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## Sommario/riassunto

Jacqui Jackson has seven children. Luke has Asperger Syndrome, Joe has ADHD, and Ben has autism. Full of anecdotes and lively thinking, the book explains vividly what it is like to parent young people with such a range of conditions, and provides a wealth of helpful and creative advice for other parents and carers.

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