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In a field where there are a variety of texts with a variety of apparent audiences, the ability of *Living without brakes* to blend these different perspectives and outcomes into one work will be most welcome by those seeking a definitive text on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)... A refreshing mix of academic rigour with ease of reading means that this text will appeal to both professional and lay readers; indeed, there is even a section designed specifically for children, to give them an understanding of their condition. (*Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties Journal*)

I recommend this book to anyone working with children in any capacity, so that if they come across a child with ADHD the disorder is recognised, and people may not be as quick to judge these children. I would also recommend the book to any parent whose child has ADHD. I can't praise Kutscher highly enough. (*Children and Young People Now*)

The purpose of the book is to give a clear and concise account of ADHD. It is a useful resource for parents of children with ADHD and aims to provide strategies, hope, encouragement and education, and it achieves its aims. Kutscher has brought together the best insights from several top books on ADHD and combined these with his own thoughts and experience to produce a 'brief, but not dumbed down' realistic and optimistic approach to living and working with children with ADHD. The book's strength lies in the way the information is presented: anecdotes, bullets and cartoon-type images result in clear, easy-to-retain information. Another strength is the emphasis placed on valuing the positive aspects of living with a child with ADHD - this was motivating and encouraging. (*Counselling Children and Young People*)

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'Parenting a child with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is demanding, and there are many misconceptions about the diagnosis. But there is help as we learn more about the different facets of ADHD. For clarity, advice, and a healthy dose of optimism, we turned to Martin Kutscher, M.D., a paediatric neurologist and the author of the book ADHD: Living Without Brakes. His best advice: Stay positive'.
(Scholastic Parent & Child)

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Living with a child who can't control movements or thoughts or emotions can leave parents feeling pretty out of control, too. We may feel that negotiating with kids weakens us, and that providing a safety net weakens them, but without those things days can devolve into cycles of fighting and failure. Maybe the most important thing about ADHD: Living without Brakes is that it gives parents permission to give kids with ADHD - the sort of support and stress relief they need to function successfully. These children require a departure from the standard techniques of firm discipline and learning from mistakes, and if you've been fighting that bad fight without success, it's a relief to know there are other approaches. Many of the ones included in this zippy little book come from other longer and less zippy works, making it a great introduction to a lot of text you will want to examine in more detail. This is sort of the attention-deficit version of an ADHD help book, highlighted by cartoon illustrations and "quizzes" that summarize the chapter in a way that makes it very clear with answers are right and wrong. And if the first 130 pages are still too much for you to wade through? The last thirty-five summarize the whole book in an even briefer package. That little bit may be perfect for passing on to teachers or family members who are really never going to read those books you recommend. Particularly if they have a negative view of your child's behaviour or your way of handling it, the positive attitude and simplified explanations here may turn their attention to a more

productive path. (About.com)

From the Publisher

"Every client who has read this book has absolutely raved about it. The work provides the reader with a rare opportunity for a direct, clear, and highly useful explanation of the complex tangle of neurological impairments. The book's remarkable synthesis of state-of-the-art information provides the reader with a flexible selection of highly effective, evidence-based interventions to address the problems that accompany children with atypical neurological profiles. ADHD: Living without Brakes is simply sensational."

--John Schureman, PhD, Psychologist; CHADD national membership committee

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