



## Children with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

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Children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties (EBD) are far more likely to have communication problems than their peers. Exploring the ways in which children's language and emotional development are linked, Melanie Cross considers the reasons why behavioural and communication difficulties often occur together. Identifying the common causes of these problems and the reasons why they often go undetected, she provides practical guidelines for assessing communication skills and the complexities of identifying communication problems in children, including children in public care. She shows how improving children's communication can also improve their behaviour and that speech and language therapy is an important, although often absent, service for children with EBD. With a range of strategies to help children and young people to develop their emotional and communicative skills, this accessible guide is an invaluable resource for speech and language therapists, social workers, teachers and other health professionals working with young people with emotional, behavioural and communication problems.



## Contentious Issues

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Challenging prejudice, stereotyping and judgemental behaviour, this volume consists of 40 discussion stories which reflect society and the problems young people face today. Aimed at promoting discussion and awareness, the author challenges young people to consider events and the part they themselves play in life, thus producing more responsible and independently thinking young adults. In particular, children with Asperger Syndrome or high-functioning autism often have difficulty coming to grips with social situations, so that the stories in this volume should be especially useful for those working with such children. The stories are primarily intended for group work, although they can be used on a one-to-one basis, and since young people take more notice of what their peers say rather than adults, it aims to provide a useful forum for a multitude of opinions to be expressed. No previous knowledge of the topics is necessary and the book contains comprehensive guidance for professionals and parents.