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BOOK REVIEW

Isabelle Rapin

Why a mother’s saga about raising her daughter with autism in a professional journal? Because this is not the average biography of a significantly autistic child who ends up doing well: the author, Marisa’s mother, has a graduate degree in special education…..

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