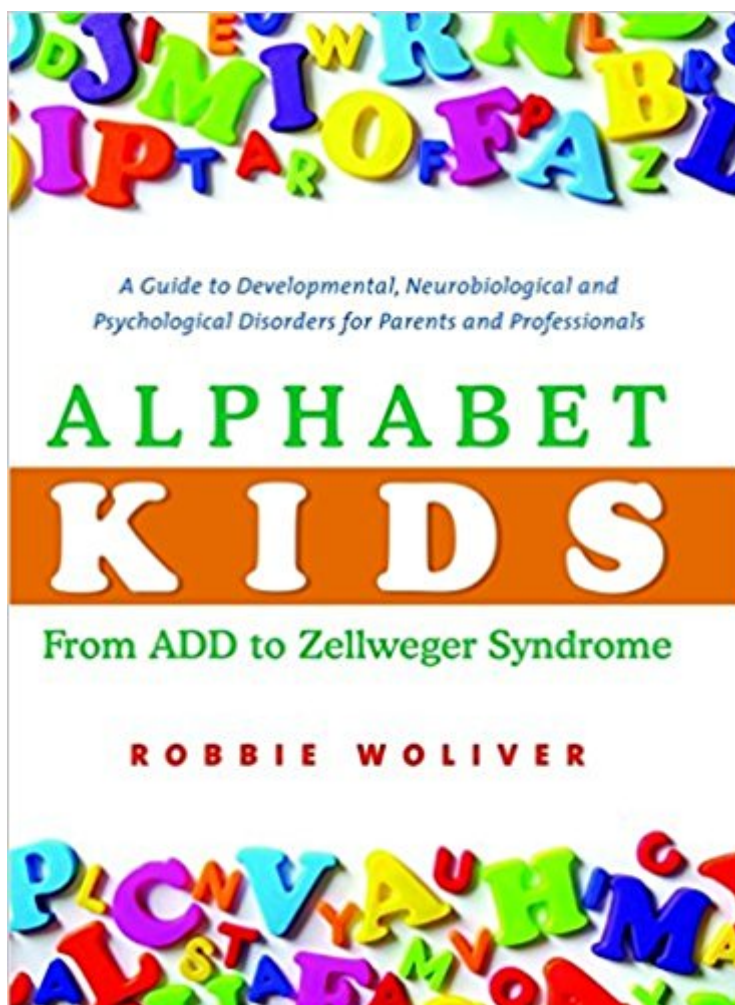


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# Alphabet Kids - From ADD To Zellweger Syndrome: A Guide To Developmental, Neurobiological And Psychological Disorders For Parents And Professionals





## Synopsis

From ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) to ZS (Zellweger Syndrome)-there seems to be an alphabet disorder for almost every behavior, from those caused by serious, rare genetic diseases to more common learning disabilities that hinder children's academic and social progress. Alphabet Kids have disorders that are often concurrent, interconnected or mistaken for one another: for example, the frequent combination of ASD, OCD, SID and ADHD. If a doctor only diagnoses one condition, he or she may have missed others. As the rates of these disorders dramatically rise, Alphabet Kids explains it all. Robbie Woliver covers 70 childhood disorders, providing information on causes, cures, treatments and prognoses. Chapters include a comprehensive list of signs and symptoms, and the disorders are illustrated with often heartbreaking, but always inspirational true-life stories of a child with the particular disorder. This comprehensive, easy-to-read go-to guide will help parents to sort through all the interconnected childhood developmental, neurobiological and psychological disorders and serve as a roadmap to help start the families' journey for correct diagnoses, effective treatment and better understanding of their Alphabet Kids.

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"I wish I'd had Robbie Woliver's book to guide me in the early days of my journey with my daughter - it provides valuable practical information and advice from a wide array of impressive experts that can very well make the difference in the quality of your child's life. Alphabet Kids should be in every household; it is an essential guide for all parents and should be required reading for all teachers."

--Cathy Moriarty-Gentile, Academy award-nominated actress, child's health advocate, and parent of a daughter with special needs"Robbie Woliver has written a very accessible and thorough guide to the proliferating neurological, learning and behavioral disorders that afflict an ever growing number of children. Parents of a newly diagnosed child, or those who suspect that something may not be quite right, would be well served to begin with Alphabet Kids. Refreshingly, Woliver delivers useful information without condescension, or a particular axe to grind." ---John Gilmore, executive director, Autism United"What a valuable resource to help parents find their way through the bewildering vocabulary of psychiatric labels. An easy-to-read, quick way in to what is known and how to get help. Books like Alphabet Kids are essential if we are to bridge the gap between professionals and families." --Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, Director, Autism Research Centre, Cambridge University

