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This book is an accessible introduction for professionals, families and individuals with autism. Prof. Ritvo traces the historical development of understanding about autism and Asperger's Disorder, from the centuries of misdiagnoses and the first recognition of the characteristics of the disorders to his own highly-regarded methods for diagnosis.

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