

The book was found

The Siege: A Family's Journey Into The World Of An Autistic Child



THE SIEGE

A Family's Journey into the World
of an Autistic Child

Clara Claiborne Park

Author of *Exiting Nirvana*

"Beautiful and intelligent... One of the first
personal accounts of autism, and still the best."

—Oliver Sacks, *An Anthropologist on Mars*



Synopsis

This classic work tells the tale of how a devoted mother accomplished miracles in fostering the intellectual, social and emotional development of her autistic daughter.

Book Information

Paperback: 352 pages

Publisher: Back Bay Books; Reissue edition (June 30, 1982)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0316690694

ISBN-13: 978-0316690690

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.8 x 8.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.3 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 starsÂ See all reviewsÂ (23 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #487,425 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #57 inÂ Books > Parenting & Relationships > Family Health #245 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Specific Demographics > Disabled #1366 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Public Affairs & Policy > Social Services & Welfare

Customer Reviews

In 1957 when Jessy Park was born (called "Elly" in this book, but later identified by her mother in the sequel "Exiting Nirvana"), very little was known about autism. Elly/Jessy presented behavior that Kanner described more than a decade earlier (1943) when he first coined the term "autism." Elly/Jessy was largely nonverbal for much of her childhood and had difficulty connecting names to people. She loved mathematics and could do complex equations and recognized many polygons. She developed a fascination for counting that has since stayed with her. In 1961, Elly/Jessy then nearly 4 was formally diagnosed with autism. She was enrolled in special needs programs and made progress. She also as is noted in "Exiting Nirvana" proved to be a very talented artist. This is an excellent book that chronicles in minute detail autistic behavior and a family's love and acceptance. Elly/Jessy's three older siblings love her unconditionally as do their parents. Theirs is an intellectual family whose literary pursuits are quite evident throughout this account. It is one of the best early personal accounts of autism in a family. What makes this book unique is that when it was published, it rightfully challenged the parent blaming routine that was the order of the day. Elly/Jessy had three neurotypical (NT) siblings which automatically flies in the face of the disproven and completely asinine parent blaming. At no time was she neglected. She was loved, nurtured,

encouraged and accepted. Her special interests in counting and polygons are recognized as an asset, an ability. Fortunately, she is not charged with "perseverating," a harmful and damning word that has caused more harm than it ever helped.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Siege: A Family's Journey Into the World of an Autistic Child The World of the Autistic Child : Understanding and Treating Autistic Spectrum Disorders Dark Siege: A Connecticut Family's Nightmare (Dark Siege Series Book 1) Parenting Your Complex Child: Become a Powerful Advocate for the Autistic, Down Syndrome, PDD, Bipolar, or Other Special-Needs Child The Jumbled Jigsaw: An Insider's Approach to the Treatment of Autistic Spectrum 'Fruit Salads' The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum Into the Woods: A Five-Act Journey Into Story Essays That Will Get You into Medical School (Essays That Will Get You Into...Series) [Second Edition] (Barron's Essays That Will Get You Into Medical School) Upside Down: How the Left Turned Right into Wrong, Truth into Lies, and Good into Bad Empires of the Sea: The Siege of Malta, the Battle of Lepanto, and the Contest for the Center of the World The Tiger's Child: The Story of a Gifted, Troubled Child and the Teacher Who Refused to Give Up On (One Child) Child Discipline Made Easy: Effective Strategies Proven to Change Your Child's Behavior While Maintaining A Healthy Relationship (Child discipline, toddler discipline, parenting) LEE CHILD: SERIES READING ORDER: MY READING CHECKLIST: JACK REACHER SERIES, JACK REACHER SHORT STORIES, HAROLD MIDDLETON SERIES, SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS BY LEE CHILD, LEE CHILD ANTHOLOGIES My Child Won't Sleep Through the Night: 5 No-Cry Solutions to Solve Your Child's Sleep Issues (Baby Sleep Solutions, Toddler Sleep Problems, Child Sleep Solutions, No-Cry Sleep Solution) Elijah's Cup: A Family's Journey into the Community and Culture of High-Functioning Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Annie's Ghosts: A Journey Into a Family Secret The Siege of Magdala: The British Empire Against the Emperor of Ethiopia The Siege of Fort Beauséjour, 1755 (New Brunswick Military Heritage Series) Louisbourg 1758: Wolfe's first siege (Campaign) The Siege of Fort William Henry: A Year on the Northeastern Frontier

[Dmca](#)