

Too Loud Too Bright Too Fast Too Tight What To Do If You Are Sensory Defensive In An Overstimulating World

We experience our environment in a unique way through our senses. Some people thrive in a busy environment with lots going on and many people involved. They like everything brighter, louder, hotter, faster and find these inputs enjoyable and stimulating. Others avoid a crowded, noisy environment and will escape to ordered tranquillity whenever they can. They prefer everything softer, milder, slower and quickly feel overwhelmed and irritated by too much fuss and flutter. Sensory intelligence explains in clear layman's terms how this works to help you understand why you and others respond to sensory input the way you do. It then tells you how to modulate your senses to adapt to your environment and other people, or change your environment to fit your sensory preferences. It will help you to function more effectively and give you greater understanding and adaptability within your relationships, both at home and at work. ";Annemarie Lombard is bridging the gap between what professionals and researchers know about sensation and what the public would benefit from knowing ... When parents, partners, friends and co-workers understand each other and why they are reacting the way they do, it is easier to make adjustments ..."; Winnie Dunn (PhD OTR FAOTA), Professor & Chair Department of Occupational Therapy Education, University of Kansas Medical Center.

Revised and updated—the authoritative bestseller that presents the latest research on Sensory Processing Disorder. Sensory Processing Disorder is an increasingly common diagnosis, with a wide range of symptoms that can be difficult for parents and pediatricians to identify. In *Sensational Kids*, internationally renowned expert Dr. Miller shares her more than forty years of experience and research findings on SPD. Now in its fourteenth printing, with more than 50,000 copies sold in all formats, it is an authoritative and practical guide to understanding and treating this little-understood condition. Newly updated, this revised edition will include the latest research on SPD's relationship to autism, as well as new treatment options and coping strategies for parents, teachers, and others who care for kids with SPD. Other topics include: The signs and symptoms of SPD Its four major subtypes How the disorder is diagnosed and treated sensory strategies to help SPD kids develop, learn and succeed, in school and in life. On April 11, 1931, Virginia Woolf ended her entry in *A Writer's Diary* with the words "too much and not the mood." She was describing how tired she was of correcting her own writing, of the "cramming in and the cutting out" to please other readers, wondering if she had anything at all that was truly worth saying. The character of that sentiment, the attitude of it, inspired Durga Chew-Bose to write and collect her own work. The result is a lyrical and piercingly insightful collection of essays and her own brand of essay-meets-prose poetry about identity and culture. Inspired by Maggie Nelson's *Bluets*, Lydia Davis's short prose, and Vivian Gornick's exploration of interior life, Chew-Bose captures the inner restlessness that keeps her always on the brink of creative expression. *Too Much and Not the Mood* is a beautiful and surprising exploration of what it means to be a first-generation, creative young woman working today.

A fully revised edition of the most comprehensive guide to sensory processing challenges "At last, here are the insights and answers parents have been searching for." -Dr. Temple Grandin For children with sensory difficulties - those who struggle process everyday sensations and exhibit unusual behaviors such as avoiding or seeking out touch, movement, sounds, and sights - this groundbreaking book is an invaluable resource. Sensory processing challenges affect all kinds of kind - from those with developmental delays, learning and attention issues, or autism spectrum disorder to those without any other issues. Now in its third edition, *Raising a Sensory Smart Child* is even more comprehensive and helpful than ever. In this book, you'll learn: *How the 8 senses (yes, 8!) are supposed to work together and what happens when they don't *Practical solutions for daily challenges-from brushing teeth to getting dressed to handling holiday gatherings * Strategies for managing sensitivities to noise, smell textures, and more *"Sensory diet" activities that help meet sensory needs, with new ideas for kids, teens, adults, and families * Parenting tips for handling discipline, transitions, and behavioral issues *How to practically and emotionally support children and teens with autism and sensory issues * Ways to advocate for your child at school and make schools more "sensory smart" *How to help your child with sensory issues use technology effectively and responsibly * Ways to empower your child and teen in the world * Where to get the best professional help and complementary therapies ***WINNER of the NAPPA GOLD AWARD and iPARENTING MEDIA AWARD***

