

Possible Talking Points and Questions about Autism

1. *Why did you write this book?*
2. *What did Ryan's autism look like? When did you realize there was a problem?*
3. *Tell me about when Ryan was first diagnosed. What did the psychiatrist say?*
4. *Is there a cure for autism? Is Ryan cured?*
5. *What was the hardest thing about dealing with autism?*
6. *In the book you said that multiple interventions are needed to help kids recover? Why? And what interventions did you use?*
7. *Should parents tell other people their child has autism? Why or why not?*
8. *Why don't more doctors treat autism medically?*
9. *Knowing what you know now, what is the best piece of advice you would give to help a family dealing with autism?*
10. *Are there other books you recommend to parents to read?*
11. *How did Ryan's autism affect his sister, Megan? What did you do about that?*
12. *How did it affect your marriage and your relationship with your husband?*
13. *When did you know Ryan was going to be okay?*
14. *What do you wish you someone would have told you about autism when Ryan was first diagnosed?*
15. *What would you say to a parent who just received an autism diagnosis?*

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