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He is author of *Mindblindness* (MIT Press, 1995), *The Essential Difference: Men, Women and the Extreme Male Brain* (Penguin UK/Basic Books, 2003), and *Prenatal Testosterone in Mind* (MIT Press, 2005). He has edited a number of scholarly anthologies, including *Understanding Other Minds* (OUP, 1993, 2001), *The Maladapted Mind* (Erlbaum, 1997) and *Synaesthesia* (Blackwells, 1997). He has also written books for parents and teachers such as *Autism: The Facts* (OUP, 1993), *Tourette Syndrome: The Facts* (OUP, 1998), and *Teaching children with autism to mind read* (Wiley, 1998). He is author of the DVD-ROM *Mind Reading: an interactive guide to emotions* (Jessica Kingsley Ltd, 2003) that was nominated for a BAFTA award for Best Off-Line Learning.

He has been awarded prizes from the American Psychological Association, the British Association for the Advancement of Science (BA), and the British Psychological Society (BPS) for his research into autism. For 2007 he is President of the Psychology Section of the BA, Vice President of the National Autistic Society, and received the 2006 Presidents' Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychological Knowledge from the BPS. His current research is testing the 'extreme male brain' theory of autism at the neural, endocrine and genetic levels.

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