Sensory modulation is 'changing how we feel through using our senses'. The senses include touch, movement taste, smell, sight and sound. This sensory input changes the physiology of the body, and in doing so creates a shift in how the person feels. Sensory modulation is broader than just aiming to feel calm and relaxed. It can also be used to: -ground: when feeling dissociated, spacey or having difficulty focusing on the present -soothe: when feeling self-hatred, shame, sad or anxious -calm: when feeling anxious, scared, angry or agitated -relax: when the muscles feel tense or the mind feels stressed -alert: when feeling lethargic, tired or sedated, or having trouble concentrating -reduce or intensify sensations: when feeling self-hatred or shame or the urge to self-harm -increase pleasure: when feeling the need for joy in the moment or happy memories from the past -create a sense of safety: when feeling unsafe, triggered by the current environment or past memories -self-manage symptoms: when experiencing auditory hallucinations, panic attacks, or insomnia -manage pain and itch: when chronic pain or itch is an issue -cope with grief and shock: through soothing the body and mind -cope with cravings for addictions: through using alternatives to substances -reminisce: when wanting to improve memory or connect an elderly person to familiar or pleasurable sensations. Sensory modulation is being increasingly used in health, school and community settings, to support individuals to change their feelings through using sensory input. This manual provides practical assistance for people to increase their knowledge and skills concerning sensory modulation. This includes: -understanding the 8 senses. -explaining how sensory modulation works -getting started with sensory modulation -managing specific intense emotions and challenging scenarios -creating a Sensory Space -using sensory modulation so that it is Safe, Appropriate, Individualised and Meaningful -downloadable factsheets and worksheets Lily Hippo's family and friends often complain that she is too loud and noisy, but that loudness makes her a hit in the school play. Gil the goldfish lives in a fishbowl with 138 pebbles—he counts them every day—and a plastic castle. It's too crowded! When leaves his fishbowl in search of open spaces, he finds a loud, dangerous, dry land that is full of many interesting creatures but is not quite suitable for a fish. Thank goodness for Turtle, the new friend Gil meets in the not-so-great outdoors! Will Gil and Turtle make it back to the fishbowl, and will Gil make peace with his home sweet home?

The groundbreaking book that explains Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD)--and presents a drug-free approach that offers hope for parents--now revised and updated. Does your child exhibit... Over-responsivity--or under-responsivity--to touch or movement?

A child with SPD may be a "sensory avoider," withdrawing from touch, refusing to wear certain clothing, avoiding active games--or he may be a "sensory disregarder," needing a jump start to get moving. Over-responsivity--or under-responsivity--to sounds, sights, taste, or smell? She may cover her ears or eyes, be a picky eater, or seem oblivious to sensory cues. Cravings for sensation? The "sensory craver" never gets enough of certain sensations, e.g., messy play, spicy food, noisy action, and perpetual movement. Poor sensory discrimination? She may not sense the difference between objects or experiences--unaware of what she's holding unless she looks, and unable to sense when she's falling or how to catch herself. Unusually high or low activity level? The child may be constantly on the go--wearing out everyone around him--or move slowly and tire easily, showing little interest in the world. Problems with posture or motor coordination? He may slouch, move awkwardly, seem careless or accident-prone. These are often the first clues to Sensory Processing Disorder--a common but frequently misdiagnosed problem in which the central nervous system misinterprets messages from the senses. The *Out-of-Sync Child* offers comprehensive, clear information for parents and professionals--and a drug-free treatment approach for children. This revised edition includes new sections on vision and hearing, picky eaters, and coexisting disorders such as autism and Asperger's syndrome, among other topics.

