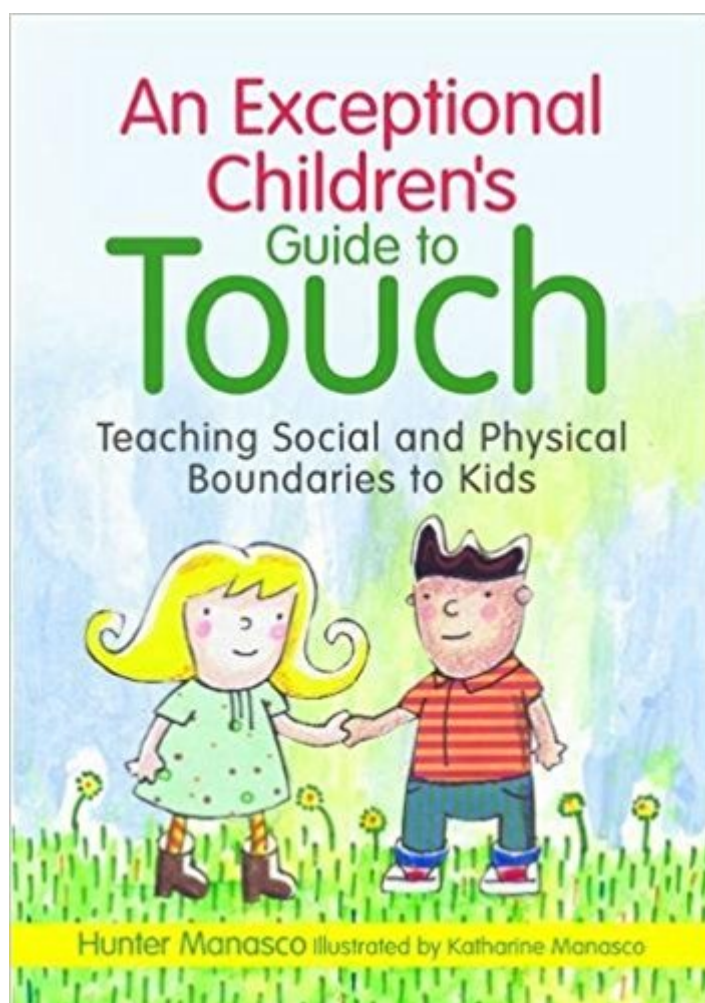


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An Exceptional Children's Guide To Touch: Teaching Social And Physical Boundaries To Kids



Synopsis

The rules of physical contact can be tricky to grasp and children with special needs are at a heightened risk of abuse. This friendly picture book explains in simple terms how to tell the difference between acceptable and inappropriate touch, thereby helping the child with special needs stay safe. Each story covers a different type of touch from accidental to friendly to hurtful and will help children understand how boundaries change depending on the context. It explores when and where it is okay to touch other people, when and where other people can touch you, why self touching sometimes needs to be private, and what to do if touch feels inappropriate. This book is an invaluable teaching resource and discussion starter for parents, teachers and carers working with children with special needs.

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Great book to explain different types of touch, and what is and is not considered appropriate. My son has SPD and social norms/personal space aren't easy for him, and I think this book has helped a lot.

This book is great for my son, who has mild autism. It has elements of social stories and uses repetition to reinforce key ideas. It covers different kinds of touch in a way that makes more sense to him. There's a real need for something like this. I shared it with a special needs parent group and several people said they were buying it immediately! Thank you to the book's author and editor for bringing the idea to life.

The book does a fine job describing all types of touch that are understandable to literal-thinking kids. Neurotypical daughter age 9 thought the book was good and "really cute." She says it is helpful to think about touch whether you're special needs or not :) Her 11 year old brother with Asp liked the book--albeit a fast read for this age

Bought as a gift for someone in educational field- children with special needs. Well written, easy to read, illustrations child friendly and helps to teach a message all children need to understand regardless of ability. Should be available in all schools (even churches).

This covers a wide range of touch situations, so it doesn't feel like "just" a sexual abuse/sexual behavior focus (e.g., talking about picking one's nose as a touch that should only be done in private). Our therapy practice sees lots of sexually abused kids and this book is a terrific tool. I also plan to use it as a teaching tool for my preschool grandchild.

As someone who is working to teach social boundaries to a young client with a developmental disability, this is very helpful.

Great book to read with young children and those with an ASD. Covers appropriate and inappropriate touch. Good starting point to discuss who might be in the child's 'space bubble'

This is one of the best books on the subject that I have read. It is simple and straightforward and easy for kids with special needs to relate to. It has been very helpful for explaining these issues to

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