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Gifted Children: A Guide for Parents and Professionals. Jessica Kingsley. 2006. c.272p. ed. by Kate Distin. index. ISBN 1-84310-439-3 [ISBN 978-1-84310-439-1]. pap. \$24.95. CHILD REARING Written by a group of volunteer counselors for the United Kingdom's National Association for Gifted Children (which closed last year), this work addresses the struggle parents face in trying to meet the social, emotional, and educational needs of their gifted children. The authors acknowledge the individuality of gifted children and their families while providing information and advice applicable to most. Sidebars ask questions that encourage parents to examine their own feelings and experiences and to explore the ways in which their child might be similar to and different from the descriptions provided in the section. Part 1 focuses on gifted children and their families in general; Part 2 considers the needs and challenges specific to various forms of giftedness (e.g., the linguistically or musically gifted child) and of gifted children with physical or mental disabilities, including Asperger's syndrome. Written clearly and concisely and meant for the educated layperson, this work includes an appendix of current professionals and services in Britain, the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Recommended for all public libraries.-Suzanne M. Stauffer, UCLA