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Description:

From In his memoir *Look Me in the Eye* (2007), Robison wrote about his own Asperger's syndrome—he was diagnosed with the form of autism when he was 40 years old. Here he asks the question: How does a man who lacks a sense of empathy and an ability to read nonverbal cues learn to be a father? And how does a man with Asperger's learn to recognize the same symptoms in his own child? (A key element in the book is Robison's son's own diagnosis, and Robison's reaction to his having missed seeing the signs for as long as he had.) In many ways, this is a traditional father-and-son memoir, but the added element of Asperger's gives the story a stronger emotional core: when Robison and his wife separated, for example, he realized he had been misreading a lot of what had been going on between them. It's a story of a man learning to be a parent, yes, but it's also—and perhaps more importantly—the story of a man discovering, as an adult, who he really is. --David Pitt - This text refers to an alternate edition.

Review "Charming and wise...Part parenting guide, part courtroom drama, part catalog of the travails and surprising joys of life with the high-functioning form of autism called Asperger's syndrome, this memoir will offer all parents — but particularly fathers — a lot to think about. That its author was almost 40 when he learned he had Asperger's...and that he eventually learned his son had the condition as well, make their story more remarkable, but do nothing to diminish its relevance even for readers with no personal experience of autism...[Robison's] deadpan humor [is] in evidence throughout... Touching, sympathetic, and often insightful."
--*New York Times*

"Robison ... sheds some light on how having Asperger's helped him cultivate an outlaw style of parenting...by turns hilarious, poignant, weird, shocking, and inspiring...This book will make you laugh, and make you think about how to parent a child who doesn't fit into the neat categories we expect our children to occupy."
--Parents.com

"How does a man who lacks a sense of empathy and an ability to read nonverbal cues learn to be a father? And how does a man with Asperger's learn to recognize the same symptoms in his own child? (A key element in the book is Robison's son's own diagnosis, and Robison's reaction to his having missed seeing the signs for as long as he had.) In many ways, this is a traditional father-and-son memoir, but the added element of Asperger's gives the story a stronger emotional core: when Robison and his wife separated, for example, he realized he had been misreading a lot of what had been going on between them. It's a story of a man learning to be a parent, yes, but it's also—and perhaps more importantly—the story of a man discovering, as an adult, who he really is."
—*Booklist*

"John Elder Robison is one of my autism super heroes because he bravely brings humor and humility to the heart and soul of the taboo and unexpected corners of life lived with autism. His new book, *Raising Cubby*, is more than a memoir about a father and son bound by their Asperger syndrome. It's a story that reminds us how precious and precarious the parent child relationship is and how beautiful our lives can be when we share that ride together. *Raising Cubby* is Robison's best work yet."
—**Liane Holliday-Willey**, coauthor of *Pretending To Be Normal: Living with Asperger Syndrome*

"John Robison's skill as a master storyteller is nowhere more evident than in his third book, *Raising Cubby*. This heartwarming memoir takes us on the colorful journey of John and his son, Jack (aka Cubby), as they learn about the world together. At turns funny and poignant, it is, above all, the story of the powerful love of a father for his son. Told in the immensely entertaining and engaging

style of John Elder Robison, it should be on *everyone's* must-read list."

—**Lori S. Shery**, President and Founder, ASPEN®

"Funny and moving...A warmhearted, appealing account by a masterful storyteller."

--*Kirkus Reviews*

"Robison's third book starts with a bang--his description of the 'malicious explosion' created by his teenage Cubby that has the boy, who has Asperger's syndrome, looking at 60 years in prison, is as disconcerting as it is captivating....With the ensuing investigation and trial, Cubby and the author are drawn into a crazy world that threatens to tear apart their already delicate lives."

--*Publishers Weekly*

"John Elder Robison has written two books on his experience with Asperger's syndrome: *Look Me in the Eye* and *Be Different*. In *Raising Cubby*, he brings his warmth, intelligence and humor to an equally personal subject: his own son."

—*Shelf Awareness* --This text refers to an alternate edition.

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