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Our senses! Thanks to them, our brains are constantly flooded with information about the world around us. What may surprise you is that we're not all wired the same way, and some of us are unable to understand exactly what we're sensing. People with Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), a newly identified neurological condition, as well as those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), are frequently misunderstood by others when they over- or under-react to sounds, sights, smells, tastes, touch, movement, balance, and feelings within their bodies. In this guide, mental health counselor, SPD community advocate, and sensory adult Rachel S. Schneider, M.A., MHC, helps us to make sense of sensory issues. Whether you're someone with sensory issues, a loved one supporting a sensory person, a professional, or someone that is curious about unusual and complex sensory experiences, this guide will answer your questions about life with sensory processing differences. Illustrations by Kelly Dillon of the humorous illustrated sensory blog, *Eating Off Plastic*.

A little boy with a VERY BIG VOICE, learns the perfect (and not so perfect) times to use it in Micol Ostow's uproarious picture book *Sullivan, Who Is Always Too Loud*, featuring brilliant illustrations by Brian Biggs. Sullivan is a little boy with a BIG VOICE. He tries to be quiet, but the words just bubble up, and he has to let them out. He wakes Ella-baby. Mama can't hear herself think. And Teacher can't hear the drums over Sullivan's crashing cymbals. He tries hard and eventually finds there are perfect times to be quiet, but more importantly perfect times to be LOUD. With energetic text and bright, bold illustrations from Brian Biggs, Sullivan is sure to bring a ton of joy (and a bit of noise) to story time.

Unable to stand his noisy and overcrowded home any longer, a farmer goes to the Wise Man for advice.

****One of NPR's Best Books of 2017**** "Petersen's gloriously bumptious, brash ode to nonconforming women suits the needs of this dark moment. Her careful examination of how we eviscerate the women who confound or threaten is crucial reading if we are ever to be better."—Rebecca Traister, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Single Ladies* From celebrity gossip expert and BuzzFeed culture writer Anne Helen Petersen comes an accessible, analytical look at how female celebrities are pushing the boundaries of what it means to be an "acceptable" woman. You know the type: the woman who won't shut up, who's too brazen, too opinionated—too much. She's the unruly woman, and she embodies one of the most provocative and powerful forms of womanhood today. In *Too Fat, Too Slutty, Too Loud*, Anne Helen Petersen uses the lens of "unruliness" to explore the ascension of powerhouses like Serena Williams, Hillary Clinton, Nicki Minaj, and Kim Kardashian, exploring why the public loves to love (and hate) these controversial figures. With its brisk, incisive analysis, *Too Fat, Too Slutty, Too Loud* is a conversation-starting book on what makes and breaks celebrity today. "Must-read list."—*Entertainment Weekly* Named one of *Cosmopolitan's* "Books You Won't Be Able to Put Down This Summer" Selected as one of Amazon's "Best Books of the Month" A Refinery29 Editors' Pick
The world was too bright for Leo. And too loud. "I must be living on the wrong planet," Leo thought. Leo struggles to make sense of the world. He doesn't understand the other children in his class, and they don't seem to understand him. But then one day, Leo meets Maya. Maya is an octopus, and the more Leo learns about her, the more he thinks that perhaps he isn't alone in this world, after all. "The sensitive descriptions throughout the book of what it is like to have autism are accurate and perceptive on so many levels" (Professor Tony Attwood, author of *Asperger's Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Professionals*).

A useful practical guide for professionals, parents, teachers and other caregivers. It presents detailed assessment tools as well as consistent strategies for managing challenging behavior. Successful sensory integration techniques include ... advice for a wide range of specific problems ... for adapting home, school, and childcare environments ... [and] creative suggestions for activities, equipment, and resources.

In this brilliant inside look at mental illness that weaves together three timelines, Greyson Todd leaves his successful Hollywood career and wife and young daughter to travel the world, giving free reign to the bipolar disorder he has been forced to keep hidden for almost 20 years.

Shockingly, one in every 20 children experiences symptoms of Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD Foundation). Here, Ostovar provides clear explanations, up-to-date research, and step-by-step strategies on this disorder.

