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### Editorial Review

#### From the Back Cover

*For courses in Autism Spectrum Disorders including: Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders, Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Characteristics of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.*

***This text provides comprehensive coverage of characteristics and strategies for students on the autism spectrum, including real-world examples, and a strong focus on research-based practice.***

This textbook responds to the increasing numbers of students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) in today's schools, and the requirement that teachers use research-based strategies to teach them. Written in an easy-to-follow format, the text provides a comprehensive picture of what autism spectrum disorders are, how they are identified, and how to treat them. It provides specific information on diagnostic features, learning, behavioral, cognitive, and sensory characteristics, and etiology. In addition, the text presents information on evidence-based practices for instruction of learners with autism spectrum disorders, including social skills, communication, and academics. A chapter on Evidence-Based Practices provides a model for determining appropriate, individualized practices for students on the autism spectrum, while chapters on assessment and planning, and environmental planning, provide information to support teachers as they develop programs and learning environments for their students with ASD. Chapters on technology and transition provide additional information for teachers of students with autism, while a chapter on working with families is provided to enhance professionals' understanding of the impact autism has on the family. Thirteen chapters in all provide both a broad overview as well as a comprehensive depth of information for teachers or future teachers of learners with autism spectrum disorders. Faculty will find that the Diversity Boxes, Trends and Issues Boxes, and Research Boxes enhance their instruction and provide more in-depth information for their students. Chapter objectives, summary questions, and Internet resources are also provided in each chapter to enhance instruction.

A **Case Study** profiling a student with an Autism Spectrum Disorder or their family is found at the beginning of every chapter. These **real-life stories** will provide **authentic examples** to which to **tie key concepts and content**. (See a Case Study example, *Matt and Shannon*, Chapter 4).

**Internet Resources are provided at the end of each chapter** to support the content and to provide additional information for readers that may be **helpful for further study or discussion about key topics**.

#### About the Author

**Dr. Amanda Boutot** is a Board Certified Behavior Analysis (BCBA) and the Graduate Coordinator for Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis at Texas State University. Her publications include *Autism Encyclopedia: The Complete Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorders* (with Matt Tincani; Prufrock Press, 2009) as well as several book chapters and peer-reviewed publications. **Dr. Brenda Smith**, a consultant with the Ziggurat Group and the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders and Chief Program Officer for the Autism Society of America, is the recipient of the 2004 Autism Society of America's Outstanding Professional Award and the 2006 Princeton Fellowship Award. Brenda has made over 500 presentations all over the world, written more than 150 articles and books on autism and Asperger Syndrome, and served as the co-chair of the National ASD Teacher Standards Committee. She was on the National Institute of Mental Health's Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee's Strategic Planning Consortium and the Autism Society of America's Panel of Professional Advisors. In addition, she was recently acknowledged as the second most productive applied researcher in ASD in the world from 1997 to

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