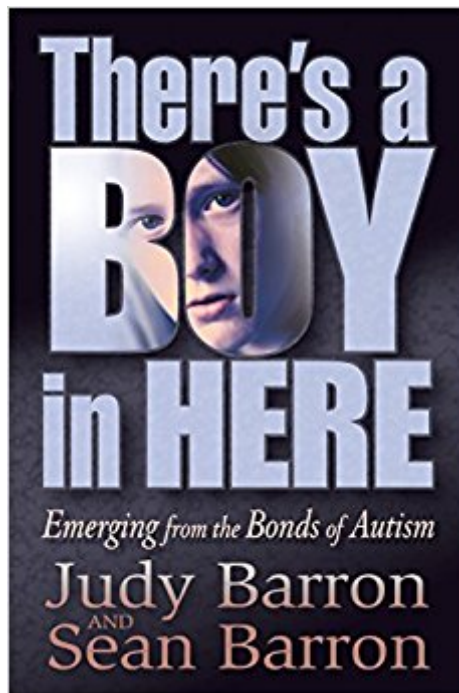




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There's A Boy In Here: Emerging From The Bonds Of Autism



Synopsis

This is a view from inside the mind of autism--a dual autobiography written in point-counterpoint style by Judy Barron and her son, Sean Barron. Together, they chronicle Sean's young life and the effects of autism on him and his family. As a youngster, Sean was confrontational, uncontrollable, isolated and desperately unhappy. Baffled about how to interact with others, he felt like an alien from outer space. Then, at seventeen, Sean experienced a breakthrough that began his release from autism. Today he's a public speaker, college student, and reporter--and close to his family. You absolutely must read this book.

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YA-- Autism is generally considered incurable, but Sean Barron and his mother have proven that it can be overcome. This fascinating story tells how the boy, who seemed normal at birth, became increasingly uncontrollable with bouts of repetitive activities and no method of communication. Despite recommendations that he be institutionalized, his parents insisted that he go to public school and, eventually, he was able to change his behavior himself. This story is told in the dual voices of both mother and son. The insights that the young man now has into his behavior and what he remembers from his experiences are riveting. A fast-paced and engrossing book.- Dorothy Addison, Woodlawn School, Fairfax County, VACopyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.
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This is the compelling and unique story of the Barrons' long and often painful fight to "reach" their autistic son and help him live a normal life. Judy Barron narrates most of the story, giving an in-depth account of son Sean's early years, his behavioral problems, and the terrible inadequacies of the medical field in providing care for him. Sean provides an extremely interesting counterpoint to his mother's stories. His explanations for various behaviors (e.g., repeating the same action over and over, which he claims gave him a sense of security) is often different from how his parents interpreted them. This interesting book for the general reader provides insight into the world of the autistic child. Highly recommended. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 11/15/91.- Jennifer Langlois, Missouri Western State Coll. Lib., St. Joseph

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I am the parent of 3 young children who have varying degrees of being on the autistic spectrum. This book has given me hope and filled me with a totally new perspective on how my children might be feeling and thinking. The book is quite unique, seeing as how it has the vantage points of both Sean and his Mom. I especially appreciated the courage Sean's mom displayed in this book by being brutally honest about how she felt and how she responded to Sean. Her words are dead on. The frustration and isolation she felt are shared by many, including myself (although not many are brave enough to voice it) It was comforting to me to know I am not alone in my feelings...and also to know that even though I am not always perfect in my responses to my children's actions that it will not guarantee their demise. Their experiences with the "professionals" in the field went hand in hand with my own experiences. Sad but true. I found myself rooting for both Sean and his family to be successful in their endeavors. Sean's writing is eye opening and makes it easy for the reader to wrap their mind around how he was feeling. I HIGHLY recommend this book to anyone who wants to get an honest idea of what it is really like to either be autistic or live with an autistic child.

If only more of us could read this! I remember when autism was viewed as hopeless. Then came the relentless debate about its causes. And all the while, Judy Barron and Eustacia Cutler were just putting one foot in front of the other, loving their autistic children and patiently building the connections that would bring Sean and Temple to us when they decided to join up. There must have been other mothers trying to do the same, other families who just refused to treat their autistic children like house pets or aliens, but I have not been privileged to read their children's stories. I'm so glad Sean's has been published. His journey was so much different from Temple's, and yet so much the same, that it was a fascinating read as an autobiography and also as a case study. For a

reader who doesn't care about social science, it's a good story that reads like well written fiction.

This book was a revelation for me. After reading it and another book, "The unwritten Rules of Social Conduct" by Temple Grandin, I realized that our now 43 year old son would have been diagnosed with Asperger's if it had been better known at that time. All of a sudden his challenges and the events of his childhood made sense. The best part is that it is possible, with intense effort, to help these people live rewarding lives and integrate with society. Judy and Sean Barron are to be congratulated for their effort and for sharing this deeply personal account. You won't read it with a dry eye but, if your life is touched by autism, you better read it!

This was a great book-- I've worked with countless children who have autism in my life and I could find myself remembering all of the behaviors of those children I've worked with as I read. Ultimately Sean is able to overcome the challenges that keep him in his chain of behaviors and today he's a thriving reporter.

I was brought to tears by this story. I work with adults with disabilities. I was looking for some reading to connect to the population I serve on a deeper level. I was immediately drawn to this story. Could not put it down. Well written and pulls at your heart strings. You can see Sean develop as the book progresses into the man he grows to be. Beautiful story - I highly recommend!

This book provides insight into the perceptions of both the typical and Autistic world. For the educator it is an important read that opens up discussions for understanding behaviors and therefore interventions in the classroom. For parents and family the book provides a look into the child's mind and explanation for why they do, say and perceive the world around them, which feels strange and frightening. This is an easy read that is hard to put down.

Fantastic Book! This helped me to understand my son with autism better. My 10 year old daughter is reading it now, and she loves it too. Highly recommended if you have a loved one with autism.

I first read this book over 19 years ago when my son was first diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. His special needs teachers at the time gave me a copy of the book on loan to read, saying to me at the time that she could see a lot of my son in the story of Sean Barron. This gave me much hope during an arduous journey that autism would take me on. This is a book about courage,

tenacity and hope. an excellent well written, easy to read book, informative and encouraging for all parents with a child with any sort of learning difficulty. thumbs up to this book!

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