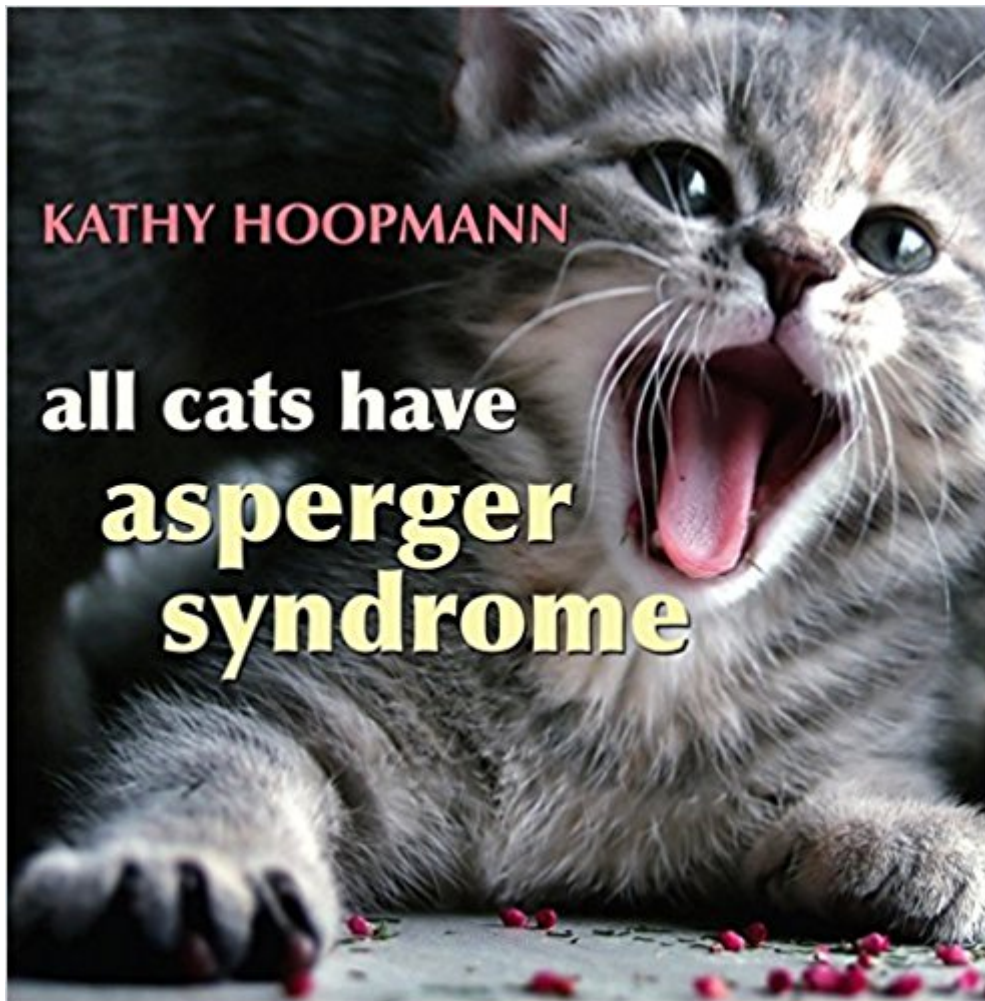




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# All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome



## 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 colour 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. 'There is a great deal of truth in humour. If you have only just begun to discover why someone with Asperger's syndrome is different, this book will inform and entertain you. The descriptions provide an accurate balance between the qualities and difficulties associated with Asperger's syndrome, while the photographs will make the journey of discovery enjoyable and remarkable.' - Tony Attwood, author of Asperger's Syndrome and The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome

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A heart-warming and encouraging book and ideal for anybody who cares for an Asperger child. -- National Child-minding Association, UK  
An absolutely charming book!...A PERFECT way to introduce Asperger Syndrome to classmates, neighbors, friends, helpers, and the community. --

