

The Reason I Jump, by Naoki Higashida

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Naoki Higashida is a 24-year-old man with severe, largely non-verbal autism. Though he cannot hold a conversation, he uses an alphabet grid to build up sentences, which are taken down by a transcriber. By this method he produced his first book, *The Reason I Jump*, when he was only 13. Naoki gives a unique insight into the world of autistic adolescence. It also advances the notion that we too readily mistake communicative non-functionality for cognitive non-functionality in our approach to autism.

Other titles by this author:

- *Fall Down Seven Times, Get Up Eight*