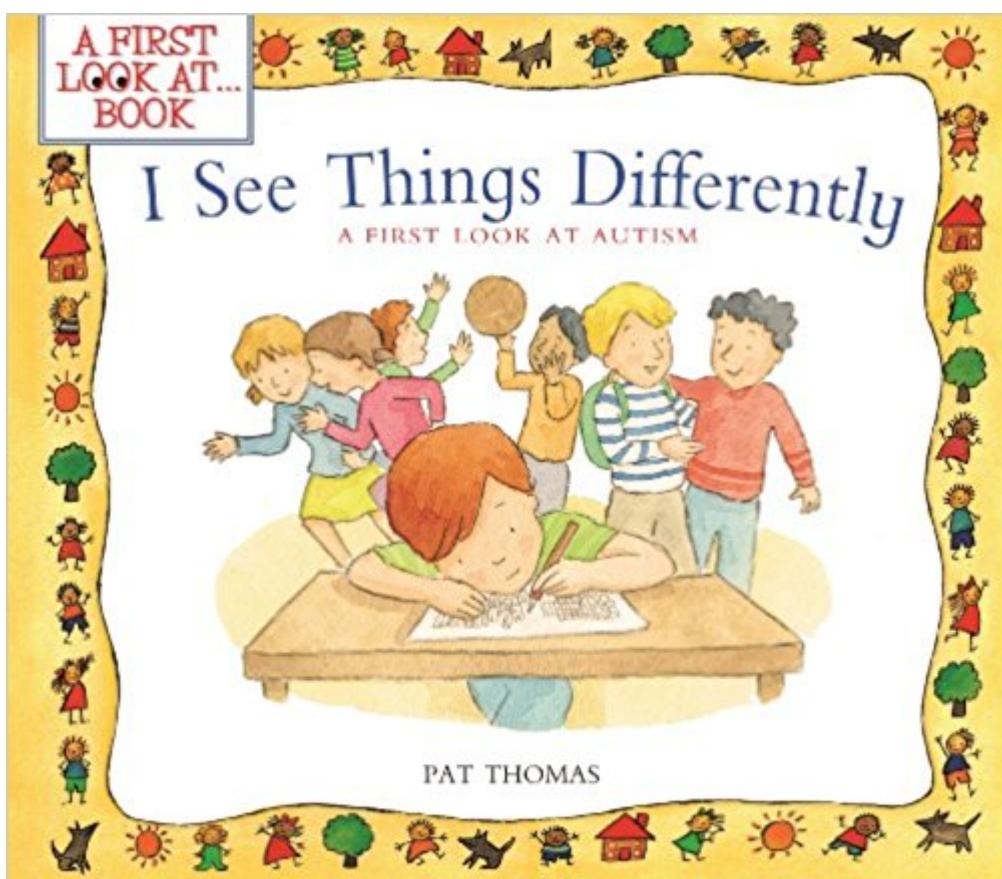


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# I See Things Differently: A First Look At Autism (A First Look At...Series)



## **Synopsis**

Psychotherapist and counselor Pat Thomas puts her gentle, yet straightforward approach to work in this new addition to Barronâ™s highly acclaimed A First Look At...Series. This book will help children understand what autism is and how it affects someone who has it. A wonderful catalyst for discussion that will help children to better understand and support autistic classmates or siblings. The story line is simple and easily accessible to younger children, who will learn that exploring the personal feelings around social issues is a first step in dealing with them. Full-color illustrations on every page.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

"I See Things Differently" is a sensitive, gently illustrated book about helping a child understand autism in a sibling, playmate, or classmate. Using simple language and non threatening pictures of different common actions or manifestations of autistic behavior, "I See Things Differently" helps explain the condition of autism in a factual, forthright, calm manner that is easily understood by young readers. Helping to promote understanding goes along with learning positive interactions patterns and acceptance of other children with autism. Concern for all levels of health pervades the pictures and narrative of "I See Things Differently," an educational text written from a child's viewpoint to increase understanding of aspects of autism. Many additional tips and suggestions for parents and caretakers of children with autism and others are offered at the end in How To Use This

Book, along with added titles of Books To Read and Resources for Adults. "I See Things Differently" is an excellent resource for parents, caregivers, teachers, and children who encounter others with autism." •The Midwest Book Review •The topic of autism is explored in a way that encourages positive interaction among children, parents, and teachers. •Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego

I have been looking for a book to help explain to my eight year old daughter exactly what we mean when we say she has autism. We don't normally talk about it much. She has her things she is naturally good at and things she has to work harder at, but such is being human. However, her school is doing a number of things for autism awareness month and I thought a book might help, so I perused this one at our library. There are a number of things this book does really well. It explains the basics of autism clearly at a child's level, but even older kids could read it without being talked down to. Explanations are simple and straightforward. The illustrations are generally well done, especially one of what looks like a child stimming (hand flapping, if I remember correctly). There is also a little bit of discussion about what a child with autism might be especially good at. But after reading the book, I thought, "Well, this might be good for siblings or classmates, but I don't really want my daughter reading it." The more I thought about it, the more I realized that I wasn't sure I wanted siblings or classmates reading this one, either. My main objection to this book is that I don't want my child to feel bad about herself or to be an object of pity. My daughter thinks she is awesome, because she is. I am concerned that this book could introduce some doubt. The book is clearly aimed at neurotypical children. I get that. But must some behaviors that these NT children might see be described as something they might find "strange"? Maybe could we talk about being "surprised by" or "curious about" said behavior? And several of the drawings depict children with autism looking extremely sad, hunched, and pitiful. Sorry, that doesn't jive with how I see my kid or how she sees herself, and I am not going to introduce that idea to her or anyone else. Overall, this book has a lot going for it, but I can't unequivocally recommend it. I like the information, but would have preferred a more neutral presentation.

This was for my granddaughters, one has ADD/ADHD and high end Autism. They were really excited about reading the books. Her sister said I really love this book because now I understand my sister even better.

This book is about autism. I purchased it for my granddaughters (ages 6 & 8), to help explain my

grandson (age 4) to them. It is perfect to explain autism to brothers and sisters. Every school, library, counselor, and support group should have several copies. A good book to consider donating. Book is soft-bound with colorful illustrations and cover looks very inviting and beckoning to a great read.

I work at a childcare center and my grandson has autism. I got this book so the children in his class can understand what he is going through. I think it is a wonderful book!

This is a great book for siblings of an Autistic child.

Thank you! I read this book to all kids that are involve with my son who is autistic, and by doing so even my son has understood better why he is so unique. Great book!

We ordered this book after my son, who is autistic, pointed out that he feels different than other kids, and we felt the need to talk to him about his uniqueness. This wasn't an easy talk, so we needed an icebreaker for him. The book arrived and sat on the table for a few days. We walked into our dining room one day to find him reading it, so we decided the discussion was necessary. Prior to finishing the book, he said he knows he is autistic because he feels the way some of the descriptions provided in the book. This was a good tool for explaining the differences of others and explaining to his sister why her brother does certain things. I would recommend this book to other families when they decide the time is right to introduce their child to their uniqueness.

Puts too much emphasis on how "special" that one brother off and further solidified the emphasis on the special needs child, and ignores sibling value.

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