Who wrote *Rules*?
Cynthia Lord

What two animals are on the cover of *Rules*?
A (gold)fish and a (rubber)duck (cover)

Each chapter of the book begins with what?
A different rule

On the first day of summer vacation, what did David ask for before he went out to the car?
His favorite red umbrella (p. 1)

How old is David?
Eight (p. 1)

Where is David’s favorite place to go?
The video store (p. 2)

What does David read in a loud voice at the video store?
He reads the parental advisory and the rating on video boxes. (p. 2)

What kind of truck is parked in front of the house next door?
A moving van (p. 3)

What kind of answers does David want?
Surefire answers: “yes” or “no” (p. 3)

Who is moving into the house next door to Catherine?
The Petersons (p. 4)

Who is Catherine’s best friend who is staying with her Dad in California all summer?
Answer: Melissa (P. 5)

Who was Catherine’s old neighbor?
Mrs. Bowman (p. 5)

Where does Catherine’s best friend, Melissa, spend her summer vacations?
With her dad in California (p. 5)

What does David have that Catherine wishes he didn’t?
Autism (p. 8)

Why does Catherine teach David rules?
So he’ll know how the world works and she won’t have to keep explaining things to him (p. 9)

Where does Catherine keep a list of her rules for David?
Back pages of her sketchbook (p. 9)

Why does David go to the clinic?
To get occupational therapy (p. 13)
How old was David when he started going to OT?
Three (p. 13)

How old is Catherine?
12 (p. 13)

Why does Catherine still go to OT with David even though she’s old enough now to stay home?
She likes talking to her mom on the ride, shopping in the stores across the street, the road between their house and the clinic (p. 13), and spending alone time with her mom (p. 14)

Why does Catherine’s mom prefer sitting in the waiting room to leaving the clinic while David is at OT?
So she can hear if David has a hard time (p. 14)

Who is David’s occupational therapist?
Stephanie (p. 14)

What do people go to the clinic for?
Hearing tests, speech therapy, occupational therapy (p. 14)

Who is the therapist that David sees?
Stephanie (p. 14)

What is Catherine’s favorite store near the clinic?
Elliot’s Antiques (p. 15)

What book series do Catherine and her mom read together at the clinic?
Harry Potter (p. 16)

What does Catherine do while her Mom is reading to her?
She draws (p. 16)

What is Catherine’s drawing tool of choice?
Colored pencils (p. 17)

Why is Catherine hesitant to draw Jason?
She’s worried that glancing at him to draw him will turn into staring, and she hates when people stare at David (p. 18)

Sometimes, how does Catherine change how she feels about something?
She draws it (p. 19)

What is on the tray of Jason’s wheelchair?
A communication book (p. 19)

How does Jason talk to people?
He uses his communication book/word cards (P. 19-20)

Catherine says that, “looking closer can make something beautiful.” What is her other strategy for changing the way she feels about something?
Drawing it (p. 19)

What does Jason see at a yard sale that he really wants?
A guitar (p. 20)
What possession of Harry Potter’s does Catherine wishes she had?
His invisibility cloak (p. 23)

What color are Jason’s eyes?
Ice blue (p. 26)

Why does David cover his ears?
He hears everything extra loud (p. 29)

Who made fun of David at the bus stop?
Ryan Deschaine (p. 30)

What is Catherine’s rule about dancing?
No dancing unless I’m alone in my room or it’s pitch-black dark. (p.32)

What is Catherine’s favorite hobby?
Drawing

Catherine and David’s father has what occupation?
Pharmacist (p.34)

Where does Catherine’s mom work?
At home (p. 35)

What does Catherine’s mom do for a living?
Has her own tax preparation business (works at home, part-time) (p. 35)

What does Catherine do to distract David when he’s waiting for their dad?
They count cars (p. 36)

Who says: “The whole world is covered in buttons, and not one of them is mine!”?
David (p. 37)

What is one of David’s favorite books?
Frog and Toad are Friends (p. 38)

Who is David’s favorite Author?
Arnold Lobel (p.38)

What are the only words to calm David?
“Frog, you are looking quite green” (p. 38)

How many pets does Catherine have?
2 (p. 41)

What type of pet does Catherine have two of?
Guinea pigs (p. 41)

What is the first card that Catherine makes for Jason?
A card of herself (p. 43)

What does Catherine make for Jason to help him communicate?
Word cards for his communication book. (p. 47)
As Jason went in for his evaluation, what words did he touch?
Stupid, speech, woman (p. 48)

What’s Jason’s favorite team?
The Red Sox (p. 48)

What does Catherine want to be when she grows up?
An artist (p. 50)

What kind of plant is on Catherine’s desk?
Bamboo (p. 51)

What are the names of Catherine’s guinea pigs?
Nutmeg and Cinnamon (p. 53)

What gets David riled up when he’s playing baseball outside with his dad?
A bee (p. 63)

Why doesn’t Catherine invite her new neighbors over for a barbeque?
The girl, Kristi, is not home (p. 63)

What does Catherine give Jason when she explains her “Awesome” card?
Her CD player (p. 67)

How does Catherine explain to Jason what “Awesome” means?
By having him listen to her CD player (p. 68)

What does Catherine tell Jason happened the last time she said, “Stinks a big one!”?
She had to sit in the front of the bus (p. 70)

What did Catherine draw for Jason’s “Gross!” card?
A woman eating cereal with a white (half) maggot on her spoon (p. 70)

What do Catherine’s guinea pigs eat?
Pellets, carrots, almost anything (p. 75)

What noise do the guinea pigs make?
Wheek (p. 79)

Why did Catherine know that Kristi would be popular?
Because of her straight brown hair or because she looks just right (p. 79)

