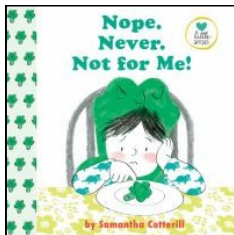
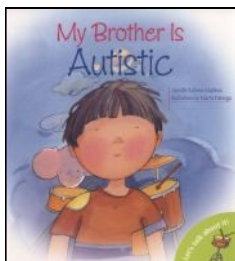


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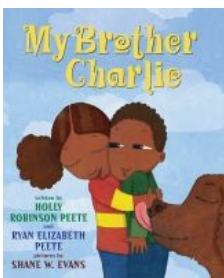
## Picture Books:



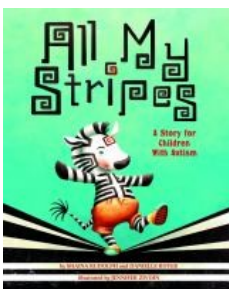
Cotterill, S. Nope. Never. Not for me! Children are often picky eaters, but for kids on the autism spectrum or with sensory issues, trying new foods can be especially challenging. In this engaging story, a young child refuses to try a bite of broccoli--that is, until her mom guides her through a careful exploration of the new food. First she looks, then she sniffs, then touches, and finally takes one tiny bite. What do you know? Broccoli isn't so overwhelming after all! jP Cotterill



Moore-Mallinos, J. My Brother Is Autistic. My Brother is Autistic describes a condition that affects many families. Medical experts are just beginning to understand varying degrees of autism and its impact on both the autistic child and his family. This book describes an autistic child from his brother's point of view. It talks about ways autistic kids can be helped and how they can better relate to their family and surroundings. j PAR PIC Moore-Mallinos



Peete, H. My Brother Charlie. Twins Callie and Charlie have a lot in common, but they are also very different: Charlie has autism. "Charlie has autism. His brain works in a special way. It's harder for him to make friends. Or show his true feelings. Or stay safe." Callie narrates the story, describing what autism is and exploring the issues that come along with it. The theme is of love, patience, and acceptance. j PAR PIC Peete



Rudolph, S. All My Stripes: A Story for Children with Autism. "Nobody gets me, Mama!" In All My Stripes, Zane the zebra feels different from the rest of his classmates. He worries that all they notice about him is his "autism stripe." With the help of his Mama, Zane comes to appreciate all his stripes - the unique strengths that make him who he is! Includes a Reading Guide with additional background information about autism spectrum disorders.

j PAR PIC Rudolph

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## Chapter Books:



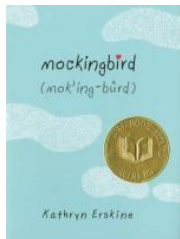
Angleberger, T. The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (Series). Dwight can be strange at times, like the day he answered "Purple" every time Tommy asked him a question. But one thing he did is very intriguing. One day, Dwight created an origami Yoda that sat on his finger. This puppet can answer questions that predict the future—or can he? The problem is that Dwight can be clueless at times, but Origami Yoda always seems to have the right answer. That is what this book is all about. The voices are unique and believable, including the quirky (if curiously appealing) Dwight, the creator of the origami Yoda.

j Angleberger



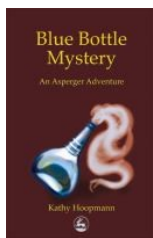
Dowd, S. The London Eye Mystery. When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

j Dowd



Erskine, K. Mockingbird. Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

j Erskine



Hoopmann, K. Blue Bottle Mystery: An Asperger Adventure. Ben finds an unusual old bottle buried in the school yard, and in a roundabout way it helps Ben and his family find out what is causing some of the persistent problems he has both at home and at school.

j Hoopman



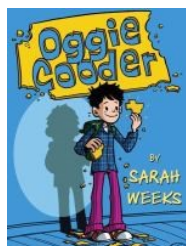
Kochka. The Boy Who Ate Stars. Upon moving to a new apartment, twelve-year-old Lucy befriends an autistic boy who lives upstairs and, along with her friend Theo and a pampered pooch, takes Matthew on neighborhood adventures hoping to open him up to the world around them.

j Kochka

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Lord, C. Rules. Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public" - in order to head off David's embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal? j Lord

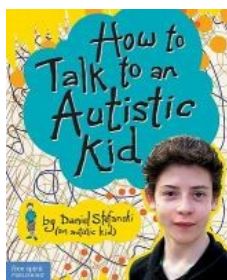


Weeks, S. Oggie Cooder. Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder has a unique talent. When bored or nervous, he chews processed cheese slices into the shape of states; he calls it "charving." Although no label (other than "quirky" is given to Oggie, Asperger's kids and their parents will recognize Oggie's behavior and will relate to his struggle to balance fitting in and staying true himself. j Weeks

### **Children's Non-Fiction:**



Poole, H. Autism Spectrum Disorders. Experts say that as many as 1 in 68 American kids may fall somewhere on the autism spectrum. Autism affects people's ability to communicate and socialize. The disorder can be a challenge sometimes, but people with autism are also capable of amazing things. Learning as much as you can about the disorder can make it easier to cope with it. Whether you're seeking information for family, friends, or yourself, this book helps explain the challenges faced by people with autism spectrum disorders. j 616.89



Stefanski, D. How to Talk to an Autistic Kid. A collection of personal stories, knowledgeable explanations, and supportive advice written by a fourteen-year-old autistic boy to help provide readers with the confidence and tools necessary to befriend autistic kids. j 618.92 Stefanski

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