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AUTHORS OPINION

As one of the lead contributors to this book, I believe the most important message we convey is that machine learning is not just a futuristic concept but an active, transformative reality in the field of autism research and care. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) presents immense challenges due to its diverse symptoms, delayed diagnosis, and reliance on subjective assessments. By integrating predictive models, we show how technology can help bridge the gap between traditional methods and modern approaches, leading to earlier detection and more personalized interventions. For me, writing this book was both an academic journey and a deeply personal reflection on how science can directly change lives. Every dataset, algorithm, and case study represents a possibility for children and families who struggle to find answers. What excites me most is the opportunity to move beyond "one-size-fits-all" approaches and toward individualized care that respects each person's uniqueness. At the same time, I recognize the responsibility that comes with such innovation; we must ensure ethical use, fairness, and inclusivity in data and applications. To me, this book is not only a guide for researchers and clinicians but also a call to action for building an inclusive, data-driven future where predictive intelligence truly enhances the quality of life for individuals with autism.

-Qazi Rubyya Mariam

For me, this book highlights the immense value of bringing data science and healthcare together. Throughout my academic journey, I have always been fascinated by the ability of algorithms to detect patterns invisible to the human eye. While working on this project, I was constantly reminded that behind every dataset are real people, children, families, and caregivers whose lives can be transformed through earlier diagnosis and better treatment planning. My perspective is that this book does not simply present technical concepts; it offers practical pathways for clinicians and students to apply machine learning in meaningful, life-changing ways. I am particularly proud that we discussed both the strengths and the limitations of these models, because acknowledging challenges makes the research more realistic. For me, the ultimate goal is simple: to make technology a reliable partner in autism care, reducing delays, minimizing uncertainty, and empowering families with data-driven solutions.

-Md Maruful Islam

When I reflect on my contribution to this book, I see it as a bridge between disciplines. Autism is a complex condition that cannot be understood through medicine alone. It requires cooperation among computer scientists, healthcare providers, psychologists, and ethicists. While writing, I was struck by how machine learning can provide not only new tools but also new perspectives, challenging us to rethink how we define and measure autism traits. In my opinion, the true strength of predictive models lies in their ability to integrate diverse data from genetics, neuroimaging, and behavioral observations into a comprehensive picture. This approach pushes us to break silos and work together. For me, the book stands as proof of what can be achieved when interdisciplinary

collaboration is prioritized, and I hope it inspires others to see autism research not as a single field but as a collective effort.

-Md Ariful Haque Arif

From my perspective, the writing of this book reinforced how important fairness and inclusivity are in technological development. Machine learning can be a powerful tool for autism diagnosis and support, but if the datasets are biased, the models will be biased too. During the process, I often reflected on how children from underrepresented groups, whether based on gender, ethnicity, or socio-economic status, might be overlooked if predictive models are not designed with diversity in mind. My contribution was guided by the belief that science must serve all people equally, and that technology should reduce, not widen, existing healthcare gaps. That is why this book gives equal weight to ethical issues as it does to technical ones. For me, the success of predictive models will be measured not only in accuracy rates but also in how fairly and compassionately they treat every individual.

-Abdullah Hill Hussain

To me, the greatest strength of this book lies in its practicality. As someone who values hands-on application, I found it rewarding that we went beyond theory and demonstrated how real-world data could be processed, modeled, and tested with different algorithms. Concepts like decision trees, random forests, and deep learning are explained not as abstract ideas but as tools that can directly improve autism care. While writing, I always kept in mind the students, young researchers, and clinicians who might use this book as a guide. My personal opinion is that knowledge must be actionable; otherwise, it risks staying confined to papers and conferences. That is why I see this book as both an academic contribution and a practical toolkit. I hope readers will not just learn the "what" of machine learning but also the "how," applying it to create real impact in autism diagnosis and treatment.

-S M Shah Raihena

In my opinion, the future of autism care is inseparable from predictive technologies. Working on this book gave me a chance to envision how big data, deep learning, and personalized medicine will reshape diagnosis and treatment in the years ahead. I am convinced that predictive models will allow us to move from late detection to proactive care, and from standardized therapy to individualized support. For me, the most exciting part is the long-term vision where predictive analytics not only helps in early childhood but also supports adults with autism in education, employment, and social inclusion. Writing this book made me realize that machine learning is not just about numbers or codes; it is about building systems that truly understand human diversity. I hope that this book becomes a foundation for the next generation of researchers and practitioners, inspiring them to use predictive modeling responsibly and creatively to redefine autism care.

-Munadil Rashaq

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