



## Reader Discussion Guide

1. How does the media portray people with ASD? Do you think these portrayals are accurate?
2. How does Michael use wordplay for humor?
3. In Part One, Michael describes how being diagnosed as autistic changed his life, even though he didn't realize it at the time. Can you think of a life-changing moment or experience that you've had? How did this experience change you?
4. Michael chooses to write about autism in a memoir— through his own personal story— rather than in an essay, reference manual, or self-help book. Why do you think he made this choice? What do you think are some of the benefits or drawbacks to writing memoir versus other forms of non-fiction?
5. Michael tells several stories about moments or events where he has learned something about himself. Which story had the strongest impact on you, and why?

Discussion questions adapted from the educator's guide written by Antonia Banyard, with assistance from Autism Ontario and Amanda Millette, ASD self-advocate

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