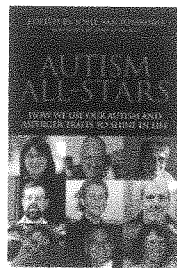


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Autism All-Stars: how we use Autism and Asperger traits to shine in life.

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This is an inspirational book for parents wondering what will happen to their ASD children in later life. 19 individuals have written a piece describing how being on the autism spectrum has been a gift for them, rather than a disability. The foreword is by Tony Attwood, who has written widely on the autism spectrum. He says in his foreword: "My simple definition of autism is that the person has found something more interesting in life than socializing". The contributors write on their experiences of education, careers and the creative arts. Writing as adults, a lot of these individuals didn't have a diagnosis in childhood and just thought of themselves as different. Once they did get a diagnosis, things from their past started making sense, especially in understanding how they relate to other people. But it is their narrative of how they have succeeded and excelled in their chosen paths that is so inspiring.