

Temple Grandin Quotes

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Jobs, Art, School, Skills, Mean, Mind, Needs, Years, Mother, Giving*

There needs to be a lot more emphasis on what a child CAN do, instead of what he cannot do.

~Temple Grandin

What would happen if the autism gene was eliminated from the gene pool? You would have a bunch of people standing around in a cave, chatting and socializing and not getting anything done.

~Temple Grandin

I am different, not less

~Temple Grandin

The world needs different kinds of minds to work together.

~Temple Grandin

I strongly recommend that students with autism get involved in special interest clubs in some of the areas they naturally excel at. Being with people who share your interests makes socializing easier.

~Temple Grandin

The thing about being autistic is that you gradually get less and less autistic, because you keep learning, you keep learning how to behave. It's like being in a play; I'm always in a play.

~Temple Grandin

If you have a 2 or 3 year old who is not talking, you must start an early intervention program. The worst thing you can do with an autistic 3 year old is to do nothing.

~Temple Grandin

Nature is cruel but we don't have to be

~Temple Grandin

I can remember the frustration of not being able to talk. I knew what I

wanted to say, but I could not get the words out, so I would just scream.

~Temple Grandin

I had people in my life who didn't give up on me: my mother, my aunt, my science teacher. I had one-on-one speech therapy. I had a nanny who spent all day playing turn-taking games with me.

~Temple Grandin

People talk about curing autism. But if you got rid of all those traits, who's going to make the next computer?

~Temple Grandin

People are always looking for the single magic bullet that will totally change everything. There is no single magic bullet.

~Temple Grandin

In special education, there's too much emphasis placed on the deficit and not enough on the strength.

~Temple Grandin

Social thinking skills must be directly taught to children and adults with ASD. Doing so opens doors of social understandings in all areas of life.

~Temple Grandin

You got to get away from words if you want to understand any animal. It thinks in pictures, it thinks in smells, it thinks in touch sensations - little sound bites like, it's a very detailed memory.

~Temple Grandin

If I could snap my fingers and be nonautistic, I would not. Autism is part of what I am.

~Temple Grandin

You simply cannot tell other people they are stupid, even if they really are stupid.

~Temple Grandin

People can live up to high standards, but they can't live up to perfection.

~Temple Grandin

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of a good teacher.

~Temple Grandin

My mind works like Google for images. You put in a key word; it brings up pictures.

~Temple Grandin

I think sometimes parents and teachers fail to stretch kids. My mother had a very good sense of how to stretch me just slightly outside my comfort zone.

~Temple Grandin

You have got to keep autistic children engaged with the world. You cannot let them tune out.

~Temple Grandin

Autism is part of who I am.

~Temple Grandin

You can be honest without sharing your opinions on everything.

~Temple Grandin

Curiosity is the other side of caution.

~Temple Grandin

The most important thing people did for me was to expose me to new

things.

~Temple Grandin

I can remember being bullied and teased. It was absolutely horrible. I got kicked out of ninth grade for throwing a book at a girl who teased me. It was absolutely terrible.

~Temple Grandin

When you're a weird geek, the way to sell yourself is to show your skills.

~Temple Grandin

As you may know, some of the stereotyped behaviors exhibited by autistic children are also found in zoo animals who are raised in a barren environment.

~Temple Grandin

Dogs serve people, but people serve cats.

~Temple Grandin

It is never too late to expand the mind of a person on the autism spectrum.

~Temple Grandin

I think that autistic brains tend to be specialized brains. Autistic people tend to be less social. It takes a ton of processor space in the brain to have all the social circuits.

~Temple Grandin

When kids are really little, they all look the same. No speech, no social relatedness, cannot emphasize enough the importance of early educational intervention.

~Temple Grandin

I'd rather see a kid get fixated on something they can turn into a career.

~Temple Grandin

I'm seeing too many smart kind of socially awkward kids, a lot milder than I was, not getting employment because they're not learning job skills.

~Temple Grandin

I'm a child of the 50s. I was expected to have table manners. There needs to be some expectations for behavior. I'm seeing some children today, they don't push them enough.

~Temple Grandin

There's no black and white dividing line between a mild Aspergers, which is the mild autism, and computer engineer, for example.

~Temple Grandin

Autism is an extremely variable disorder.

~Temple Grandin

You get these fear memories that are hard to undo.

~Temple Grandin

One of my sensory problems was hearing sensitivity, where certain loud noises, such as a school bell, hurt my ears. It sounded like a dentist drill going through my ears.

~Temple Grandin

You can't punish a child who is acting out because of sensory overload.

~Temple Grandin

I'm seeing too many kind of socially awkward kids that get through

schools and then they can't hold a job because they haven't learned the discipline of get up in the morning.

~Temple Grandin

I think a brain can be made "more thinking" or made "more emotional." At what point does this become abnormal? Autism in its milder variants, I think, is part of normal human variation.

~Temple Grandin

I'm a visual thinker, not a language-based thinker. My brain is like Google Images.

~Temple Grandin

Some children may need a behavioral approach, whereas other children may need a sensory approach.

~Temple Grandin

Who do you think made the first stone spears? The Asperger guy. If you were to get rid of all the autism genetics, there would be no more Silicon Valley.

~Temple Grandin

I use my mind to solve problems and invent things.

~Temple Grandin

I get satisfaction out of seeing stuff that makes real change in the real world. We need a lot more of that and a lot less abstract stuff.

~Temple Grandin

All animals and people have the same core emotion systems in the brain.

~Temple Grandin

The squeeze machine is not going to cure anybody, but it may help

them relax; and a relaxed person will usually have better behavior.

~Temple Grandin

Some teachers just have a knack for working with autistic children. Other teachers do not have it.

~Temple Grandin

I am also a believer in an integrated treatment approach to autism.

~Temple Grandin

Pressure is calming to the nervous system.

~Temple Grandin

There tends to be a lot of autism around the tech centers... when you concentrate the geeks, you're concentrating the autism genetics.

~Temple Grandin

Research has shown that a barren environment is much more damaging to baby animals than it is to adult animals. It does not hurt the adult animals the same way it damages babies.

~Temple Grandin

What I've tried to do is combine both my personal experiences with scientific research. I like to cross the divide between the personal world and the scientific world.

~Temple Grandin

A cat can be social, but a dog, we've bred this hyper social animal that's really truly different and will do stuff for us just to please us with praise and stroking.

~Temple Grandin

I am a big believer in early intervention.

~Temple Grandin

I know a number of autistic adults that are doing extremely well on Prozac.

~Temple Grandin

The autistic brain tends to be a specialist brain, good at one thing, bad at something else.

~Temple Grandin

There is a tremendous range of children with a PDD label.

~Temple Grandin

If I did not have my work, I would not have any life.

~Temple Grandin

I have been on the same dose of anti-depressants for 15 years, and my nerves still go up and down in cycles; but my nerves are cycling at a lower level than they were before.

~Temple Grandin

From a scientific standpoint, Aspergers and autism are one syndrome. Aspergers is part of the autism spectrum, not a separate disorder.

~Temple Grandin

I'd rather have a kid come up to me and tell me that he loves dinosaurs or he loves airplanes or he likes training dogs or I like Shakespeare. I mean, just something.

~Temple Grandin

If you have autism in the family history, you still vaccinate. Delay it a bit, space them out.

~Temple Grandin

You got barn cats and you want to make them tamed, you need to get them as kittens.

~Temple Grandin

I obtain great satisfaction out of using my intellect.

~Temple Grandin

Things like microphones are dangerous things because you never know when they might feedback and squeal.

~Temple Grandin

I get asked a lot why cats mess outside the litter box. The simplest thing is if you have more than one cat and you have two litter boxes, don't put them right next to each other.

~Temple Grandin

Engineering is easy - it's the people problems that are hard.

~Temple Grandin

The people that were socially awkward from my generation, they all had paper routes and that taught them the discipline of work.

~Temple Grandin

The animal that I have worked with the most is beef cattle, so that's my favorite animal, but I like all animals.

~Temple Grandin

People with autism aren't interested in social chit-chat.

~Temple Grandin

Everything I think is in pictures.

~Temple Grandin

Animals make us Human.

~Temple Grandin

Medication should never be considered the only tool for helping a person.

~Temple Grandin

Autism's an important part of who I am, but I'm a college professor and an animal scientist first. And I wouldn't want to change 'cause I like the logical way I think.

~Temple Grandin

The reason why feral kitties are hard to tame is because they have missed socialization the period - you need to be touching and petting those kittens when they are real young.

~Temple Grandin

I like to figure things out and solve problems.

~Temple Grandin

I've got a lot of people that are really good at taming animals and working with animals; and they can't explain how they do. They just get a feeling from the animal.

~Temple Grandin

Half of Silicon Valley's got a little bit of autism.

~Temple Grandin

If by some magic, autism had been eradicated from the face of the Earth, then men would still be socializing in front of a wood fire at the entrance to a cave.

~Temple Grandin

Animals do have emotion. But fear tends to be one of the most primal emotions.

~Temple Grandin

here's certain things that are similar to cats and dogs. Dogs are just hyper social and they have a want to please you way more than a cat does.

~Temple Grandin

The big companies are like steel and activists are like heat. Activists soften the steel, and then I can bend it into pretty grillwork and make reforms.

~Temple Grandin

I'm a believer in biochemistry. But I tell people to try only one thing at a time to see if it works. And if you do give a powerful drug to a kid, it better have a big wow factor.

~Temple Grandin

I want get people to think about sensory based of thinking.

~Temple Grandin

Sometimes we forget about common sense. Autism is used too much as an excuse for bad behavior.

~Temple Grandin

You could train cats do things, a lot of people don't think cats aren't trainable. Cats can be trusted just a friend.

~Temple Grandin

My Advice is: You always have to keep persevering.

~Temple Grandin

I feel very strongly that we need to give beef cattle a really good life. When they go to slaughter, it needs to be painless.

~Temple Grandin

Sometimes you have to go outside your field of study to find the right

people.

~Temple Grandin

Unfortunately, most people never observe the natural cycle of birth and death. They do not realize that for one living thing to survive, another living thing must die.

~Temple Grandin

People wouldn't have become who we are today if we hadn't coevolved with dogs.

~Temple Grandin

I'm pure geek, pure logic.

~Temple Grandin

Us visual thinkers like me, be good at things like industrial design, graphics, art, those kind of jobs.

~Temple Grandin

When I was younger, I didn't even realize the way I think visually is different.

~Temple Grandin

People on the autistic spectrum tend to get fixated on what they think.

~Temple Grandin

I think that the definition of autism is too broad. You got to remember, autism definition is a behavioral profiling.

~Temple Grandin

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