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Autism: Let's not forget the parents!

(onder auspiciën van Raeger autismecentrum)

In *Autism: Let's not forget the parents!*, parents of children with autism recount their experiences. In their stories, they are open and honest regarding how the diagnosis of "autism" affects them and their (sometimes difficult) search to find the best help for their child. Also discussed is how Raeger's care impacts their child's development. In addition, parents share what they see moving forward for their child with autism and the culmination of care after Raeger.
The stories of experience in this book help to show other parents of children with autism that they are not alone in their search as they struggle to find placement and the perfect fit for their child regarding schooling, treatment, and care. The insight provided through the personal stories give hope and encouragement, with a look at an international community of parents facing the same challenges. People who have little or no exposure to autism will
gain insight into what it is like to live with children with autism, increasing understanding about this developmental disorder.
Autism: Let's not forget the parents! is a serious contribution to the conversation about (dealing with) autism, with an engaging tone and unique insight.

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Recensies Nederlandse boek

> ''*Een boek met heel wat herkenbare en confronterende getuigenissen. (...) Maar uit de verhalen komen wel dingen naar boven die gewerkt hebben en kunnen inspireren: het belang van ondersteunende communicatie, kleine stappen zetten, blijven geloven in mogelijkheden van de kinderen, leren loslaten ... Het boek eindigt waar de ouders stilaan voorzichtig maar nuchter durven beginnen dromen over de toekomst.*''
> - Uit een recensie van Tijdschrift sterk! in autisme, jaargang 42, nr. 250. 2023

> ''*De hoofdstukken lezen makkelijk weg en worden afgewisseld met persoonlijke quotes en foto's van het*

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betreffende gezin. Erg fijn om al deze persoonlijke ervaringen van andere ouders te lezen. Dit soort verhalen had ik al graag willen lezen destijds toen mijn zoon de diagnose autisme kreeg.''

- Uit een recensie van Ida, moeder van een zoon met autisme