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**“Drawing Autism” Celebrates Artistry & Self-Expression of Individuals with Autism**  
*Drawings, paintings and collages by children & adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder  
comprise this inspiring art collection*

New York, NY – October 29, 2009 – Over the last decade autism has become an international topic of conversation. Knowing no racial, ethnic or social barriers, today autism is diagnosed in 1 in every 150 children. *Drawing Autism* (<http://markbattypublisher.com/books/drawing-autism/>), the newest book from Mark Batty Publisher, celebrates the artistry and self-expression found in the drawings, paintings and collages created by individuals diagnosed with autism. The work of over 50 international contributors exhibits unique perspectives on how these individuals see the world and their places in it.

Author Jill Mullin, a behavior analyst and educator, has assembled a staggering array of work and interviews from established artists like Gregory Blackstock, Jessica Park and Ping Lian Yeak to those who use art as a means of therapy and communication. From acute self-awareness to non-verbal, these artists and their creations comprise a fascinating and compelling book that makes visual how autism manifests differently in every diagnosis.

Mullin’s introduction and the foreword by best-selling author Temple Grandin provide an overview of autism and advocate for nurturing the talents, artistic and otherwise, of autistic individuals.

A portion of the proceeds from *Drawing Autism* will be donated to a selection of agencies that support art and autism.

“The artists in this book come from all over the world and have had very different experiences, with one common theme: many of the artists thrive off the encouragement they have received from their family and friends,” says Mullin. “Art has helped many of these individuals gain confidence that has helped to increase their enjoyment of life. I wanted to make sure that when possible the artists expressed their thoughts about their work and their lives on their own terms, in their own voices.”

About Jill Mullin

Jill Mullin is a behavior analyst and educator. Currently, Mullin works at the New York Center for Infants and Toddlers as a clinical supervisor, training teachers and social workers to use applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy while working with individuals diagnosed with autism and their families.

Mullin has a BA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, a MA in Psychology from the University of the Pacific and a MEd from Touro College. She is also a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).

About Mark Batty Publisher

Mark Batty Publisher (<http://www.markbattypublisher.com>) is an independent publisher dedicated to making distinctive books on the visual art of communicating, showcasing the visual power and innovation of contemporary culture in all of its varied poses. Today, the visual comes at us from more places than ever, and its dissemination is faster and more advanced every year. Books from Mark Batty Publisher capture this acceleration on the pages of every book. Affordable, well designed, thoughtfully created, and produced to last, MBP books are artful products that readers want to hold onto forever.

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By Jill Mullin

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