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This book covers all aspects of the search for suitable careers for individuals on the autism spectrum. --
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This book is a must-read, must-do for young adults and their transition partners from all walks of life. --
Roger N. Meyer, author, Asperger Syndrome Employment Workbook

This book is essential for anyone who cares for, teaches, employs or works with someone on the autism spectrum. -- *Sue Moreno, founder and president, Maap Services Inc.*

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