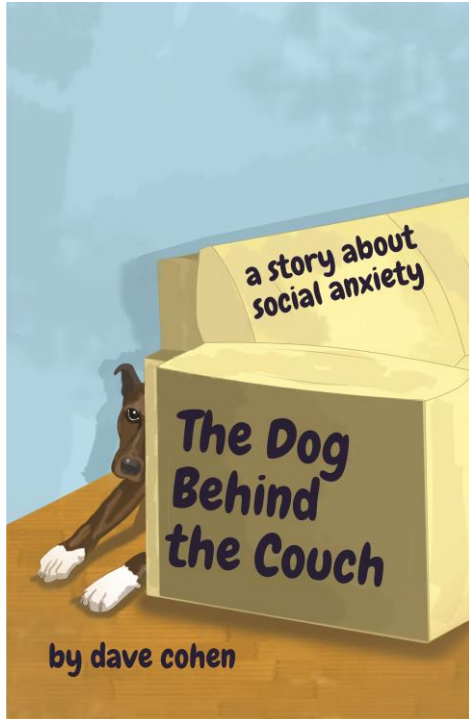


The Dog Behind the Couch (April 2024) by Dave Cohen
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Pace is an adopted rescue dog who struggles with social anxiety, spending most of his time hiding behind a couch. Through a series of events and experiences, beautifully illustrated, he overcomes his fears to become a happy, healthy, fun-loving pet.

Each two page spread has descriptive text on the left, and a representative illustration on the right. The illustration prompts young readers with “Then, one day...” to turn the page and see what happens next.

Children struggling with social anxiety will readily identify with Pace on his journey as he deals with situations including loud noises, new and different kinds of friends, and a special learning environment. In the end, Pace works up the courage and becomes “The Dog in Front of the Couch”.



...we went back to what my dad called the “dog park”. I played with all the dogs and had so much fun I didn’t want to leave. I even let a little girl reach out and pet me. Everyone there laughed when I made my dad carry me out. When we got home, I was so worn out that instead of staying alert I took a nap behind the couch.

