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## Sam and Chester: How a Mischievous Pig Transformed the Life of My Autistic Son (Paperback)

By Jo Bailey-Merritt

Transworld Publishers Ltd, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English. Brand new Book. When Sam Bailey-Merritt was just two years old, almost overnight he lost the ability to communicate or function. His mother, Jo, was at a loss as to what to do as she saw her son grow increasingly isolated and begin to suffer from uncontrollable meltdowns. Eventually, Sam was diagnosed with autism. Sam's condition continued to worsen and, just when Jo had all but given up hope of being able to help him, the family went on a day trip to a nearby miniature pig farm. Sam immediately bonded with a tiny ginger piglet called Chester, who stood sad and alone, apart from the rest of the litter. The connection between the boy and the animal was immediate and their unusual friendship blossomed from the moment the family brought Chester home. The tiny pig refused to leave Sam's side - it was as if he knew that Sam needed a friend. And, for the first time in five years, Jo saw her son really laugh. While Sam's confidence grew, Chester grew in a different way: the micro pig that was supposed to become the size of a Cocker...

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