Books/Materials about Temperament for Parents

These books are intended to be resources for parents and other caregivers who are dealing with a youngster who exhibits spirited or difficult temperament characteristics. In our experience most caregivers find them informative and helpful. These publications should be available at or through your local bookstore.

New paperback edition! Understanding your child's temperament. By William B. Carey, M.D., with Martha M. Jablow. New York. Macmillan: Simon & Schuster. 1997.

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