote a book for teens that is short, to the point and offers a death blow to the anxiety dictator living in their heads.

On the Edge of Gone

By Corinne Duyvis
<http://www.corinneduyvis.net/>

Corinne Duyvis is an autistic author of science fiction and fantasy for teenagers. On the Edge of Gone is an apocalyptic novel centering on Denise, an autistic sixteen-year-old girl, and her struggle to survive a destructive comet impact—and to make sure her family survives, too.

PARENT BOOKS

Chasing the Rabbit: A Dad's Life Raising a Son on the Spectrum

By Derek Volk with Dylan Volk
<http://chasingtherabbit.org/>

Derek Volk shares his experiences raising a son on the Autism spectrum. Both Dylan and Derek write about the challenges, triumphs and coping strategies from the early days to the adolescent years to life in the “real world” as a young adult.



PARENT BOOKS

Beyond Rainman

By Anne K. Ross

<http://www.beyondrainman.com/>

Beyond Rainman, has been endorsed by NY Times best-selling authors on autism-related topics including Temple Grandin, Graeme Sison, and Tony Attwood, Ph.D. Anne lets the reader take a peek behind her professional side as a school psychologist on a more personal journey about her own family's autism experience.

The Autism Activities Handbook

By Catherine Pascuas

<http://bit.ly/aut-handbook>

The Autism Activities Handbook is filled with easy and practical games and activities that will help kids on the spectrum develop communication, social, and life skills.

It's an Autism Thing...I'll Help You Understand

By Emma Dalmayne

<http://bit.ly/autism-thing>

Insights into the life of an autistic person. It is written from the perspective of an autistic woman whose children are also on the autism spectrum.

Being Seen

By Anlor Davin

<http://bit.ly/anlor-davin>

Memoir of an autistic mother, immigrant and Zen student.

How to Parent Your Anxious Toddler

By Natasha Daniels

<http://bit.ly/anxious-toddler>

A guide that demystifies the difficult behaviors of anxious toddlers with tried-and-tested practical solutions to common parenting dilemmas.

Living, Loving, and Laughing with Aspergers

By Dave Angel

<http://bit.ly/dave-angel>

A collection of short stories which all relate to parenting children with Aspergers.

The Reason I Jump: One Boy's Voice from the Silence of Autism

By Naoki Higashida, David Mitchell

<http://bit.ly/reason-jump>

Written by an autistic teen, the book provides a rare insight into the behaviors of those with autism.

Adolescents on the Autism Spectrum: A Parent's Guide to the Cognitive, Social, Physical, and Transition Needs of Teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorders

By Chantal Sicile-Kira

<http://bit.ly/chantal-asd>

A must-have guide filled with examples, practical advice and supportive insights.

I Am Aspien Woman

By Tania A. Marshall

<http://bit.ly/Aspien-Wom>

I Am AspienWoman takes us into the world of many undiagnosed or misdiagnosed women and their struggles and gifts. This book covers issues that relate to autistic women across their lifespan.

School Daze Series

By Dr. Sharon Mitchell

<http://drsharonmitchell.org/>

Dr. Sharon Mitchell uses storytelling instead of scientific journals as a way to help people understand autism. Each of her books—*Autism Goes to School*, *Autism Runs Away*, *Autism Belongs*—features a different child with autism, their strengths and challenges.



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