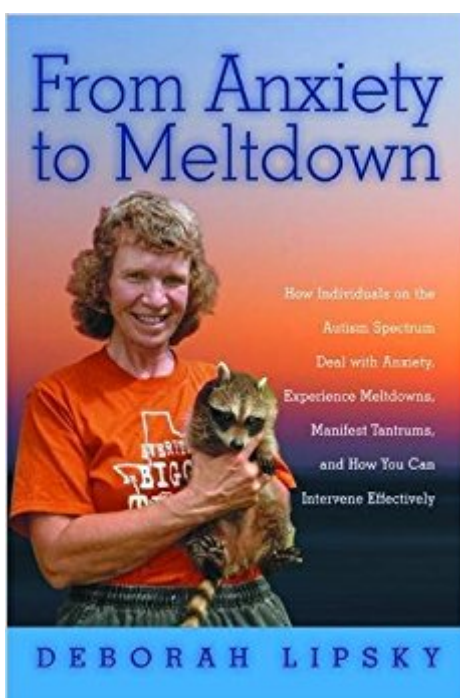


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From Anxiety To Meltdown: How Individuals On The Autism Spectrum Deal With Anxiety, Experience Meltdowns, Manifest Tantrums, And How You Can Intervene Effectively



Synopsis

Anxiety is the root cause of many of the difficulties experienced by people on the autism spectrum, and is often caused by things such as a change in routine, or sensory overload. Deborah Lipsky takes a practical look at what happens when things spiral out of control, exploring what leads to meltdowns and tantrums, and what can be done to help. Drawing on her own extensive personal experience and using real-life examples to explain how autistic people think, the author distinguishes between meltdowns and tantrums, showing how they are different, how each can begin, and most importantly, how to identify triggers and prevent outbursts from happening in the first place. Practical and simple solutions to avoiding anxiety are offered throughout, and these are accompanied by calming techniques and suggestions for dealing with tantrums when they occur. This book will be an essential read for those on the autism spectrum, their families and friends, professionals working with them, and anybody else with an interest in autism spectrum conditions.

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My daughter was diagnosed with Aspergers(before being replaced) at the age of four. I have been reading and researching for 4years now. Not on how to "cure" her, but how to better understand her and communicate with her in a way that would lessen her anxiety. This book has helped me immensely. It is written by an autistic. What better way to know and understand the autistic mind. While everyone has there own personality the traits she describes are spot on. It has helped me understand why my daughter does what she does.

Where was this book when my daughter was growing up! It is still a great and easy read for both parents and grown children.

What a great book to help understand autistic thinking! Nothing like hearing it from one who truly knows. And written so intelligently.

Very helpful book and should be compulsory for anyone who is involved with teaching, partnering or parenting someone on the spectrum.

This is a wonderful book that concentrates on the behavioral responses of people who are on the Autism Spectrum Disorder.

This book is great. It really helps me with relaxing. I find the strategies are understandable as is the whole book. I would recommend it to anyone.

I liked the insights the author provides. It gave me some hope and many helpful instructions on how to avoid stress and thus avoid unnecessary meltdowns for my grandson.

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