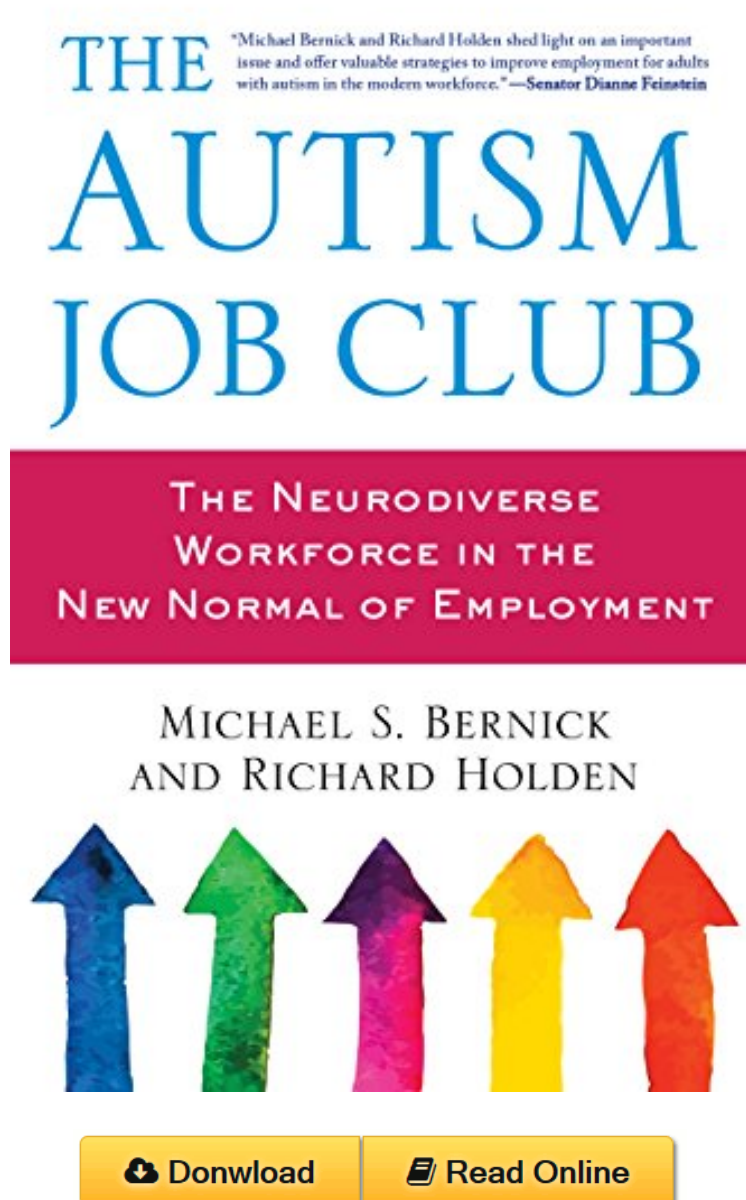


The Autism Job Club: The Neurodiverse Workforce in the New Normal of Employment

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Michael S. Bernick, Richard Holden : The Autism Job Club: The Neurodiverse Workforce in the New Normal of Employment before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Autism Job Club: The Neurodiverse Workforce in the New Normal of Employment:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Innovative, relevant, and empowering! By Ksenia Shadrina In this thoroughly researched work, Michael Bernick and Richard Holden join forces as advocates for the neurodiverse and apply their legal and labor economics expertise to offer holistic strategies for solving widespread unemployment

