

Autism Outreach Project Resource Library: Research

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Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior	Temple Grandin and Catherine Johnson	Book	Research	This fascinating and compelling book provides brilliant insights into the way animals and autistic people perceive the world. The author's professional training as an animal scientist and her history as a person with autism have given her a unique and unparalleled perspective. This book will be enjoyed by animal lovers and people lovers alike.
Apprenticeship in Thinking: Cognitive Development in Social Context	Barbara Rogoff	Book	Research	Essential reading for those wanting to understand the role of social context in cognitive development. Overview of an experimental research program and observation studies which addressed the developing child as a social being.
Autism: An Introduction to Psychological Theory	Francesca Happe	Book	Research	Autism is a fascinating yet perplexing disorder that continues to intrigue researchers and clinicians studying the brain and behavior. Francesca Happe provides a concise overview of current psychological theory and research that synthesizes manifestations of this disorder--focusing her discussion on dealing with both thought and feeling.
Autism & Pervasive Developmental Disorders	Fred Volkmar	Book	Research	The author presents extensive summaries of current research in the areas of diagnosis and definition of autism and related conditions, genetic and neurobiological factors, drug treatments, and the social disturbance associated with autism.
Autism as an Executive Disorder	ed by James Russell	Book	Research	Autism continues to fascinate researchers because of its debilitating effects and its complex nature and origins. Contributors to this book present arguments that autism is primarily a disorder of "executive functions", those involved in the control of action and thought. The book provides a new and controversial perspective from some of the leading researchers in this field.
Children with Autism: Diagnosis and Intervention to Meet Their Needs, 2nd edition	Colwyn Trevarthen, Kenneth Aitken, Despina Papoudi, & Jacqueline Robarts	Book	Research	This updated edition incorporates recent findings in the field of autism such as brain research, music therapy, and psychoanalysis. This book also provides a chapter on education of children with autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

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Cradle of Thought, The: Exploring the Origins of Thinking	Peter Hobson	Book	Research	In this fascinating, immensely readable, and thought-provoking book, the author shows how very early engagement with others fosters the child's growth out of the cradle of infancy and into the realm of human thought and culture. Drawing on twenty years of clinical experience and academic research, he follows the thread of mental development over the first eighteen months of a baby's life to describe and to explain the emergence of thinking.
Developing Mind, The: How Relationships and the Brain Interact to Shape Who We Are	Daniel J. Siegel	Book	Research	Groundbreaking new way of thinking about the emergence of the human mind-the process by which each of us becomes a feeling, thinking, remembering individual. Illuminating how and why neurobiology matters, this book is essential reading for those interested in human experience and development across the life span.
Emotional Development: The Organization of Emotional Life in the Early Years	L. Alan Sroufe	Book	Research	This book reveals the common core processes underlying the emergence of specific emotions and the capacity for emotion regulation. It explains the timing of emotional emergence, why emotions function as they do and also explores individual styles of emotional regulation. Ties between emotional, cognitive, and social development are discussed.
First Relationship, The: Infant and Mother	Daniel N. Stern	Book	Research	Daniel Stern's video-based research into the intimate complexities of mother-infant interaction has had an enormous impact on psychotherapy and developmental psychology. His minute analyses of the exchanges between mothers and babies have offered empirical support and correction for many theories of development. In the complex and instinctive choreography of "conversations," including smiles, gestures, and gazing, Stern discerned patterns of emotional harmony and incongruity that illuminate children's relationships with others in the world.

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Helping the Child Who Doesn't Fit In	Stephen Nowicki, Jr., Ph.D., & Marshall P. Duke, Ph.D.	Book	Research/Social Skills	Many children on the autism spectrum have difficulty using or understanding nonverbal communication - key to a child's social acceptance. Based on decades of research which support their findings, the authors provide parents and teachers with a guide to nonverbal communication and its role in healthy interpersonal relationships. Included are insights into understanding nonverbal communication deficits as well as practical applications for teaching these children the rules of communication.	
Infant's World, The	Philippe Rochat	Book	Research	This book provides an overview of what researchers have recently found in probing the infant world. The author makes a case for an ecological approach to human development. The book is organized around the idea that infants develop capabilities and conceptual understanding in relation to three interconnected domains: the self, objects, and other people.	
Learning & Cognition	ed by Eric Schopler & Gary Mesibov	Book	Research	One of the "Current Studies in Autism" series, this book discusses cognitive approaches to understanding and working with people with autism. Techniques included in this book are thinking, learning social cognition, education, and treatment.	
Play & Imagination in Children with Autism	Pamela Wolfberg	Book	Research	Based on research findings, this book provides a wealth of information for parents, educators, and professionals about play theory and autism. The book examines the problems experienced by children with autism in social and play situations. By tracing the development and three children with autism over an 11-year period, we are able to see how peer play interventions can promote improved social relations and reciprocal play skills.	
Science and Fiction of Autism, The	Laura Schreibman	Book	Research	In this book, the author draws from her own long clinical experience and research knowledge to provide information and arguments to many of the controversies surrounding autism in a down-to-earth, readable style.	New
Social Behavior in Autism	ed by Eric Schopler & Gary Mesibov	Book	Research	International authorities bring together findings on autism, the most current empirical research and practical information available on social problems, communication, mainstreaming, and the development of social skills.	

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Understanding Other Minds: Perspectives From Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, 2nd edition	ed by Simon Baron-Cohen, Helen Tager-Flusberg, & Donald Cohen	Book	Research	Like the first edition, this completely updated and revised text still focuses on the "theory of mind" hypothesis--an important new psychological approach to autism-- and provides an invaluable discussion about the nature of what is widely recognized as the most severe childhood psychological disorder. But it provides expanded coverage of evolution and new sections on infancy, neurobiology, and cognitive neuroscience.