Everyone knows the unwritten rule: You don’t like your best friend’s boyfriend. I know that, I do, and I don’t want to like Ryan. He’s Brianna’s boyfriend. They ran from floor to ceiling and were filled with paperbacks and what looked like old textbooks, but there were also some coffee table books, the kind that are all pictures. One of them was about shoes. And here’s the thing about me: I like shoes.

ACT THREE

Rule #1: Rules are Not Absolute. They are Situation-based and People-based.

Rule #2: Not Everything is Equally Important in the Grand Scheme of Things.

Rule #3: Everyone in the World Makes Mistakes. It Doesn’t Have to Ruin Your Day.

When our publisher, Wayne Gilpin, approached us about writing a book together about the Unwritten Rules of Social Relationships, we were both, simultaneously, interested and filled with some degree of trepidation. “There is value,” he asserted, “in sharing with the autism community the collective years of wisdom of two successful, socially-adept individuals who struggled with the effects of autism and rose above the challenges of the disorder. The 6 Unwritten Company Rules You Won’t Find in the Employee Handbook. by. Lea McLeod, M.A. When you begin a role at a new organization, you may feel a warm, welcoming vibe as you’re introduced to your colleagues via a company-wide email and taken out to lunch by your boss. There’s another category of new workplace rules though that’s not written down anywhere. Not only do they govern the way things actually get done, regardless of anything else you may have heard, but they also define the culture of the organization. “They pick up,” writes Frances Frei and Anne Morris in Harvard Business Review “where the employee handbook leaves off.”