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A nice choice for explaining AS to young siblings or classmates, gets some serious business done in a non-threatening, unchallenging way. If the reader in question loves cats, all the better, because there are some real cuties in here. Sometimes simplicity is a virtue, and a kindly package like this one can be invaluable in providing enlightenment in others and empowerment to your child. (Terri Mauro, About.com) A warm and understanding approach to the syndrome and those people affected by it. Each page has a beautiful glossy photograph of an endearing kitten or cat doing something a child with Asperger Syndrome might do, such as taking a risk with no idea of the danger he might get into. Accompanying each photo is a short sentence or phrase, explaining how such a child may feel, think or act under certain circumstances. It is a heart-warming and encouraging book and ideal for anybody who cares for an Asperger child, although I would recommend everybody to read it at least once (I have now read it four times), as it helps those of us who are ignorant of this condition to understand it more fully. I found this book to be both poignant and humorous, without being patronising. I believe the author has aimed to educate and inform but without overwhelming the reader with statistics or technical jargon. In my opinion she has achieved this aim. (The National Child Minding Association) All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome is a great addition for the coffee table for any residence. I would also suggest this for therapist, doctor and school offices. The audience will gain insights through the delightful photographs of cats and kittens in various forms of play and vivid times of distress, alone time and funny mishaps along the way. (BellaOnline Reviews) I recommend the children's book called All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome, which was written by Kathy Hoopmann. This 72 page Asperger Syndrome (AS) children's book uses text and more than 70 photos of kitty cats to illustrate how these furry and unpredictable creatures reflect AS tendencies and traits. As a person with AS and who owns a cat, I can relate to the premise of the book. (Roy A. Barnes, Associatedcontent.com) 'Illuminated with delightful colour photographs it compares-touchingly and humorously - the characteristics shared by cats and those with Asperger's. An ideal introduction to the world of Asperg. It uses lovely photographs of cats to outline many characteristics of Aspergers, and could be really useful resource to help children (and adults) who don't have Asperger Syndrome to understand the experience of those who do'. (Learning

Support) In a heartwarming, playful and endearing way, the author has created a wonderful book that promotes understanding of difference, is positive and hopeful for all. I can't recommend this book enough for parents and children alike, who will get a lot of pleasure reading it together and looking at the pictures. Left on the coffee table for friends and relatives to read would be a great way of increasing their understanding too. (Connected)

In her 2006 picture book, Australian author Kathy Hoopmann uses a familiar and beloved subject for many children - cats - to explain and human neurological condition. Some behaviour of children with Asperger's might seem unusual to others their age, but Hoopmann patiently demystifies it. Imagine: an enjoyable didactic book. It's a rare combination, but this creative approach pulls it off. (Chicken Spaghetti Blog)

My nine year old Grand-daughter Emma has just been diagnosed with Autism, but to my knowledge has never heard the word Aspergers. I thought that I would read the book to her. After listening up to page 13, she said, "This is a book about my problems not a cats problem at all." I progressed through the book showing her the pictures, which she found highly amusing, and through provoking making comments all along. I myself thought that the book should be one that is on all schools bookshelves to introduce to teachers and children into the world of 'different' children who have problems that need careful handling. (Linchpin Journal)

The one thing I notice most about cats, and respect them for, is their independence. It's a funny thing because this is also what I notice about my Aspie friends. In fact, I see this in my own life as well. It's a unique quality that sets us apart from most other humans. Just like cats are not like dogs. I mean we wouldn't want them to be, would we? Kathy's humorous book that highlights the unique qualities of individuals with Asperger's has us "down to a T". (Wendy Lawson)

They are independent, adventurous and bright but can often leave you utterly bewildered - a description that will have cat-lovers everywhere nodding in agreement. It will also ring a bell for those with friends with Asperger Syndrome. Through the harmony of words and photos, Hoopman's clever sense of humour opens up the world of Asperger to reveal the potential and the individuality that is so often misunderstood. (Mychild)

This book is touching, humorous and gives a great insight, and evokes the joys and challenges of raising a child who is different - a child with Autism. It leaves the reader with a sense of the individuality and the wonderful potential of people with Asperger Syndrome. This is such a great picture book which not only expresses the feelings of an Autistic person in a way that children can understand but also for adults as well. Definitely a book for all. (BFK Books.com)

This is a wonderful, insightful resource for helping students and teachers better understand Asperger Syndrome. The author discusses common personality traits of those with Aspergers and describes those traits in a playful yet serious manner which helps to elicit empathy and understanding. (Jaime Parker, Librarian, Irving Independent

School District, Irving, TX)Two books (All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome and All Dogs Have ADHD both by Kathy Hoopmann) that use a novel, photographic approach to exploring the characteristic personality traits of ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome... Must-have titles for parents with children diagnosed with either of these conditions, and also for Special Needs co-ordinators and Inclusion Manager... Both highly recommended. (ACHUKA children's blog)What an absolutely charming book! Adorable, funny, interesting photographs of cats are combined with simple, accurate information about Asperger Syndrome in this little gem. It is a PERFECT way to introduce Asperger Syndrome to classmates, neighbors, friends, helpers and community at large. This book should be in the home of every family with a loved one on the spectrum. It should NEVER be on a bookshelf. It should be in someone's hands being shared with someone else! (The MAAP)When I first saw the title of this book I was rather intrigued as I have a son who has AS who loves cats. So we both sat down to read it together and right from the start we couldn't stop chuckling. The way the author has put the photos together with how Asperger affects the individual is brilliant. We gave it to people who don't really have a great understanding of Asperger Syndrome and it gave them a better insight into what the world is really like for people who have Asperger. Just an Excellent book. (Communication Magazine, by NAS)