A fable about the power of books and knowledge, "finely balanced between pathos and comedy," from one of Czechoslovakia's most popular authors (*Los Angeles Times*). A *New York Times* Notable Book *Ha?ta* has been compacting trash for thirty-five years. Every evening, he rescues books from the jaws of his hydraulic press, carries them home, and fills his house with them. *Ha?ta* may be an idiot, as his boss calls him, but he is an idiot with a difference—the ability to quote the Talmud, Hegel, and Lao-Tzu. In this "irresistibly eccentric romp," the author Milan Kundera has called "our very best writer today" celebrates the power and the indestructibility of the written word (*The New York Times Book Review*).

Using a lively array of anthropological and sociological sources, *The Vital Touch: How Intimate Contact with Your Baby Leads to Happier, Healthier Development* by Sharon Heller, PhD, presents a provocative examination of the reasons why, now more than ever, we need to make consistent physical connections with our infants and children.

"Blazingly original, wry, and perfectly attuned to the oddness—and the profundity—of life" (Cristina Henríquez), Claire Luchette's debut, *Agatha of Little Neon*, is a novel about yearning and sisterhood, figuring out how you fit in (or don't), and the unexpected friends who help you find your truest self Agatha has lived every day of the last nine years with her sisters: they work together, laugh together, pray together. Their world is contained within the little house they share. The

four of them are devoted to Mother Roberta and to their quiet, purposeful life. But when the parish goes broke, the sisters are forced to move. They land in Woonsocket, a former mill town now dotted with wind turbines. They take over the care of a halfway house, where they live alongside their charges, such as the jawless Tim Gary and the headstrong Lawnmower Jill. Agatha is forced to venture out into the world alone to teach math at a local all-girls high school, where for the first time in years she has to reckon all on her own with what she sees and feels. Who will she be if she isn't with her sisters? These women, the church, have been her home. Or has she just been hiding? Disarming, delightfully deadpan, and full of searching, Claire Luchette's *Agatha of Little Neon* offers a view into the lives of women and the choices they make.

The bestselling picture book that *Publisher's Weekly* calls "simultaneously sassy and sweet." Rabbit loves carrots and that's a big problem! In this phenomenal bestseller, Rabbit loves carrots a little too much. In fact, his carrots are crowding him out of his cozy burrow. When his friends offer to help, they're just asking for trouble, a lot of trouble! This charming and lovingly illustrated children's book, by acclaimed author Katy Hudson (*A Loud Winter's Nap* and *Bear and Duck*), shows how friendships get us over the rough spots in life, even if the going gets a little bumpy. *Too Many Carrots* is the perfect springtime, Eastertime, and anytime gift.

In the publishing tradition of *Driven to Distraction* or *The Boy Who Couldn't Stop Washing*, this prescriptive book by a developmental psychologist and sufferer of Sensory Defensive Disorder (SD) sheds light on a little known but common affliction in which sufferers react to harmless stimuli as irritating, distracting or dangerous. We all know what it feels like to be irritated by loud music, accosted by lights that are too bright, or overwhelmed by a world that moves too quickly. But millions of people suffer from Sensory Defensive Disorder (SD), a common affliction in which people react to harmless stimuli not just as a distracting hindrance, but a potentially dangerous threat. Sharon Heller, Ph.D. is not only a trained psychologist, she is sensory defensive herself. Bringing both personal and professional perspectives, Dr. Heller is the ideal person to tell the world about this problem that will only increase as technology and processed environments take over our lives. In addition to heightening public awareness of this prevalent issue, Dr. Heller provides tools and therapies for alleviating and, in some cases, even eliminating defensiveness altogether. Until now, the treatment for sensory defensiveness has been successfully implemented in Learning Disabled children in whom defensiveness tends to be extreme. However, the disorder has generally been unidentified in adults who think they are either overstimulated, stressed, weird, or crazy. These sensory defensive sufferers live out their lives stressed and unhappy, never knowing why or what they can do about it. Now, with *Too Loud, Too Bright, Too Fast, Too Tight*, they have a compassionate spokesperson and a solution-oriented book of advice.