This book is a wonderful tome of knowledge on neurobiological , developmental and genetic diseases which any parent or professional dealing with atypical children or indeed adults, should have at their fingertips... This book enables parents to make sense of a range of symptoms and signposts them to a likely diagnosis... It is a book that should be on the bookshelf's of parents with children of difference, of all educators and clinicians... In reading it you cannot forget that we are all unique and that most problems have a cause and many can be cured, treated and if not treated, at least understood and accepted with knowledge, compassion and patience. (ASTEens)This book does what it sets out to do - provide an easy reference guide for parents and professionals... Alphabet Kids will be useful for anyone needing an overview of common, and indeed less common, diagnosable disorders. Its strength lies in its accessibility and the ease with which disorders are explained and illustrated and the potential benefits this can bring to children and families. (British Psychological Society, Debate)What a valuable resource to help parents find their way through the bewildering vocabulary of psychiatric labels. Books like Alphabet Kids are essential if we are to bridge the gap between professionals and families. (Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, Director, Autism Research Centre, Cambridge University)I wish I'd had Robbie Woliver's book to guide me in the early days of my journey with my daughter ... Alphabet Kids should be in every household; it is an essential guide for all parents and should be required reading for all teachers. (Cathy Moriarty-Gentile, Academy award-nominated actress, child's health advocate, and parent of a daughter with special needs)Medical diagnosis and treatment is complex and overwhelming for many families... Alphabet Kids does an excellent job of translating complex medical conditions and terminology into language that parents can understand. (Matthew Cohen, Adjunct Professor of Mental Health Law at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, and author of A Guide to Special

Education Advocacy)Weaving extensive research with personal empathy, Robbie Woliver provides parents and practitioners with an extremely useful resource, as we work to identify and improve the life of children with special needs. (Martin L. Kutscher, M.D., pediatric neurologist and author of Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger's, Tourette's, Bipolar and More!)As a school nurse team leader, Alphabet Kids is certainly an easily accessible resource to dip in and out of during the course of a busy day. The contents offer a succinct synopsis of each disorder, presented in an easily readable format, I shall certainly recommend it to the rest of the team, colleagues and parents alike. (British Journal of School Nursing)Alphabet Kids; From ADD to Zellweger Syndrome offers a fine guide to developmental and psychological disorders of kids, covering disorders in an A-Z "alphabet" encyclopedia which includes extensive details for each disorder. Alphabet Kids often have disorders that are interconnected or mistaken for each other: if a doctor only diagnoses one condition, he's missing others. This guide will help professionals and parents alike understand these connections and their differences. (The Midwest Book Review)The book sets out 75 disorders commonly first diagnosed in childhood and describes the symptoms, treatment and prognosis of each one in clear and accessible terms. Case studies for each disorder are provided, helping to bring lists of complex symptoms to life. (The Psychologist)Robbie Woliver's book states that 1 in 6 youth have an 'alphabet' diagnosis - disorders that are often concurrent, interconnected or mistaken for one another; that makes for many youth and families attempting to navigate unfamiliar and confusing territory. 'Alphabet Kids' can help illuminate the way. As a reader-friendly, clearly written guidebook to the maze of childhood disorders and their interconnectedness, Mr. Woliver's book reassures parents that they are not alone. Compelling and emotional case stories are included at the start of the description of each disorder, providing real life snapshots of how challenging the childhood conditions can be to detect, how they often intersect and overlap, and how cascading effects across all areas of development can result over time. 'Alphabet Kids' is a unique, easy to understand resource that is organized first alphabetically by disorder and then by sub-sections including 'did you know?', 'signs and symptoms', 'diagnosis' and 'treatment.' The section on Sources and Resources is particularly helpful as it provides readers with steps for where to find more information. (On the Spectrum)What a valuable resource to help parents find their way through the bewildering vocabulary of psychiatric labels. An easy-to-read, quick way in to what is known and how to get help. Books like Alphabet Kids are essential if we are to bridge the gap between professionals and families. (Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, Director, Autism Research Centre, Cambridge University)Robbie Woliver provides us with an encyclopedic overview of children's developmental and mental conditions. Weaving extensive research with personal

empathy, he provides parents and practitioners with an extremely useful resource, as we work to identify and improve the life of children with special needs. (Martin L. Kutscher, M.D., pediatric neurologist and author of Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger's, Tourette's, Bipolar and More!, ADHD: Living without Brakes, and Children with Seizures)When a child is struggling, parents worry. What's wrong? Whom do we see? Where do I find help? Thanks to Robbie Woliver, parents now have a comprehensive resource, Alphabet Kids, to help them help their child. (Larry B. Silver, M.D., Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Georgetown University Medical Center)A necessity for every household! An invaluable reference tool for every pediatric specialist and educator. As our contemporary culture strives to increase knowledge, elevate awareness, and decreases the stigma of developmental, neurobiological, and psychological disorders, Robbie Woliver presents an incredibly comprehensive guide. Alphabet Kids impressively offers a range of relatable vignettes, relevant symptoms, and a wealth of helpful resources, providing clarity and answers...all in one, easy to read, positive and encouraging book! (Dr. Kimberly Williams, Psy.D., Neuropsychologist, Assistant Research Scientist, NYU Child Study Center)Medical diagnosis and treatment is complex and overwhelming for many families. Robbie Woliver's book, Alphabet Kids, does an excellent job of translating complex medical conditions and terminology into language that parents can understand. Filled with helpful and accessible information about numerous disabilities, it also provides a wealth of useful information on signs and symptoms for parents to watch for, the diagnostic process, treatment options, and prognoses and links to other resources. This is a tremendous resource for families and others that work with kids with disabilities. (Matthew Cohen, Adjunct Professor of Mental Health Law at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law)Alphabet Kids will be very important because it describes a panoply of disorders ranging from physical to emotional, and hereditary, which have often been perceived as conduct disorders or conditions so unresolvable there is no help. This book will encourage both parents and professionals to use available tools and to make contributions that will further enhance the prognosis for so many. (Vivian Hanson Meehan, president and founder of ANAD (National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders))I wish Alphabet Kids were available 18 years ago when those nagging questions were keeping my wife and I up nights. It would have led us in the right direction and resulted in needed early interventions. Insightful, informative and understandable. A must read for any parents losing sleep. (Jeffrey Cohen, father of two children living with Fragile X Syndrome and Chair Public Policy, National Fragile X Foundation)I wish I'd had Robbie Woliver's book to guide me in the early days of my journey with my daughter ...it provides valuable practical information and advice from a wide array of impressive experts that can very well make the difference in the quality of your child's life.

