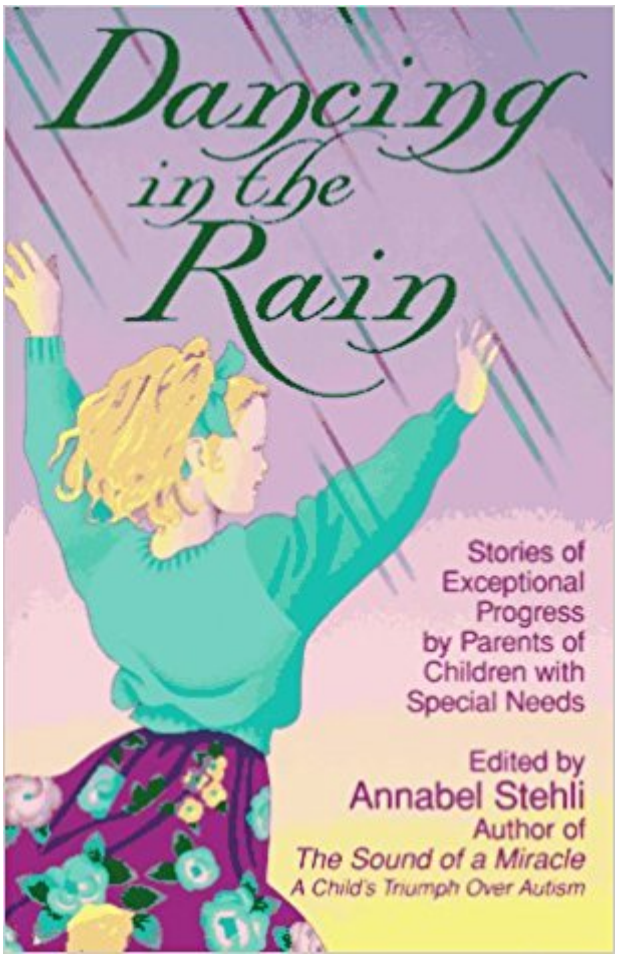
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Dancing In The Rain: Stories Of Exceptional Progress By Parents Of Children With Special Needs



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Synopsis

Dancing in the Rain is a guide to the world of learning disbilities, developmental delay and autism. An inspiring and riveting selection of stories, they are written with candor and intelligence by the parents of children with special needs and edited by Annabel Stehli, author of The Sound of a Miracle (Avon). Focusing on attention deficit disorder, dyslexia, hyperlexia, pervasive developmental delay, communication delay, central auditory processing disorder, fetal alcohol syndrome and autism, here are strategies that worked in twenty-two cases. How I wish a book like this had been available when my daughter was first diagnosed. It would have made all the difference, says Annabel Stehli. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I am the mother who wrote the essay "James," and although it is full of my untutored, unprofessional opinions, I have been contacted by mothers from all over the world who seek my advice. The

reviewer from Britain can take the same tired, old stance that we shouldn't try everything that comes around because some of it might not work, but if we didn't try everything, then our child may have missed out on something that is later scientifically proven to work. In the world of autism, furthermore, a parent is told that the situation is essentially hopeless. (At least, that is what my generation was told.) "Listen to us," the traditional experts command, then they say, "Oh by the way, your child's condi- tion is hopeless, and we have nothing to offer but manage- ment." Given that they have nothing to offer, why listen to them? James is now 12 and the coauthor of his own book--THE SELF-HELP GUIDE FOR SPECIAL KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS. It is my believe that none of his achievements in speaking and writing would have been possible without AIT.

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