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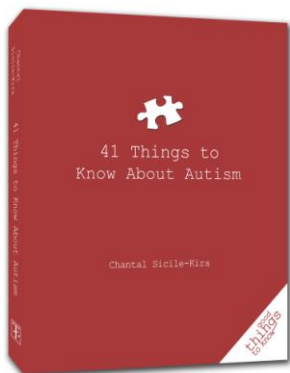
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## What You Need to Know About Autism

### *Authority Sheds Light on the Fastest-growing Developmental Disorder*



(Nashville, TN) As the number of children diagnosed with autism continues to rise (now 1 in 100), if you don't already know someone with autism, you will soon.

Taking these staggering statistics into account, author **Chantal Sicile-Kira** felt compelled to tackle the most commonly asked questions about Autism Spectrum Disorders, including Asperger's Syndrome. The result—*41 Things To Know About Autism* (Turner Publishing, March 2010).

Providing a palatable introduction to this unique spectrum disorder, Sicile-Kira takes complex information and makes it understandable and practical for those who want or need to know about autism. Covering a range of topics for families affected by autism, such as the role of vaccines, coping with a diagnosis, determining educational needs and teaching self-esteem, this powerful, mini-manifesto also provides additional resources for the greater community.

Renowned autism advocate and star of an upcoming biographical HBO film, Temple Grandin praised *41 Things To Know About Autism*, calling it “a wonderful first introduction to autism for parents, teachers, relatives, and neighbors of a child on the autism spectrum.”

**Chantal Sicile-Kira** is an advocate, [award-winning author](#), and speaker known for her practical advice on raising children and teens with autism. With more than 25 years of first-hand experience, Sicile-Kira was first introduced to the disorder during her employment at a state hospital where she prepared youths for deinstitutionalization. In June 2010, her twenty-year-old son who is non verbal and severely autistic will be graduating with a full academic diploma from high school. Highlighted in *Newsweek's* cover story “[Growing Up with Autism](#),” and the award-winning MTV *True Life* episode “[I Have Autism](#),” her unique and well-rounded perspective as both a parent and leader in her field have led to a recent appointment as the co-chair for the South Counties Autism Regional Taskforce under the California Senate Select Committee on Autism. For more information, visit [www.chantalsicile-kira.com](http://www.chantalsicile-kira.com).

*41 Things to Know About Autism* is part of the *Good Things to Know*™ series slated for release under Turner Publishing's new imprint, Trade Paper Press. The series focuses on simple, pragmatic actions that can have a strong and lasting impact in the lives of readers. Turner Publishing is an award-winning, independent publisher based in Nashville, Tennessee. Imprints include Turner, Trade Paper Press, and Iroquois Press. For more information, visit [www.turnerpublishing.com](http://www.turnerpublishing.com).

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*41 Things To Know About Autism*

Chantal Sicile-Kira

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### **Praise for *41 Things To Know About Autism*:**

"Chantal Sicile-Kira has compiled 41 commonly heard questions and provided practical and useful responses. **This book can serve as an incredible resource for family members, professionals and individuals on the spectrum attempting to better inform the public about various aspects of ASD.** The book is comprehensive and incredibly readable. Chantal's strength is in knowing the needs of the autism community and responding in a thoughtful manner."

**Dr. Cathy Pratt,**  
Chair, Autism Society of America  
Director, Indiana Resource Center for Autism

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**Temple Grandin,**  
Author of *Thinking in Pictures* and *The Way I See It*

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"Few in the community offer the practical advice across the expanse of autism with the same insight and wisdom Chantal does. Each chapter gracefully and smartly answers questions people grapple with endlessly. In her crisp and authentic voice, Chantal provides a work that broadens the understanding and offers many answers to the most perplexing problems. Well done!"

**Edmund C. Arranga,**  
Co-founder & Executive Director, AutismOne