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Description : Description du produit A young girl has been murdered and the only witness is a child who cannot tell what he saw In the woods of a small town, Adam, a nine-year-old autistic boy, is discovered hiding near to the body of his classmate. They both wandered off from the school playground several hours earlier, and now the police are relying on Adam as the only witness to an appalling crime. But he cant tell the police what he sawor what he heard. Barely verbal on the best of days, Adam has retreated into a silent world that Cara, his mother, knows only too well. With her community in shock and her son unable to help with the police investigation, Cara tries to decode the puzzling events. Adam has never broken the rules before, so why did he disappear with the little girl during recess? As a single mother, Cara has devoted her life to opening paths of communication between her son and the outside world. Now, she must interpret the changes in Adams behavior not only to help him through the trauma, but to help the police catch a killer.

Cammie McGovern brings her own experience as the mother of an autistic child to articulate the struggles and the victories that consume the lives of parents raising children with special needs. A powerful story of the tangled emotional bond between mother and son, and a thrilling novel of psychological suspense, *Eye Contact* won't let you go. Lovers of *Mystic River* will be captivated by this fresh and fascinating journey into the world of a child in crisis and a mother who longs to bring him through unscathed.

For nine years Adam has been the centre of his mother, Cara's, world. And, she thinks, she has been the centre of his. Until the day he disappears. When he is found in the woods behind his school, beside the body of a little girl whom Cara has never heard of before, it feels as if her world has been torn apart. As Adam is locked into silence, unable to tell his mother what he has seen, Cara's desperation to understand her little boy becomes fiercer than ever. A heartrending, utterly unputdownable story of the tangled bond between mother and child, *Eye Contact* engages the heart and will not let it go. From Publishers Weekly
A parent's worst nightmare becomes a crusade for justice in McGovern's dynamite second novel (after 2002's *The Art of Seeing*), set in an unspecified middle-class suburban community. Shortly after Adam, a nine-year-old boy with autism spectrum disorder, and his friend Amelia, a 10-year-old diagnosed with PDD-NOS (pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified), disappear during recess from Greenwood elementary school, a traumatized Adam turns up next to Amelia's body in the nearby woods. Cara, Adam's 30-year-old single mom, helps the police unlock the clues in Adam's mind to try to identify Amelia's killer. Cara finds surprising assistance from 13-year-old Morgan, who's determined to solve the crime in order to distract authorities from his own guilty secret: accidentally starting a fire in the wetlands his lawyer/environmentalist mom was trying to protect. Meticulously researched and emotionally absorbing, this provocative page-turner also addresses an important issue: how to educate and care for children with special needs. Film rights optioned by Julia Roberts. (June) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From AudioFile
A child has been murdered, and the only witness won't talk. This is fairly common stuff in murder mysteries, but this witness is a boy locked up by autism. Adam's view of the world around him is interesting, and the plot itself is thought provoking since the reader hears about an assortment of people with communication challenges as the mystery untangles. Julia Fletcher offers a flawless reading that steps back to allow the listener to become absorbed in the story. Unobtrusive and clear, Adam's voice calmly sheds light on the difficulty of moving through a complicated world searching for one's strengths. L.B.F. AudioFile 2006, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine