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For Asperkids, home is both their protected lair and their launch pad into success in a neurotypical world. Jennifer O'Toole provides parents with all the help they need in planning their home environment to encourage their Asperkid superheroes to soar.

The Asperkid's Launch Pad is a visually-led guide to preparing a home environment that supports the development of children with Asperger syndrome. From a bedroom light switch that the child can easily reach, to a tucked-away safe place that he or she can retreat to when feeling overwhelmed or anxious, small changes in the home can boost the child's self-confidence, independence, comfort and life skills. Award-winning author Jennifer O'Toole gives readers a walk-through tour of the home, showing, room by room, how physical surroundings affect Asperkids and highlighting the learning opportunities in every space and object.

Beautifully presented with color photographs throughout, this functional and fun book will win a place in the homes and hearts of all parents of children with Asperger syndrome.

## **The Asperkid's Launch Pad: Home Design to Empower Everyday Superheroes Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Asperkid's Launch Pad: Home Design to Empower Everyday Superheroes for online ebook**

### **Jeanette says**

Easy and light read about making your home more organized and functional for children with asperger's syndrome. Alot is common sense. Reminds me very much of the Montessori method. I did come out with a few ideas that I will incorporate. Look forward to reading her other books like this.

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### **Cindy says**

I won this on a Goodreads give away and as a mother of an aspergers kid it looked interesting to me. It is a beautiful book with wonderful color pictures. However, I didn't feel that the content was anything new. The author lives in a house full of Aspies and I can understand why she would need to incorporate the techniques she choose. However, there is a wide range of characteristics and behaviors that are found on the Asperger spectrum and what works for one kid may not work for another. Also, to focus the design of the house for one member of the family seems like focusing too much on the disability. While I applaud the author for finding something that works for her family, her book was less than informative and helpful to my family. But it may be helpful to others.

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### **Loreen says**

I'm really having a tough time rating this book. Some of the recommendations are nothing new, yet others are great. The final chapter and appendices were fantastic .

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### **Meredith Baldwin says**

This book was a wonderful source of information to help make my home a lower stress environment for my Asperkids. I took her idea to model chores for my four kids, and you know what? She was totally right!!! Once I modeled the chore for them, rather than just tell them how, they were all able to complete the various tasks.

ALL the information might not work for each family but there are plenty of ideas to choose from to work for a family.

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### **DJ Harris says**

***The Asperkid's Launch Pad:  
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by Jennifer Cook O'Toole

**Jennifer Cook O'Toole** has proven herself to be the *Martha Stewart* of the Asperkid world!

With this visually-led guide it is simple to prepare any home environment to support the development of children with Asperger syndrome. I wish I had this book years ago! For a very long time it was suspected my oldest son suffered from Asperger syndrome, and at that time there was no information or resources on the disorder. After a ton of testing, medication trials, and hospital stays we learned my son suffered from a different illness. Still, I have a soft spot for the families who live with the challenges Asperger syndrome presents every day.

One thing I really like about ***The Asperkid's Launch Pad*** is that it includes great ideas good for kids with and without disabilities. My youngest has **learning disabilities** and a few of the suggestions in the book are perfect for him.

The author *left no stone unturned* within these pages; from a bedroom light switch that the child can easily reach, to a tucked-away safe place that he or she can retreat to when feeling overwhelmed or anxious, small changes in the home can boost the child's self-confidence, independence, comfort and life skills.

The reader is transported as he/she follows the author, **Jennifer O'Toole**, on a walk-through tour of her home. She shows room by room how physical surroundings affect Asperkids and highlights the learning opportunities in every space and object. It's truly eye opening!

The book itself is beautiful. Hardcover binding with vivid color photographs throughout.

Heartfelt **thanks** to both the author, **Jennifer Cook O'Toole**, and Goodreads *First Reads* program for sending me a complimentary copy of ***The Asperkid's Launch Pad: Home Design to Empower Everyday Superheroes***.

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this book!

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Review provided by DJ Harris (aka DJ6ual):

**Becca Moser says**

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So many practical tips from a woman who knows personally how to make a home work for Asperkids. I will be incorporating many of her ideas into my home's organization.

### **Vivian says**

This is by far the best "parenting" book I've come across in a long while, perhaps ever. And I've been reading "parenting" books by the bushel for some thirty years now. So, what sets this one apart?

It is inviting, not the least bit daunting, and filled with practical advice, ideas, and encouragement for any parent of any child. I plan on getting a copy into the hands of all my children who are now raising my grandchildren.

The author was diagnosed with Asperger syndrome in adulthood and is the mother of three young "Asperkids". She has founded Asperkids LLC., a multi-media social education company, and is an international speaker of "Aspie" issues. She previously worked as a social worker, and a teacher in both special needs and mainstream education. Read more here: <http://asperkids.com/>. Follow her on pinterest here: <https://www.pinterest.com/Asperkids/>. See her in this youtube link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BElam... .](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BElam...)

Her parenting approach has been influenced by Montessori methods. This is good.

There are so many passages in the book that I'd love to capture here in this review, but then it would be ridiculously long and might lose some "oomph" in the "sound bites".

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### **Carrie Dalby says**

Great reference and insight.

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### **Sara says**

This is a beautiful book. Highly practical, rich with photos that are worth 1000 words. This is an excellent resource not just for the families of aspies but any family who wants to have a very Montessori or sensory type home for their young learners.

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