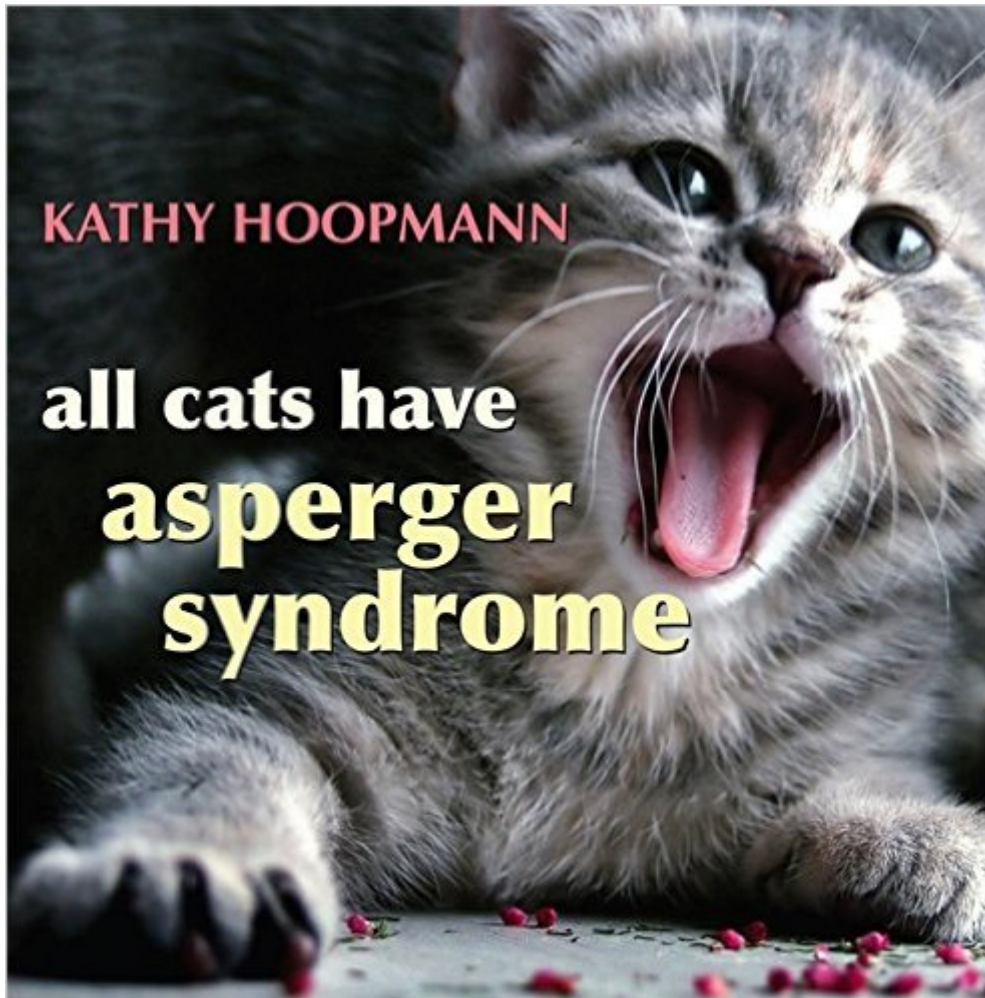


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# All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome



## Synopsis

All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome takes a playful look at Asperger Syndrome (AS), drawing inspiration from the feline world in a way that will strike a chord with all those who are familiar with AS. Delightful color photographs of cats bring to life familiar characteristics such as sensitive hearing, scampering at the first sign of being stroked and particular eating habits. Touching, humorous and insightful, this book evokes the difficulties and joys of raising a child who is different and leaves the reader with a sense of the dignity, individuality and potential of people with AS. This engaging book is an ideal, gentle introduction to the world of AS.

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## Customer Reviews

My library contains dozens of books on AS. I have read them all. I wish I could get others to do the same, but time being what it is and life being as complex as ever, this is simply an impossible wish. I highly recommend this book as \*the\* book to present to people with little time but much need to learn about AS. It is also a great book to present to children; those on the spectrum and those in the neurotypical population who would all benefit from understanding their peers with AS and other ASD/PDD related issues. This book is cute and sweet. It is not top-shelf research. It is gentle and gracious. A perfect coffee table book to garnish interest and start discussions. I loved it.

