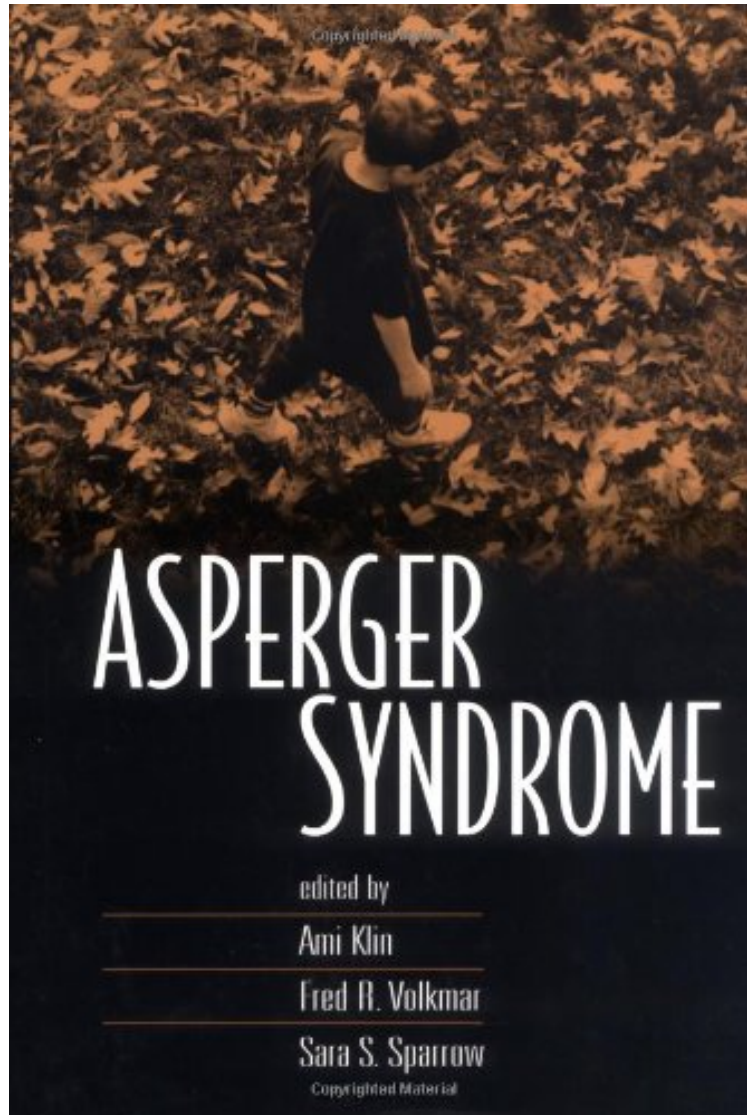


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Usually diagnosed in childhood, Asperger syndrome is a lifelong social disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, little ability to form friendships, one-sided conversations, clumsy movements, and intense absorption in special interests. While Asperger syndrome has received increasing attention from researchers, clinicians, educators, and parents in recent years, numerous central questions about the disorder remain unanswered. This groundbreaking volume brings together preeminent scholars and practitioners to offer a definitive statement of what is currently known about Asperger syndrome and to highlight promising leads in research and clinical practice. Diagnostic and conceptual issues are explored in depth, and the disorder's assessment, treatment, and neurobiology are thoroughly reviewed. The book examines the effects of Asperger syndrome on an individual's social, communication, and behavioral development, and identifies the challenges that individuals with AS face at home, in school and the workplace, and in other settings. The volume concludes with several parent essays that exemplify the trials and tribulations--as well as the joys and the victories--of life with a child with Asperger syndrome.

"This is clearly the most comprehensive, thorough, and up-to-date text of its kind. Written by an international team of experts, the book demonstrates a deep understanding of people with Asperger syndrome and the situation in which they often find themselves: too bright and articulate to qualify easily for supportive services, too impaired to function well without support. Clinicians, researchers, and graduate students in child clinical psychology, child and adult psychiatry, and speech and language pathology, among others, will appreciate the volume's clinical depth and scientific breadth. Adults with AS and parents of children with AS will find it a veritable encyclopedia. The knowledge provided here can help to maximize the resources and supports available to people with AS, enabling them to fulfill their potentials and lead more satisfying, productive lives." --Sally J. Rogers, PhD, Department of Psychiatry, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO

"This is an exemplary text on an uncharted but highly prevalent disorder. Leading researchers in the field present solid data garnered from behavioral, neuropsychological, and neurobiological perspectives. Beyond its significance to clinicians and researchers working in the area of Asperger syndrome, the book also poses provocative and important questions for those who are interested in the social and emotional development of individuals with learning disabilities. This book fills a void in training programs that recognize the importance of social competence in the lives of vulnerable children." --Audrey McMahon, GSE, Professional Advisory Board, Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDAA)

"In this much-anticipated publication, Klin, Volkmar, and Sparrow have done a masterful job of compiling decades of research on Asperger syndrome from some of the world's top practitioners. This book offers the most up-to-date information on the disorder and elucidates strategies for further advancing research and clinical practice. This volume should be a mandatory addition to the reference libraries of all AS scholars, clinicians, and parents who want to further their understanding of this social disability." --Echo R. Fling, President, Asperger Syndrome Coalition of the United States, Inc. (ASC-U.S.), and author of "Eating an Artichoke: A Mother's Perspective on Asperger Syndrome."