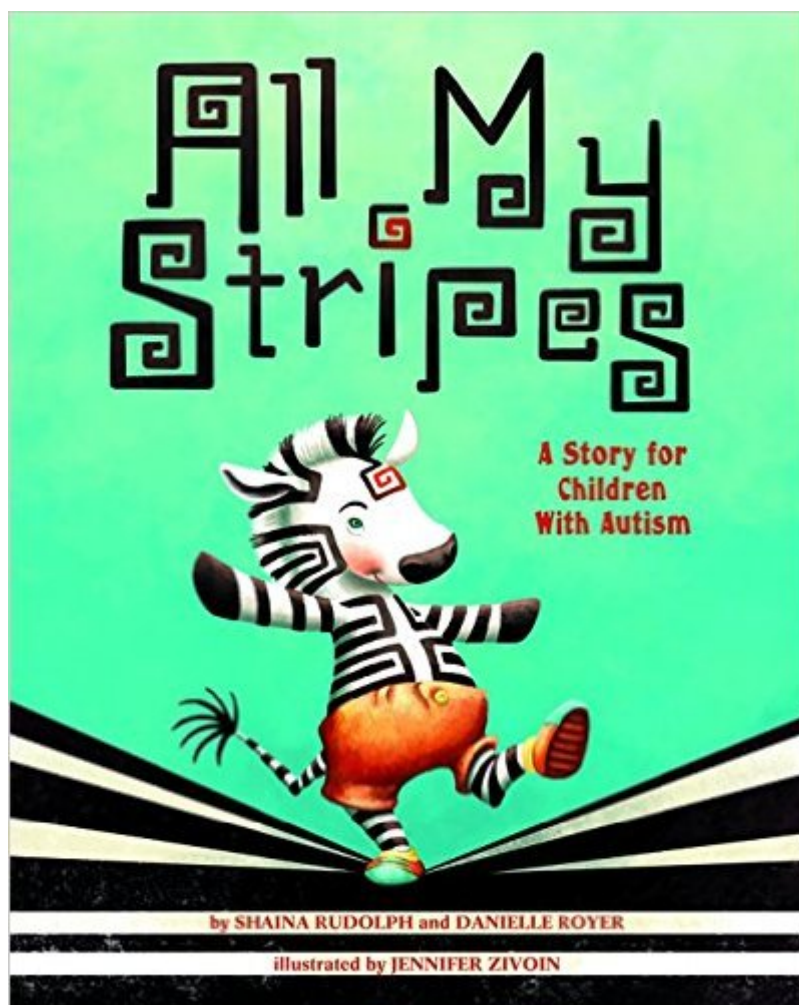


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# All My Stripes: A Story For Children With Autism



## Synopsis

This is the story of Zane, a zebra with autism, who worries that his differences make him stand out from his peers. With careful guidance from his mother, Zane learns that autism is only one of many qualities that make him special. Contains a Note to Parents by Drew Coman, PhD, and Ellen Braaten, PhD, as well as a Foreword by Alison Singer, President of the Autism Science Foundation.

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This book tries to provide an important message about differences, and is full of helpful information as well. My concern is that one of the examples of how zebra is different has to do with a fire alarm and his sensory processing challenges. It explains that he was so scared when he heard the alarm that he hid under his desk and screamed WHILE THE CLASS LEFT HIM!!! He was scared until he was FOUND by the firefighters! This is a disappointing example and I would NOT even read that part of the book to my child as it teaches children THE ABSOLUTE WORST THING TO DO in an emergency! It also plants the idea that the child could be left behind by teachers and classmates!! I feel there would be much more effective examples to use that would not instill additional fears in a child, especially in an already anxiety-producing event such as a fire drill. A noisy lunchroom, music class, afternoon announcements over a loudspeaker, etc... would have helped to illustrate the same concept without the added drama of being left behind in an emergency.

As an "autism mama" - I am thrilled to see a children's book that depicts such a "spot on" snapshot of a day in the life of a child with autism. The illustrations are exquisite and the story is so heartwarming. I'm excited to see what other adventures are in store for Zane the Zebra.

**SUMMARY:** Zane the Zebra doesn't do things in the same way as other children in school. Others paint with their hooves, he uses a paintbrush. Instead of studying a planet, he creates his own. He feels different from the other children and asks his mother, "How come all anyone sees is my autism stripe?" Then his mother tells him about all his other good stripes she sees. Then Zane is able to love himself again.**ILLUSTRATIONS:** The illustrations are very colorful, nicely detailed, and frankly just plain beautiful. Children will love their creativeness and uniqueness.**REVIEW:** I loved this extremely creative and unique story using beautiful zebra stripes to describe personality traits. It depicts some autism traits in a gentle manner. I love how mama zebra wraps her love around Zane and makes him feel so good about himself. There is a guide at the back regarding autism.**AGE RECOMMENDATION:** Ages 4-8

Such an important (and fun) book not just for children with autism, but also importantly for the friends and family members of autistic kids. And the colorful illustrations are like images from a classic animated movie!

I highly recommend this fascinating book. Even if you do not directly have someone on the autism spectrum in your life, this can help anyone better understand and empathize. The individuals with autism and the people in their lives all need appreciation and support. The book is interesting, meaningful, touching, and inspiring. The story featured an adorable little anthropomorphic zebra whom I would love to see again.

LOVE this story, so does child who it was gotten for. In a simple, short story- it touches on so many different issues, gently. Super well done, beautifully written. The illustrations are just gorgeous!!! This book would be great for kids with ASD, their families, and teachers.

Really sweet story that is both excellent within the scope it's written and beyond. A wonderful story that will touch you as a Mom helps her child see more than the limitation of his condition and helps him to accept the gifts also inherit in it.

This book is awesome! It helped my daughter to be proud of who she is. She was showing everyone her "autism book" and calls her stuffed zebra her autistic zebra now. She never wanted to talk about her autism before and the few times she did, she expressed that she thought it made her bad. After this book she seemed so proud of all she is including autistic. She has really curly hair and was labeling each of them with a different personality trait after reading it the first time. I would highly recommend this book! Her brothers love it as well and it had helped them to understand her.

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