Ten years ago, when I finally figured out what Asperger's was and, at the same time, I discovered that I had several Asperger's children, and a few Asperger's adults, on my caseload as a psychotherapist, I began searching for easy ways to explain Asperger's. It was, and still is, an uphill struggle. I'd already found what, to my knowledge, remains one of the best general books on Asperger's Syndrome: Tony Attwood's *Asperger's Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Professionals*. (A more up-to-date and extensive general book, now, is Attwood's *The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome*. It's much longer, but still quite readable & it's filled with clear examples.) It's great for adults wanting a clear, solid understanding -- parents, family members, teachers, mental health professionals, scout-leaders, church leaders, and friends of high school reading level & above. Later, Attwood produced some DVDs, *Dr. Tony Attwood presents: Asperger's Syndrome, Volume 2, Asperger's Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Professionals with Dr. Tony Attwood*, which broadened his outreach. Since then, AS book-publishing has become a cottage industry. But until I read Kathy Hoopmann's "All Cats Have Asperger's Syndrome", I hadn't found something quick, accurate and easy to read & to understand. Hoopmann makes the common cues of Asperger's Syndrome not only instantly accessible but memorable. Even children can read it, and say, "Oh, yeah! That's Joey!" It's ideal for a fast, simple introduction. The pictures -- all kittens -- are pure delight! Each one nails its idea. And the book invites re-reading -- it's almost addictively fun. I recommend it highly to those who want a confused grandparent or a modestly curious neighbor to better understand a child who, so often, operates out of a different world, while forced to live in this one. And if you get them hooked, and they want to know more, then give them Attwood's book or DVDs. After that, you can broaden them with more specialty books -- teens (such as *Freaks, Geeks & Asperger Syndrome: A User Guide to Adolescence*; *Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence: Helping Preteens & Teens Get Ready for the Real World*), girls (*Asperger's and Girls* -- girls/women are a bit different, with only a fifth as many girls as boys with AS), resources (the Oasis on-line site, Tony Attwood's on-line site), etc. There are many good books & on-line resources, with more all the time. And finally, hopefully, they can begin to see not only the Asperger's Syndrome & what it means/doesn't mean, but they can also see, most important of all: the real child in all his beauty, uniqueness & potential! By the way, I wouldn't recommend this to explain AS to someone with AS. It's a book of analogies, something someone with AS will have a hard time understanding, and they may take away wrong & negative messages.

I am a parent with two children who have AS. We found this book at B & N and my son loved it. It described him, his behaviors and it could have just as easily been him in the pictures instead of the

cats. I found it to be a very good way to describe some of his behaviors and the feelings he and his sister have. I will be buying it from (much better price) and plan on sending it to school with him. The one or two people at his school who understand AS will get a kick out of it. Since it is a cute and fun book, maybe some of his teachers will look at it and perhaps start to have an understanding of him and his behaviors. It's a quick, easy and fun read (picture book) which hits the AS behaviors dead on.

I loved this book, but for more reasons than what the book says or shows. I am an adult with Asperger Syndrome. I was diagnosed when I was 5 years old (1995), but the condition was never really explained to me. Then about 3-4 years ago I saw a Law and Order episode that had AS in it. I had never felt curious to look up my condition, so I did. I was surprised by what it was and did a little research on it but not full blown. For about the last month or so though I got kicked into high gear to do some serious research. Why? Because for one reason or another the question popped in my head "Is AS genetic?". Upon finding out that it was I freaked, I'll be honest, I freaked. I've lived with this my whole life and I was terrified of passing it on. To make matters worse, for one reason or another, Autism Spectrum Disorder made it seem to my brain that AS was like a distant cousin of Autism but not actual Autism. Then I found out that AS is in fact high functioning Autism. I freaked more, now I was not only scared of my future kids going through what I did growing up, but I was scared to death I'd pass on full blown low functioning Autism. Well I found out that last part wouldn't happen, but I was still worried about passing on AS. I know plenty of people with AS grow up to be splendid adults. It's the childhood I was worried about, worried about the kids my children would eventually go to school with. Then it hit me to stop looking stuff up online and to go to the library. That is where I found this amazing book. Upon reading it I recognized many of the symptoms mentioned in myself, but also that they really do fit most cats I know (and I know cats). Suddenly I wasn't afraid to pass on AS, because the idea that I'd be giving birth to a cat like child made me feel worlds better. Thinking of it as giving birth a kitten made me smile and reassured me. Besides all that. Besides my own personal story with this book. I would also like to say that many AS symptoms and traits that aren't mentioned in this book and ones that are really are present in cats. From the research I've been doing many people with AS have an abnormal attachment to cats. Why? Because subconsciously we get them and they get us. If you read this to your kid and they have cats, your kid might do what I did "Oh wow! I never noticed (insert cat) did that!". It makes it kinda fun cause now I look at my cat and say "You just had an AS moment didn't you?" and smile. Besides that thinking of myself as being like a cat makes me smile and a little more okay with my AS as I'm

learning more and more about it.

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