

Book Review by: Jason

Jodi Picoult's *House Rules* follows Jacob Hunt, an 18-year-old young man with high-functioning autism. Though he lacks essential social and emotional skills, he has a brilliant mind, a photographic memory, and a deep passion for forensic science. After his quiet Vermont hometown is hit with a murder, his misunderstood behavior and interest in murder cases make him a prime suspect in the police's investigation into the crime. Now his single mother Emma, who has done nothing but care for and advocate for Jacob since his diagnosis, faces a greater challenge than ever to navigate Jacob and her younger son Theo through this nightmare.