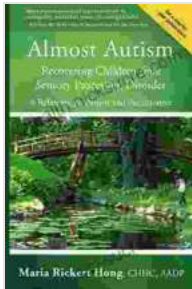


# Reference for Parents and Practitioners: A Comprehensive Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorder



## Almost Autism: Recovering Children from Sensory Processing Disorder: A Reference for Parents and Practitioners by Maria Rickert Hong

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Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental condition that affects how a person interacts with the world around them. People with ASD may have difficulty with social interactions, communication, and repetitive behaviors.

This reference provides parents and practitioners with the most up-to-date information on ASD, including:

\* Diagnosis \* Treatment \* Education \* Resources

## Diagnosis

The diagnosis of ASD is based on a clinical evaluation by a qualified professional, such as a developmental pediatrician, child psychiatrist, or clinical psychologist. The evaluation will typically include a review of the child's developmental history, observation of the child's behavior, and an interview with the parents.

There is no single test that can diagnose ASD. However, there are a number of red flags that may indicate that a child may have ASD, such as:

\* Difficulty with social interactions \* Difficulty with communication \*  
Repetitive behaviors \* Sensory sensitivities \* Unusual interests or  
obsessions

If you are concerned that your child may have ASD, it is important to seek professional evaluation as early as possible. Early diagnosis and intervention can lead to better outcomes for children with ASD.

## **Treatment**

There is no cure for ASD, but there are a number of treatments that can help to improve symptoms and maximize functioning. These treatments may include:

\* Early intervention services \* Speech therapy \* Occupational therapy \*  
Physical therapy \* Behavioral therapy \* Medication

The best treatment plan for a child with ASD will vary depending on the individual child's needs. It is important to work with a team of professionals to develop a treatment plan that is tailored to the child's specific needs.

## **Education**

Children with ASD may need special education services to help them succeed in school. These services may include:

\* Small class sizes \* Individualized instruction \* Visual aids \* Sensory supports \* Social skills training

It is important to work with the school to develop an educational plan that meets the child's individual needs.

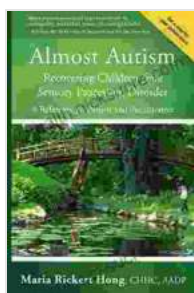
## Resources

There are a number of resources available to parents and practitioners of children with ASD. These resources include:

\* The National Autism Association \* The Autism Society of America \* The Association for Science in Autism Treatment \* The Autism Speaks website

These organizations can provide information about ASD, support groups, and other resources.

Autism spectrum disorder is a complex condition, but there is hope for children with ASD. With early diagnosis, intervention, and support, children with ASD can learn to live happy and fulfilling lives.



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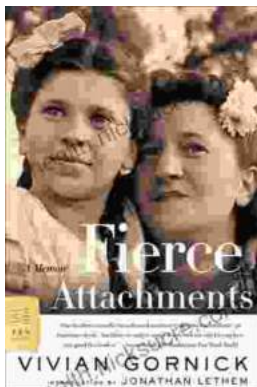
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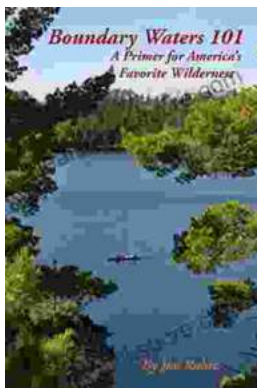
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