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"I had the tremendous fortune of previewing this book and being coached by the authors when my daughter was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at 14 months old. We actually had fun incorporating the creative activities into our daily lives. Along with therapy, these techniques undoubtedly contributed to my daughter's amazing progress. Reading this book is like having these four leading consultants guiding you in your home every step of the way!"--Stephanie S., parent

"Fantastic! The book provides key information about typical developmental milestones from birth through toddlerhood, and is chock full of clever games and activities to make learning fun."--Wendy Stone, PhD, Director, READi Lab (Research in Early Autism Detection and Intervention), University of Washington

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"A marvelous, unique resource that fills an important need. This book is filled with practical and helpful advice and activities that parents can readily use when developmental delays are suspected. It enables you to take active steps to facilitate your child's development."--Fred R. Volkmar, MD, coauthor of *A Practical Guide to Autism*

"This clearly written, extremely user-friendly book will be invaluable to parents. It contains a plethora of ingenious ideas that you can incorporate into your everyday routines to enhance and expand your young child's learning."--Katarzyna Chawarska, PhD, Yale Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine

"[The book] helps parents help their children and provides a wonderful contextual structure for establishing everyday routines and activities that will strengthen communication and social skills in children from birth to age three....Parents will find encouragement for implementing activities that cost nothing yet emulate clinical practice. The methods behind the tasks give new meaning to the 'same ol' routine' and make learning opportunities out of the otherwise mundane." (starred)
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