A look at how new technologies can be put to use in the creation of a more just society. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not likely to make humans redundant. Nor will it create superintelligence anytime soon. But it will make huge advances in the next two decades, revolutionize medicine, entertainment, and transport, transform jobs and markets, and vastly increase the amount of information that governments and companies have about individuals. *AI for Good* leads off with economist and best-selling author Daron Acemoglu, who argues that there are reasons to be concerned about these developments. AI research today pays too much attention to the technological hurdles ahead without enough attention to its disruptive effects on the fabric of society: displacing workers while failing to create new opportunities for them and threatening to undermine democratic governance itself. But the direction of AI development is not preordained. Acemoglu argues for its potential to create shared prosperity and bolster democratic freedoms. But directing it to that task will take great effort: It will require new funding and regulation, new norms and priorities for developers themselves, and regulations over new technologies and their applications. At the intersection of technology and economic justice, this book will bring together experts--economists, legal scholars, policy makers, and developers--to debate these challenges and consider what steps tech companies can do take to ensure the advancement of AI does not further diminish economic prospects of the most vulnerable groups of population.

"For fans of Ottessa Moshfegh, *Juliet the Maniac* is a worthy new entry in that pantheon of deconstruction...

Dazzling."—NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW This portrait of a young teenager's fight toward understanding and recovering from mental illness is shockingly honest, funny, and heartfelt. Ambitious, talented fourteen-year-old honors student Juliet is poised for success at her Southern California high school. However, she soon finds herself in an increasingly frightening spiral of drug use, self-harm, and mental illness that lands her in a remote therapeutic boarding school, where she must ultimately find the inner strength to survive. A highly anticipated debut—from a writer hailed as "a combination of Denis Johnson and Joan Didion" (*Dazed*)—that brilliantly captures the intimate triumph of a girl's struggle to become the woman she knows she can be.

Self-injury can be as addictive as any drug, and the secrecy and shame many sufferers feel about this behavior can keep them feeling trapped. But if you're ready to replace self-harm with a set of healthy coping skills, this compassionate and practical book can help. This complete guide to stopping self-injury gives you the facts about self-harm, corrects common myths about this behavior, and provides self-soothing techniques you can begin using right away for regulating difficult or overwhelming emotions. *Freedom from Self-Harm* also includes self-assessment worksheets, guidance for seeking professional help, and information about the most effective therapies and medications. Drawn from treatments such as dialectical behavior therapy and acceptance and commitment therapy, the tools in this book can help you cope with your emotions whenever you feel the urge to self-harm. This book has been awarded The Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Self-Help Seal of Merit — an award bestowed on outstanding self-help books that are consistent with cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) principles and that incorporate scientifically tested strategies for overcoming mental health difficulties. Used alone or in conjunction with therapy, our books offer powerful tools readers can use to jump-start changes in their lives.

Defines sensory defensive disorder as a frequently misdiagnosed problem, noting the factors that contribute to the disorder while presenting a holistic treatment approach that discusses therapy and other interventions.

Help Your Child Overcome Sensory Overload, One Activity at a Time Children with sensory processing disorder (SPD) or sensory processing challenges associated with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, or other developmental conditions experience the world very differently than other kids. They may react strongly to sounds, textures, and stimulation, finding even seemingly minor sensations intolerable. Other children with SPD hardly notice sensory stimulation at all, or have trouble with basic motor skills and coordination. If your child shows symptoms of this condition, you may wonder what you can do to help ease your child's SPD-related stress, panic, or other challenging behavior. Making Sense of Your Senses is full of activities and skill-building exercises you can do with your child to help him or her balance sensory stimulation and practice self-calming techniques. Kids can use these techniques anytime they feel overwhelmed or have the urge to seek out intense sensory experiences. Before long, your child will be better able to tolerate everyday sensations and prevent stimulation overload—essential skills for living a happy, healthy, and comfortable life.