What is the name of the girl who moves in next door to Catherine?
Kristi (P. 80)

What kind of hay does Catherine feed her guinea pigs?
Timothy hay (p. 84)

What is the best part of being at a friend’s house?
Catherine can just be herself and put the sister part of her down. (p. 89)

Who notes: “At a friend’s house, everything is uncomplicated.”?
Catherine (p. 89)

Why is Catherine jealous of the neat row of things on Kristi’s bureau? 
Hers has to all be stashed in drawers, out of David’s sight (p. 90)

Where does Kristi volunteer?
The community center (p. 92)

Who else works at the community center besides Kristi?
Ryan’s mom (p. 92)

Who does Catherine bring for Jason to see at the clinic?
Nutmeg (p. 99)

What does it mean when Catherine or Jason taps the word card “Secret”?
They don’t want anyone else to hear and they will only use his cards to communicate (p. 100)

What does Nutmeg do on Jason’s communication book?
She poops and eats the “g” off of the “Good-bye” card (pg 103)

Why does Jason get annoyed with his speech therapist?
She talks loudly to him but he can hear fine (p. 103)

Which one of Jason’s cards did Nutmeg start eating?
“Good-bye” (p. 103)

What does OT stand for?
Occupational Therapy (p. 108)

Who is described as: “Like an apple, red perfect on the outside, but mushy brown at the first bite.”? 
David (by Catherine) (p. 110)

Who said: “I. Am. Incomplete.”?
Jason (p. 118)

What does Jason dream about doing?
Running (p.119)

How does Catherine show Jason what it’s like to run?
She pushes his wheelchair really fast around the clinic parking lot (p. 121)

Why does Catherine’s dad always have ripe tomatoes before everyone else?
He starts the seeds in pots on the kitchen windowsill during winter (p. 125)

How many swimming suits does Catherine have?
3 (p. 130)

Where do Catherine and Kristi go swimming?
The pond near their houses (p. 130)

What State is Rules set in?
Maine (p. 133)
Where was Kristi used to swimming?
In a pool or the ocean (p. 133)

What is the bad part of living in two places according to Kristi?
She never has what she needs at the right house (p. 135)

Catherine feels like her and Kristi are both “split down the middle.” How are each split?
Kristi, because her parents are separated and she has to split her time between the two places; Catherine, because she’s pulled between the regular world and David’s world (p. 135)

What is Catherine’s “always-wish?”
To be able to go into David’s brain and fix him, wiping away his autism (p. 140)

Catherine and Kristi talk about wishes they’d make. What is each girl’s wish?
Kristi – that her parents would get back together and be happy; Catherine – that she could fix David (p. 140)

Where did Kristi want Catherine to go with her?
The dance at the community center (p. 142)

Jason starts wanting to do things for himself, like doing his hand exercises. What new thing does he get to reflect this?
A motorized wheelchair (p. 145)

What does Catherine do when she sees Kristi while out walking with Jason?
Hides behind a bench, pretending to tie her shoe (p. 151)

What is Catherine’s excuse to Kristi for not being able to go to the dance?
She is going to Jason’s birthday party on the same day (p. 156)

What does David love that Catherine doesn’t?
Swinging high with eyes closed (p. 157)

What does Catherine buy Jason for his birthday?
A guitar (p. 164)

Who says: “Don’t ‘whatever’ me, young man!”?
Jason’s mom (p. 164)

What does David always have to check when he goes to other people’s houses?
Where the cellar is and whether or not its door is closed. (P. 165)

Why does Catherine’s “Together” card make Jason upset?
Catherine didn’t draw his wheelchair (p. 166)

What is Jason’s brother’s name?
Matt (p. 168)

Where did Catherine and Jason go to open the birthday present?
To Jason’s room (p. 171)

What musical instrument is in Jason’s room?
An electric piano (p. 171)
What instrument does Jason have in his room?
An electric piano (p. 171)

What was David’s part of Jason’s present?
The new strings and a tuning (p. 172)

What is Catherine’s excuse for Jason about going to the dance?
She is a horrible dancer (p. 176)

How does Jason respond when Catherine tells him she doesn’t want to go to the dance?
He gets mad/annoyed. He asks if she’s embarrassed of him. He says her excuse/rule is stupid. He says he just likes music and leaves (p. 176)

Who says: “Just because other people think something, that doesn’t make it true.”?
Catherine’s mom (p. 179)

Why does Catherine realize she misses Melissa instead of wanting to hang out with Kristi?
Melissa likes to do the same things she does (swim in the pond, etc.) and Catherine can be herself with her and not have to try so hard (p. 181)

Who says: “We matter, too!” and who does he/she say it to?
Catherine says it to her father (p. 184)

What does Catherine get stamped on her hand at the dance?
A frog (p. 188)

When Catherine and David make wishes at the dance, what does David wish for?
Grape soda (p. 190)

Name 3 of Catherine’s rules for herself:
Sometimes you’ve gotta work with what you’ve got. (p. 4)
No dancing unless I’m alone in my room or it’s pitch-black dark. (p. 32)
If you don’t want to do something, say, “Hmmm. I’ll think about it” and maybe the asker will forget the whole bad idea. (p. 32)

What words did Catherine draw on the first 7 cards? Drawing (pg 52), Guinea pig (pg 53), Gross! (pg 53), Awesome!!(Pg 53), Stinks a big one!!!(pg 53), Rule (Pg 55), Friend(Pg 69)

What toy of Catherine’s does David put in the fish tank?
A Barbie doll (p. 56) (He later puts in a cowboy – p. 85 and a rubber duck – p. 132 and a wizard – p. 199)