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The authors provide a diagnostic model based on assessment of the child in contrast to 'neurotypical' children, considering relationships at home, school or in care. They show how to develop early intervention strategies and aid parents, teachers and mental health professionals in making informed decisions to nurture the development of AS children.