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"This excellent, important book gives the reader a deep understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of children and adolescents with HFASD, fostering appreciation of their complex needs. It is clear from Bauminger-Zviely's writing that she has extensive experience with this population. This book should be recommended to special educators, clinicians, students, and scholars to help them understand more fully the theoretical, clinical, and practical aspects that will eventually lead to a better life for these young people."-- Cheryl Dissanayake, PhD, Director, Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre, La Trobe University, Australia

"A 'must read' for researchers and practitioners. Bauminger-Zviely provides needed insight into the social, emotional, and academic functioning of children with HFASD, as well as the components of effective interventions. Among the array of books on ASD, this one stands out as an essential and practical guide."-- Connie Kasari, PhD, Center for Autism Research and Treatment, Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, University of California, Los Angeles

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