In thirty years of living with an adult Aspie, I can't recommend this delightful book enough. We have found Hoopman's insightful books more helpful than any Asperger themed textbooks, she really understands in a remarkable way. Each photo and caption describes the finer nuances of Asperger Syndrome beautifully; my Aspie-cat-person enjoys reading it too. "I like black mice and brown mice and white mice" (Hoopman 2006:33); I have indeed heard, "Did you know that a mouse and a man share 97.5% of the same DNA?" (2006:35). Hoopman's combination of imagery and text are tremendously helpful in better understanding particular Asperger behaviors that are part of the wonder of living with a brilliant, sensitive, unique "eccentric" Aspie. Even down to the exceptional hearing, sense of smell, need for predictable meals, bonding with those much older, fascination and curiosity with numerous subjects with an amazing attention to detail. Last evening, those hyper-sensitive ears prompted the following: "Is that annoying squeaking sound a bird, or the window!? If that's a bird, it needs to go to bed." It was a bird. Hoopman's insights have increased my compassion, and encourage Aspies to have more self-acceptance. Also excellent:Ã A Inside Asperger's Looking Out. Enjoy!

I see my childhood in this book. Especially the cat in the snow. lol. I heard stories from elders we

lived near, all my life about the time I was 2 yrs. old, and they had to call my mom to let her know I was out in 3 ft. of snow in the front yard playing naked. Snow suit laying across different parts of the yard.lol. It's really an adorable read for the Autie/Aspie and loved ones of them alike.

After learning my granddaughter has Aspergers the whole family started reading and learning as much as we could about this syndrome. My daughter bought this book to read to her daughter to explain to her how she is. When I read it, after reading a lot of professional sites, books, and papers, this was the perfect explanation, simple, right on target, and funny. After reading it, we all realized my son, also, has Aspergers. He is 25, she is 5. While he was reading this book he kept saying "Yeah, that's right. I know how that feels.

I have very mixed feelings about this book. The author describes Asperger's perfectly through its words and pictures. It was helpful for me to read, as I am the mom of a daughter with Asperger's Syndrome.However, a lot of the descriptions that are meant to be "funny" have the potential to hurt the feelings of someone who has this syndrome. I made the mistake of reading it with my daughter and it was insulting to her.So I think it's a good resource for people who know and love someone with Asperger's, but NOT a good book to give to someone who actually has Asperger's.

Trying to explain Asperger's to children & adults alike, isn't an easy thing to do. Personally, I've found this book to be simply delightful & non-threatening in its approach. I decided to purchase it and use it as a tool to help me explain Aspergers to my 11 year old daughter. Knowing her short attention span, her automatic aversiveness to everything new, her negativity and knee-jerk impression that helpfulness from others is some sort of attack, this book seemed to be what I needed. Not only was my motherly instinct correct, my experience reading this with my daughter was over and above my expectations.I introduced this book by reading the title and asking my daughter to see if the cats inside reminded her of anyone she knew. She watched very curiously from behind a blanket as I held the book, and within the first few pages, her eyes were lighting up. I could see she immediately was able to relate to the pictures. The entire book is filled with adorable and funny pictures of cats wearing seemingly scratchy clothes, being affectionate, being different and being themselves.My next step is going to be loaning this book to my daughter's teachers, and then quite possibly passing it on to some of the moms, so they might use it to explain my daughter's exceptionalities to their daughters.

Our son was recently diagnosed with level 1 Autism. Which we guess is what used to be called in the medical community as Asperger Syndrome. Our son's therapist said that this book is great for helping younger children understand the diagnosis through something they usually look at fondly. Which is to say soft non judgmental animals. Our son really likes this book and it even surprised my wife and I with how much we could relate to how parents may act and feel around their child. I highly recommend this book and I hope it gets an updated version in the future.

This is a lovely book overall, filled with delightful photographs of kittens and cats paired with text that draws parallels between typical cat behaviors and those of a human being with Aspergers. The only thing I didn't like about it is that it perpetuates the myth that people with Aspergers don't like to be held or give/receive hugs. I myself have Aspergers, and hugs from my closest loved ones are actually one of my most favorite things.

This book provided an easy way for me to teach younger siblings about their older siblings's disability. Funny pictures combined with educational truth made them very interested.

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