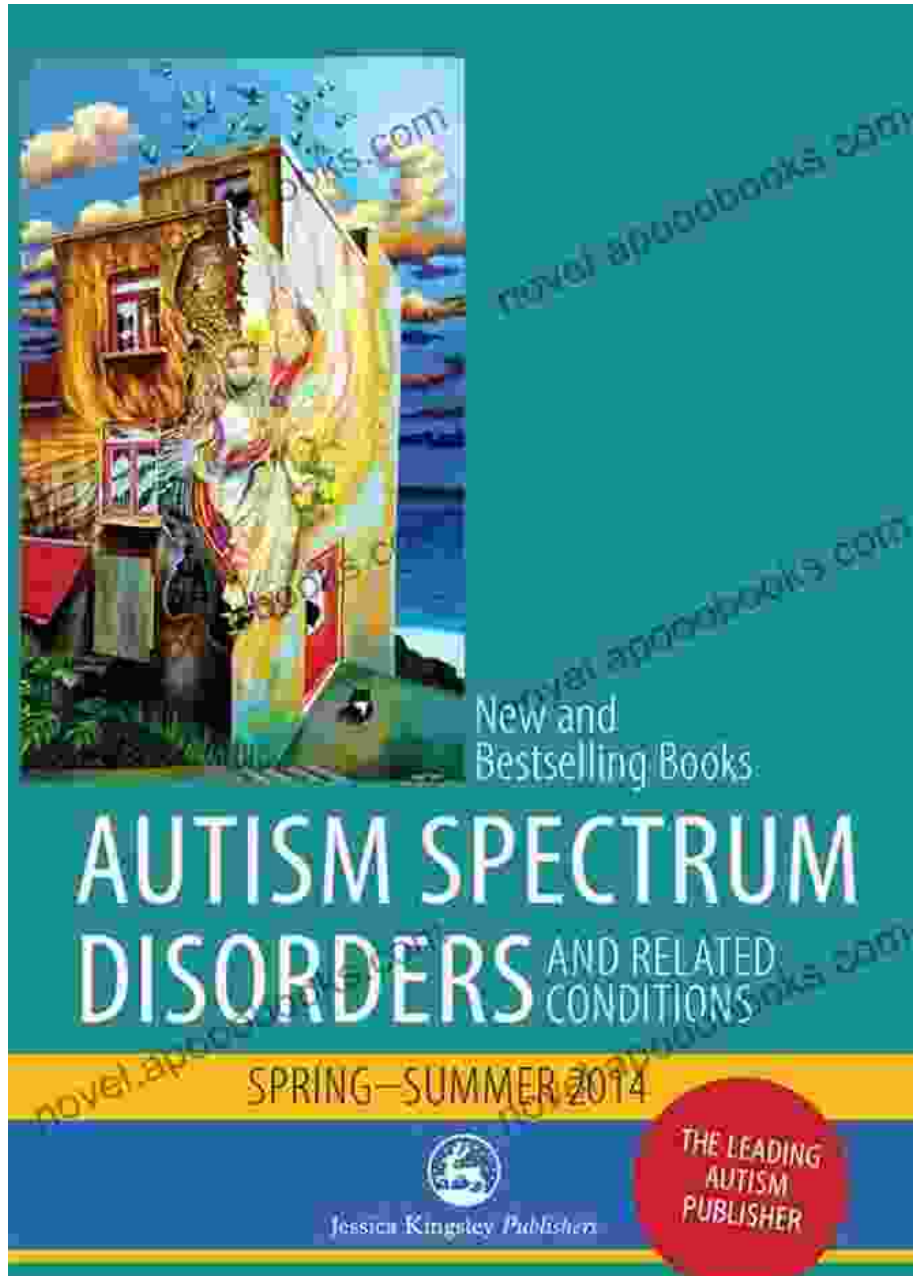


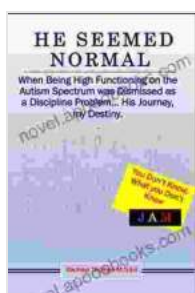
# Embracing the Nuances of Autism: Breaking the Boundaries of Misdiagnosis



Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex neurodevelopmental condition that affects how a person interacts with the world around them. It can range from mild to severe, and people with ASD

often have difficulty with social interactions, communication, and repetitive behaviors.

In the past, ASD was often misdiagnosed as discipline problems. This was especially true for high-functioning individuals with ASD, who may not have exhibited the more obvious symptoms of the disorder. As a result, these individuals may have been punished for behaviors that were actually related to their autism.



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The book "When Being High Functioning On The Autism Spectrum Was Dismissed As Discipline" by Dr. Stephen Shore and Kareem Dale examines this issue in depth. The book provides a first-hand account of Dr. Shore's experiences growing up with undiagnosed ASD. He describes how he was often punished for behaviors that were actually related to his autism, such as rocking back and forth and flapping his hands.

Dr. Shore's story is a powerful reminder that ASD can affect people in many different ways. It is important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of ASD, so that individuals can get the help they need. The book "When Being High Functioning On The Autism Spectrum Was Dismissed As Discipline" is an invaluable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about ASD.

## **Signs and Symptoms of ASD**

The signs and symptoms of ASD can vary widely from person to person. However, some of the most common signs and symptoms include:

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- Difficulty with social interactions
- Difficulty with communication
- Repetitive behaviors
- Sensory sensitivities
- Intellectual disability

It is important to note that not all people with ASD will exhibit all of these signs and symptoms. Some people may only have a few of these symptoms, while others may have many. The severity of the symptoms can also vary from person to person.

## **Diagnosis of ASD**

ASD is typically diagnosed by a qualified professional, such as a developmental pediatrician or a psychologist. There is no single test that

can diagnose ASD, but a diagnosis is usually based on a combination of factors, including:

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- The person's history and symptoms
- A physical examination
- An interview with the person and their family
- Observation of the person's behavior

A diagnosis of ASD can be a difficult and emotional experience. However, it is important to remember that ASD is not a disease. It is a neurodevelopmental condition that affects how a person interacts with the world around them. With the right support, people with ASD can live happy and fulfilling lives.

## **Treatment for ASD**

There is no cure for ASD, but there are a variety of treatments that can help to manage the symptoms of the disorder. These treatments may include:

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- Speech therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Behavioral therapy

- Medication

The type of treatment that is recommended for a person with ASD will depend on the individual's needs. It is important to work with a qualified professional to develop a treatment plan that is tailored to the person's specific needs.

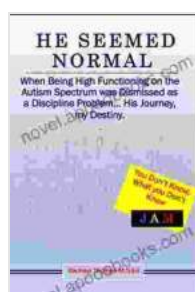
## Resources for Individuals with ASD

There are a number of resources available to individuals with ASD and their families. These resources can provide information and support, as well as help with finding treatment options.

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- Autism Society of America: <https://www.autism-society.org>
- Autism Speaks: <https://www.autismspeaks.org>
- National Autistic Society: <https://www.autism.org.uk>
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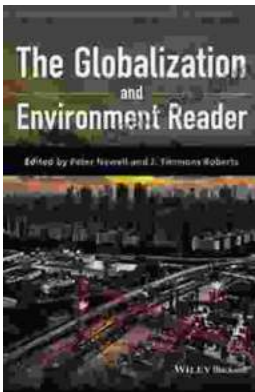
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