The long-awaited follow-up to the million-copy bestseller *The Out-of-Sync Child*, presenting information and advice for tweens, teens, and young adults living with Sensory Processing Disorder, and their parents. *The Out-of-Sync Child Grows Up* will be the new bible for the vast audience of parents whose children, already diagnosed with Sensory Processing Disorder, are entering the adolescent, tween, and teen years, as well as those who do not yet have a diagnosis and are struggling to meet the challenges of daily life. This book picks up where *The Out-of-Sync Child* left off, offering practical advice on living with SPD, covering everyday challenges as well as the social and emotional issues that many young people with SPD face. Topics include strategies for coping with the sensory aspects of grooming, social lives and dating, playing sports and music, and other issues, as well as how to find support and help from loved ones, occupational therapy, and other resources. Carol Kranowitz's insights are supplemented by first-person accounts of adolescents and teens with SPD, sharing their experiences and hard-won lessons with readers and adding a powerful personal dimension to the book.

Presents simple, effective solutions and proven systems for parents of children with sensory processing disorder, anxiety disorder, ADD/ADHD, autism, bipolar disorder and OCD that bridge the gap between clinical support and practical in-home solutions. Original. 20,000 first printing.

A National Book Award Finalist "A gentle, glowing wonder, full of love and understanding." –The New York Times Book Review It's the summer before middle school and eleven-year-old Bug's best friend Moira has decided the two of them need to use the next few months to prepare. For Moira, this means figuring out the right clothes to wear, learning how to put on makeup, and deciding which boys are cuter in their yearbook photos than in real life. But none of this is all that appealing to Bug, who doesn't particularly want to spend more time trying to understand how to be a girl. Besides, there's something more important to worry about: A ghost is haunting Bug's eerie old house in rural Vermont...and maybe haunting Bug in particular. As Bug begins to untangle the mystery of who this ghost is and what they're trying to say, an altogether different truth comes to light--Bug is transgender.

Understanding Sensory Dysfunction is a clear and comprehensive resource to identifying and addressing sensory dysfunction in children, using a range of practical strategies to help them reach their full potential at home, at school and in the community. The authors explain the causes, contributing factors, symptoms and associated behaviors of sensory dysfunction, particularly when found in conditions such as autism spectrum disorders (ASDs), ADHD and bipolar disorder. Focusing on early intervention, they provide a host of tried and tested integration activities, assessment and curricular modifications, treatment options and useful equipment and resources that ultimately aim to limit or prevent the interference of sensory dysfunction with successful learning, socialization and skills development. This accessible and empowering book offers a unique approach to the condition and will help families, teachers and caregivers meet the particular needs of children with sensory dysfunction.

"A sensitive boy gets overwhelmed by all the sights, sounds, and sensations at the beach, but his dad has a trick to help his son face these unexpected obstacles"--

Move over, Bert and Ernie: there's a new odd couple in town! Exuberant Peanut and steadfast Moe are roommates and best friends . . . most of the time. Peanut is messy. Moe is neat. Peanut is loud. Moe is quiet. Peanut always wants more. Moe always wants a little less. Can these two learn to appreciate their differences? With bright, bold, eye-catching illustrations and two adorable characters, Gina Perry has created a book that will appeal to all the Peanuts and Moes in the world -- whether they think it's too much or not enough!

A funny I Can Read story featuring the beloved Harry the Dirty Dog! Harry, the mischievous little white dog with black spots, tries everything he can think of to get the lady next door to stop singing. Every time Harry tries to stop her, he gets in trouble! Can Harry solve the neighborhood's problem before he's sent to the doghouse? This is an irresistible story featuring a classic picture book character, especially perfect for young dog lovers and fans of Harry the Dirty Dog. Harry the Dirty Dog has been recognized by the National Education Association as an all-time top-100 children's book. It has also been welcomed by a new generation at home, as Betty White's 2020 reading of the story on StorylineOnline has been viewed more than 8 million times. For more fun with Harry the Dirty Dog, don't miss *No Roses for Harry!* and *Harry by the Sea*.

From the moment Penny, Polly, and Molly hatch from their eggs, the whole farm knows they are truly tough chicks. They wrestle worms, rope roosters, and are often found under the hood of the tractor. All the other animals and even the farmer himself tell Mama Hen to make her chicks good. "They are good!" Mama Hen replies. But could her chicks be too loud, too independent, and too tough? Lively language and bold illustrations capture all the fun and humor of this delightfully different farmyard romp that's also a resounding endorsement for letting girls be girls (even if they're loud and tough and like to play with tractors.)

