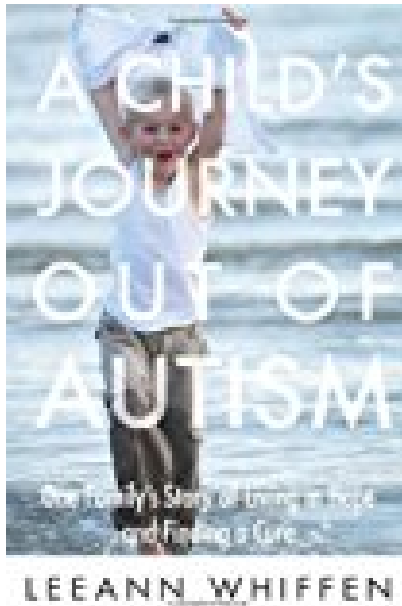


# A Child's Journey Out of Autism One Family's Story of Living in Hope and Finding a Cure

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## BOOK DETAILS

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## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Told with the intensity of a medical thriller, the extraordinary story of how Clay Whiffen and his family conquered autism. "Leeann Whiffens fight for her son is a poignant, intimate story of perseverance and love - a reminder to all of us that a mother is the greatest ally a child with autism will ever have. A Childs Journey out of Autism shines a heartfelt light on a future of healing and hope." Jenny McCarthy, author of *Mother Warriors* and *Louder than Words* The therapy costs \$30,000. Wed be mortgaging our lives and our savings on something were not even sure could help our son. But the clock is ticking: the longer we wait, the harder it will be to pull him out of this shell. How are we going to afford it? How can we not afford it? When Clay Whiffen was diagnosed on the autism spectrum, his parents didnt know where to turn. They refused to believe that he could not be cured, and began to try every therapy they could afford - and many they couldnt. In this extraordinary story of one familys struggle with autism, Leeann Whiffen gives voice to the fear of losing a child and the fight to reclaim him, exploring what treatments eased her son Clays symptoms, where the Whiffens found support, and how the family conquered one of the toughest challenges a child can face. With a foreword by autism specialist Dr. Bryan Jepson, *A Childs Journey out of Autism* spells out what treatments worked, where the family found help, and how they made it through this crushing crisis. In a time of despair and confusion - when another child is diagnosed with autism every 20 minutes - this is a profound, proven message of hope for anyone whose life is touched by the disorder. PRAISE FOR A CHILDS JOURNEY OUT OF AUTISM "I have heard so many stories like Clays that I thought I could no longer be moved by them; I was wrong. This is an important book to read if your family has not been touched by autism, because its important to understand the disorder that has affected so many all over the world. If someone you love is on the autism spectrum, read it because it will allow you to see that autism is treatable. While not all children make a complete recovery, improvements in their quality of life are possible at any age. I strongly recommend this moving and intelligent book." Jane Johnson, Executive Director, Defeat Autism Now! "This uplifting and positive book gives parents of newly-diagnosed children hope for the future. There is no easy fix or magic bullet for recovering a child from autism, but as Leeann so skillfully shows us, with perseverance and determination, the possibilities and rewards are endless. Thank you, Leeann, for sharing your story and empowering parents to make that journey to rediscover their child." Chantal Sicile-Kira, author of *Autism Life Skills*, *Adolescents on the Autism Spectrum*, and *Autism Spectrum Disorders*. "Leeann Whiffen takes the reader onto the rollercoaster ride that is autism from the first chapter to the last. *A Childs Journey Out of Autism* is field guide on how an average family can grow in love as they take on autism, refusing to accept the mainstream doom and gloom pronouncement that there is no hope or treatment. This is an important, really powerful book. If you know a child with autism, read this book for them." Kim Stagliano, Managing Editor, *Age of Autism*, and mother of three girls with autism "The journey from diagnosis to recovery is filled with obstacles and setbacks. The financial and emotional burdens families endure are heartbreaking. Yet, like the Whiffen family demonstrates, there is power in hope and determination. Parents like Leeann and Sean demonstrate that autism doesnt have to be a lifelong struggle... With effective treatments, a supportive network, and unwavering parents, recovery is indeed possible... Leeanns determination, drive, and hope are inspirational. Her story is unique, yet it mirrors what so many families encounter, the stress of inadequate funding options, the frustration of misdiagnosis, the confusion associated with learning about the best treatments. Her ability to tell her story with heart mixed with concrete information will no doubt help many families." Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA, founder and executive director, The Center for Autism & Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD) "The Autism club is not one that we choose to join. Sadly, many of us are welcomed to this club by medical professionals who offer little hope for our children. But as the Whiffen family and thousands of others have discovered, our children can get better and in many cases, even recover from Autism. In *A Childs Journey out of Autism*, Leeann Whiffen welcomes us to the club with the gift of hope. This book is a must-read for parents with a newly diagnosed child with autism." Wendy Fournier, president, National Autism Association

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