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**Maria Wheeler** - *A Treasure Chest of Behavioral Solutions and Toilet Training for Individuals with Autism or Other Developmental Issues.* Maria has spent more than 20 years in the fields of psychology and special education with an emphasis on neurobehavioral disorders, applied behavior analysis and specific learning disabilities.

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**Anita Lesko** was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at age fifty. A 1988 graduate of Columbia University in New York City with a master of science degree in nurse anesthesia, Anita has nearly three decades as a certified nurse anesthesiologist, specializing in anesthesia for neurosurgery.

Having been honored by the United Nations as a guest speaker for National Autism Day in 2017, Anita is an advocate for people with Asperger's Syndrome. She started a support group for people of all ages with Asperger's and their families and friends, which meets monthly. She is the Founder of the Flying High with Autism Foundation, as well as founder and CEO of Born With Asperger's—an educational and helpful site not only for people with Asperger's, but their families, employers, fellow employees, educators, neighbors, and anyone who might know someone with Asperger's. Her books include: *Asperger's Syndrome: When Life Hands you Lemons, Make Lemonade*, *The Blue Angel*, co-author of *Been There, Don't Try That, Try This! The Aspie Mentor Guide to Life on Earth*, a featured chapter in Dr. Temple Grandin's book *Different . . . Not Less*, and Lesko's latest book, *The Complete Guide to Autism and Healthcare: Advice for Medical Professionals and Those on the Autism Spectrum*.

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