An adventurous story of a frontier boy raised by Indians, *The Light in the Forest* is a beloved American classic. When John Cameron Butler was a child, he was captured in a raid on the Pennsylvania frontier and adopted by the great warrior Cuyloga. Renamed True Son, he came to think of himself as fully Indian. But eleven years later his tribe, the Lenni Lenape, has signed a treaty with the white men and agreed to return their captives, including fifteen-year-old True Son. Now he must go back to the family he has forgotten, whose language is no longer his, and whose ways of dress and behavior are as strange to him as the ways of the forest are to them.

Jonathan Safran Foer emerged as one of the most original writers of his generation with his best-selling debut novel, *Everything Is Illuminated*. Now, with humor, tenderness, and awe, he confronts the traumas of our recent history. What he discovers is solace in that most human quality, imagination. Meet Oskar Schell, an inventor, Francophile, tambourine player, Shakespearean actor, jeweler, pacifist, correspondent with Stephen Hawking and Ringo Starr. He is nine years old. And he is on an urgent, secret search through the five boroughs of New York. His mission is to find the lock that fits a mysterious key belonging to his father, who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11. An inspired innocent, Oskar is alternately endearing, exasperating, and hilarious as he careens from Central Park to Coney Island to Harlem on his search. Along the way he is always dreaming up inventions to keep those he loves safe from harm. What about a birdseed shirt to let you fly away? What if you could actually hear everyone's heartbeat? His goal is hopeful, but the past speaks a loud warning in stories of those

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who've lost loved ones before. As Oskar roams New York, he encounters a motley assortment of humanity who are all survivors in their own way. He befriends a 103-year-old war reporter, a tour guide who never leaves the Empire State Building, and lovers enraptured or scorned. Ultimately, Oskar ends his journey where it began, at his father's grave. But now he is accompanied by the silent stranger who has been renting the spare room of his grandmother's apartment. They are there to dig up his father's empty coffin.

A story of "two sisters--Miranda, the older, responsible one, always her younger sister's protector, [and] Lucia, the headstrong, unpredictable one, whose impulses are huge and often life changing. When their mother dies and Lucia starts hearing voices, it is Miranda who must find a way to reach her sister. But Lucia impetuously plows ahead, marrying a big-hearted, older man only to leave him suddenly to have a baby with a young Latino immigrant. She moves her new family from the States to Ecuador and back again, but the bitter constant is that she is, in fact, mentally ill"--

An NPR Great Read: This novel about bipolar disorder and one man's journey through the world is a "convincing portrait of mental illness" (Entertainment Weekly). This tour-de-force novel takes us inside the restless mind, ravaged heart, and anguished soul of Greyson Todd—a successful Hollywood studio executive who leaves his wife and young daughter for a decade to travel the globe, finally giving free rein to the bipolar disorder he's been forced to keep hidden for almost twenty years. The story intricately weaves together three timelines—Greyson's wanderings to Rome, to Israel, to Santiago, to Thailand, to Uganda; the progressive unraveling of his own father as seen through Greyson's childhood memories; and the intricacies and estrangements of his marriage—all of which unfolds in a narrative spanning twelve thirty-second electroshock treatments in a New York psychiatric ward.

Provides checklists for teachers to assess children with sensory processing problems, along with actions and activities to integrate them into the classroom and stimulate learning.

The Sensory Team Handbook is the first book on sensory processing written for pre-teens and young teens. Upbeat, humorous, and hands-on, each chapter is stuffed with comics, cartoons, diagrams, quizzes, trivia, and question-answer sections. The Handbook compares the senses to a sports team that needs a coach and then shows the reader how to coach that team. This sensory team approach turns therapy into something kids can do by and for themselves. Entirely jargon-free, and written in simple, everyday language, The Sensory Team Handbook inspires kids and teens to take charge of their own sensory issues.

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