Alphabet Kids should be in every household; it is an essential guide for all parents and should be required reading for all teachers. (Cathy Moriarty-Gentile, Academy award-nominated actress, child's health advocate) This is a glimpse into our 21st century parenting reality for millions of families. Alphabet Kids offers expert advice with a dose of compassion to empower parents and professionals with information aimed at helping children with special needs reach their highest potential. (Deirdre Imus, Founder and President of The Deirdre Imus Environmental Center for Pediatric Oncology® at Hackensack University Medical Center) This book is a wonderful tome of knowledge on neurobiological, developmental and genetic diseases which any parent or professional dealing with atypical children or indeed adults, should have at their fingertips. Many hours can be wasted on the internet trying to find a disorder that fits a particular person's unique set of problems and assets. Many parents have come up with countless possible diagnoses only to find that none fit exactly. This book highlights how many conditions can co-exist, one even masking another, and shows how interconnected many problems are. Knowledge is empowering as it enables one to seek help and interventions early, to adjust the environment and expectations toward a particular child. It can also help illuminate and understand one's own chequered history and struggles, freed from the guilt and presumption that it is self-inflicted or caused by poor parenting. There are few books that almost every household in the land own – a dictionary, a medical dictionary, an atlas, an encyclopaedia, and might I suggest one more – 'Alphabet Kids' – are all resource books that one returns to again and again... In reading it you cannot forget that we are all unique and that most problems have a cause and many can be cured, treated and if not treated, at least understood and accepted with knowledge, compassion and patience. (BKF Books)

I use this for work (I work with families who have kids with various DXs) and it is amazing. Straight, to the point, language you don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand.

This is a great book to give you a sample of many of the common disabilities that affect kids today. I got this to share with a support group and we all love it. It is very easy to read and is not "over" the average person's head. Granted if you are looking for in-depth on one topic then google that subject to find a book just about that but again this is a great resource for those that are reviewing different disabilities (especially for a resource room or a support group).

This is a brilliant and fascinating exploration that will be invaluable to parents, siblings, teachers,

doctors and social workers. It will help all human beings who want to understand what some people are up against daily to be more compassionate, patient, and open minded. I especially loved my friend Arlene's honest assessment of what she and her family went through trying to get a proper diagnosis for her children who have Fragile X. A must read!

Very informative text book suitable for those specialising in this area as it gives clear precise details for every syndrome.

Really good information, but hard reading. It helped me understand some of those Alphabet disorders and get information of the differences of some of them.

Great app for general info on various syndromes

This book is a good resource for anyone working with children with exceptionalities. It provides information to help with the communication and with program planning for children.

And you'd better know your BD from your BPD and your CBD from your BSD. Unfortunately, these are all ways to describe manic depression, or Bipolar Disorder, which is a popular diagnosis for children these days but really hard to find in this book. I looked under Bipolar Disorder - nothing. So I noticed there was a section on PD, personality disorders, but it listed everything except bipolar disorder. I was about to give up when I happened upon a section called CD, for Childhood Depression that referred to CBD for Childhood Bipolar Disorder that finally had some information I was looking for. I couldn't find it in the Table of Contents, and the copy I read had no Index. I don't know if that's indicative of how well the other illnesses covered here are presented, but it worries me. This is information that a lot of parents really need. There is good information in this book, but you may have to read the whole thing to piece it together. You can't just look up your particular diagnostic soup. It is written by someone who understands the extensive technical aspects of diagnosis and there is an awareness that this needs to be translated to simpler language for non-clinicians, but I don't get a sense that there's a clear vision of how to do that. The result is less than stellar. Part of this is no doubt the fact that many of these are what they call "Spectrum" disorders that can encompass elements of several different diagnoses, so there are often no clear lines of demarcation. This is a huge subject and even the experts disagree on the uses of these terms. If you have a child or a student with one of these Alphabet disorders, this book is a good



place to start, but it's not a one-stop shop. Read this book, and then read some others, too. It is a place to start, though, and that's more than a lot of people with these problems ever get.

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