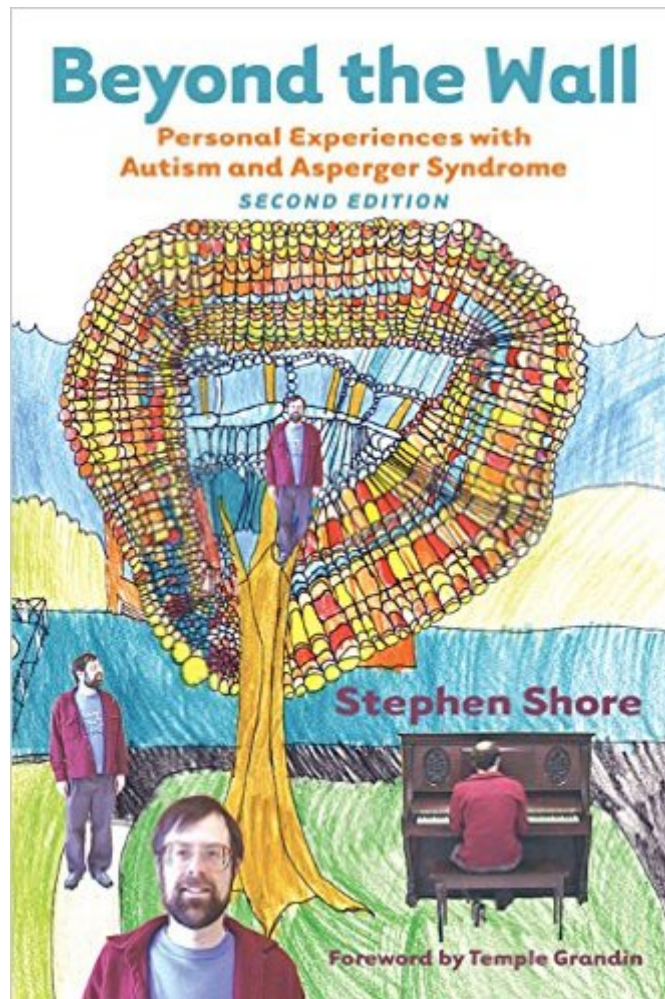


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# Beyond The Wall: Personal Experiences With Autism And Asperger Syndrome, Second Edition



## Synopsis

This honest, courageous book, written by a person with high-functioning autism and Asperger Syndrome, offers so much more than the traditional autobiography. Drawing on personal and professional experience, Stephen Shore combines three voices to create a touching and, at the same time, highly informative book for professionals as well as individuals who have Asperger Syndrome. Get a unique perspective on AS across the years!

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As the father of a seven year old son who resides at the light end of the Autism Spectrum, I found Stephens book to be one of the very best I have read by someone who resides on The Spectrum themselves. It is also notable as one of the few autobiographical books by a male. Quite simply put, Stephen's forthrightness is wonderfully disarming. And his very unique ability (especially for someone actually on The Spectrum) to relate not only how the world appears to him but also how that reality fits into the one we neuro-typicals live in, shows an oversight I don't encounter in most typical adults. His positive example is nothing short of a godsend. Beyond giving us hope for our sons, daughters and loved ones who reside with Stephen in this very fascinating place, Stephen's book helps to unravel the mysteries we strive to understand every day. And that Stephen has achieved what he has thus far and has dedicated his life to furthering knowledge about and advocating for the individual on The Spectrum is testimony to this wonderful mans character (and to the loving devotion of his mother, his wife and his mentors!). I only hope my son strives to be half

the man Stephen Shore has shown himself to be by this book. If you've just had The "Autism Bomb" fall on you - that is to say, just gotten the diagnosis, you owe it to yourself (and your loved one) to pick up this great book and start thinking positively now at the beginning of your journey, about your gifted child.

Stephen Shore has written an unusual and worthy addition to the world of literature regarding Asperger's Syndrome. Shore's work explores aspergers from three different viewpoints: as that of a clinician working with individuals with autism spectrum disorders, as an adult who himself has aspergers, and as an adult remembering the challenges aspergers has presented him with over the course of his lifetime. As the parent of two boys with Autism Spectrum Disorders, I was delighted with Shore's explanations of why my children feel the need to do some of the things they do, and what purpose those behaviors serve in their lives. In this reader's opinion, *Beyond the Wall* is an invaluable guide to anyone who knows someone with aspergers and autism. Shore's writing is right up there with Temple Grandin's, and should be included as a valuable reference book in anyone's collection of books about autism/aspergers.

In the beginning of Stephen's book, he writes about the sleeping dragon of autism reawakened and his quest to find out more about \*this way of being\* and its relation to him. *Beyond the Wall* is a must read for a parent, teacher or professional. Parents often wonder what it is to be autistic, how they can help their child learn and grow thru the years, and how to help their loved one with hypo or hyper sensitivities and what will their child's future be like. Stephen's book will answer these very important questions. Stephen just doesn't write about his love of music, he shows how his love of music can help an autistic child to learn. Stephen writes about self-advocacy and how important it is to teach a loved one how to self advocate. Stephen writes about his academic learning from grade school to college. He writes of his frustrations in his earlier accounting career. He writes of going back to school for post graduate studies and switching careers. He writes of his new career, living life and being married. *Beyond the Wall*, is Stephen's autobiography, about being a son, brother, friend, educator, advocate and husband. Long after your done reading his book, you realize that todays autistic child will be tomorrow autistic adult and that Stephen has left the door open for all the children to follow.

All I can write is "WOW"! The author Stephen Shore takes you through an amazing journey - his life. I have over 85 books on autism and this is definately my favorite for providing some possible insight

on what my autistic son Jeff may be feeling. Not only is the insight amazing and explanations easy to understand - but he gives so much hope. There are few books I have read where I truly laughed, cried, and celebrated his ups and downs (corny but absolutely true.) The authors words have helped me better understand and communicate to my son and for that I am grateful. Stephen has an amazing ability to communicate and provide humor at the scariest thing I have ever seen - autism - is truly a gift to all parents and friends of autistic. Please do your self a favor and read this book. It is a must for everyone's collection.

I couldn't put this book down. As a parent of a high-functioning autistic child, I found the many descriptions and insights in this book useful and helpful to understanding my son's perspective and having a sense of where I need to step in and/or where I could back off and let him be himself. Stephen Shore's courage and frankness are humbling. The descriptions of how he experiences empathy are vivid and poignant...you could "see" how he feels. For any teacher working with students on the autism spectrum, this is a must read.

I write as a peer and friend of Stephen Shore. His book is a great step forward for our community. It is focused, practical, well documented and informative. Stephen is not another "autistic lounge act." He is a mature, married, serious person with a life way beyond the deserved acclaim that this book will bring to him. The book is especially useful since Stephen Shore, like most of the observed people with our condition, Asperger's Syndrome, is male. This is the first book written by one of the majority gender, after almost four decades of living this way, to give parents, siblings, professionals and our younger peers a great overview of how to live in a unique way with dignity. A must read and a very enjoyable one!! Jerry Newport Tucson, AZ Author of "Your Life is Not a Label: A Guide to Living Fully with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome"

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