within the neurodiverse community. The authors poignantly highlight the paradox of dearth of sustainable employment opportunities within the neurodiverse community despite both, the heightened publicity that autism has been receiving and the existence of pertinent legal framework. The inclusion of a number of personal accounts bridges the gap between a social science work and an authentic and frank dialogue with the reader. It is my hope that this book reaches as wide of an audience as possible, so that the proposed collective employment strategies are implemented, and we all can benefit from integration of this valuable workforce into the ever-changing economic landscape.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A Fascinating and Valuable Must Read! By L. Sapnaro
The Autism Job Club: The Neurodiverse Workforce in the New Normal of Employment is a fascinating and compelling book. When I first began to read it, I couldn't put it down. I have also had the privilege of working with both authors at the California Employment Development Department many years ago, and Michael's personal, and both of their professional experience with this subject goes beyond measure. My mother also read the book and said that before she began reading it, she had always associated autism with very young children, never thinking about a challenging life journey where it could become incredibly difficult in so many ways, especially in the workplace, which is the focus of this book. She was moved to tears as to how this often cruel condition can impact the entire family. I would like to congratulate both Richard Holden and Michael Bernick on this fine endeavor.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful read - terrific insight and reference! By Milk and Cookies
I read this book with probably as much knowledge as the average person on Autism. I might know a bit more about other types of the Neurodiversity world, but the difficult and almost shameful process that a seemingly well educated person on the Autistic spectrum trying to find a meaningful career is very disheartening. It will break your heart at times how this must feel for the parent or person dealing with this issue. I don't agree with the two negative reviews. I'm not saying they are inaccurate, but I think this book is designed for the person coming at this issue for the first time. Michael does an amazing job breaking down each part of the issue. I also think you could string parts of this book through Google search (or Bing), but I don't think it would be the same experience. These guys also share their personal stories (and others') to help illustrate their points. Recently my wife has started to work with pre teens and 19 - 21 year olds who are on the spectrum and she came home and asked me "How are these people going to get a job after school?" - This book will give you the answers to those questions and much more on this very difficult topic. A while back there was a movie with Kevin Kline titled "Dave". In that movie a small time employment agency owner who happens to look like the current president of the United States. He is then brought into the world of the real presidency, and tries to help the employment woes. He delivers a soliloquy about jobs: "If you've ever seen the look on somebody's face the day they finally get a job, I've had some experience with this, they look like they could fly. And it's not about the paycheck, it's about respect, it's about looking in the mirror and knowing that you've done something valuable with your day. "I think this is the feeling we all have when we have a purpose. And this book is the primer for this process for the Autistic person (or supporter). It makes me want to get involved. It makes me want to help and be more concerned about this issue. Great job!

The Autism Job Club is a groundbreaking book for bringing adults with autism and other neuro-diverse conditions into the work world. The book has its basis in the autism job club that the authors have been part of in the San Francisco Bay Area, the job-creation and job-placement efforts the club has undertaken, and similar efforts throughout the United States. The authors review the high unemployment rates among adults with autism and other neuro-diverse conditions more than two decades after the ADA. National data on autism employment and unemployment with the individual employment searches of job club members. Bernick and Holden also outline and explain six strategies that, taken together, will reshape employment for adults with autism: *The art of the autism job coach. *The autism advantage in technology employment. *Autism employment and the internet economy. *Autism employment and the practical/craft economy. *Autism and extra-governmental job networks. *Autism and public service employment. The Autism Job Club will be a vital resource for adults with autism, their families, and advocates who are committed to neuro-diverse employment, not unemployment. But it will also speak to a far broader audience interested in how to carve out a place for themselves or others in an increasingly competitive job world.

"In this book, Michael Bernick and Richard Holden shed light on an important issue and offer valuable strategies to improve employment for adults with autism in the modern workforce. On a broader level, the book speaks to all audiences about the difficult task of finding a role in the increasingly competitive job world."--Senator Dianne Feinstein
"The Autism Job Club takes a frank look at the trends that are reshaping the nature of work, and rightly points out that neurodiverse individuals have an important role to play as we transition to this new world. The book recognizes and celebrates the value of gainful employment for all individuals, that each of us has a unique contribution to make."--Gavin Newsom, Lieutenant Governor of California
"[T]he autism community's move toward a better strategy for autism employment is just getting off the ground, and this book provides a road map to guide them forward. Those working in vocational rehabilitation fields and career professions and those supporting adults with autism will benefit from the information presented here."--Library Journal
"This book is rooted in the job

placement experiences of AASCEND, a group of adults with autism in the San Francisco Bay Area. It builds on these experiences to draw together the main autism employment initiatives throughout the United States in recent years, and point us to better employment strategies, individually and collectively."--Alex Plank, Founder, WrongPlanet autism community"

"The Autism Job Club is the most extensive informational book about adults on the autistic spectrum in the workforce today. This book is a must have for parents, professionals, and employers who are looking to provide employment opportunities. The six strategies in this book will reinvent future employment for adults on the autistic spectrum."--Alisa Wolf, Ed.D, Founder, Actors for Autism

"The Autism Job Club a (terrific) new book by Michael Bernick and Richard Holden, gives an extensive background of the autism/neurodiverse employment picture and shares strategies (they say six, I found more) to help people with autism and other neurological differences find employment."--Laura Shumaker, SFGate.com