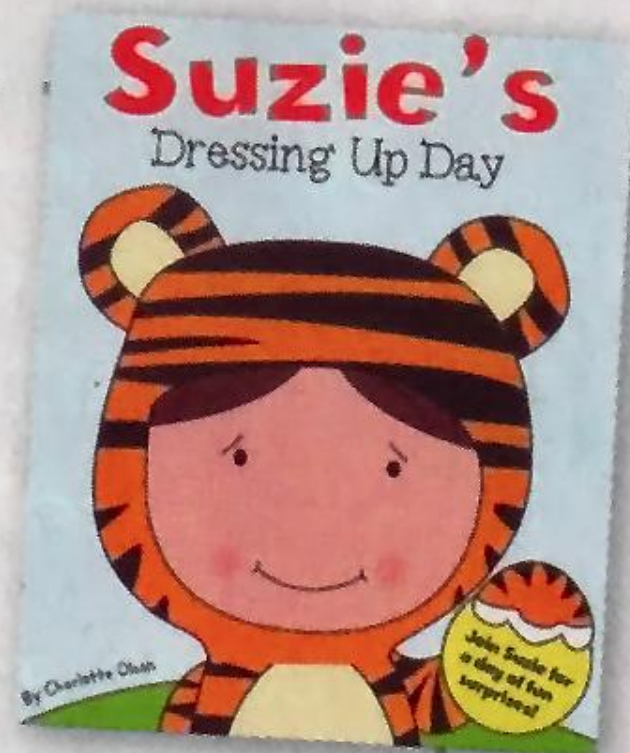


# Shock absorber

Bristol-based author Charlotte Olson devised the 'Suzie' series in response to her own experiences with her son, who has Asperger's. It is designed to give simple, uncluttered accounts of new situations that a child with this condition will encounter, and to prepare them for circumstances that commonly cause anxiety.

Suzie herself is a wonderful character whose stories aim to help young children deal with many of life's fundamental functions including using the big toilet, flying on an aeroplane and going to a funeral. 'Suzie's Dressing Up Day', for example, offers simply-drawn, unthreatening images, easily understood by its target readers. Suzie becomes different people including a princess and a builder. The text has a wonderful rhyming flow, easy to share with any child. And for those with Asperger's it should ease the shock of the new. **(MG/CR)**



**Suzie's Dressing Up Day** Charlotte Olson, £5.99, The Choir Press,  
[www.suziebooks.co.uk](http://www.suziebooks.co.uk)