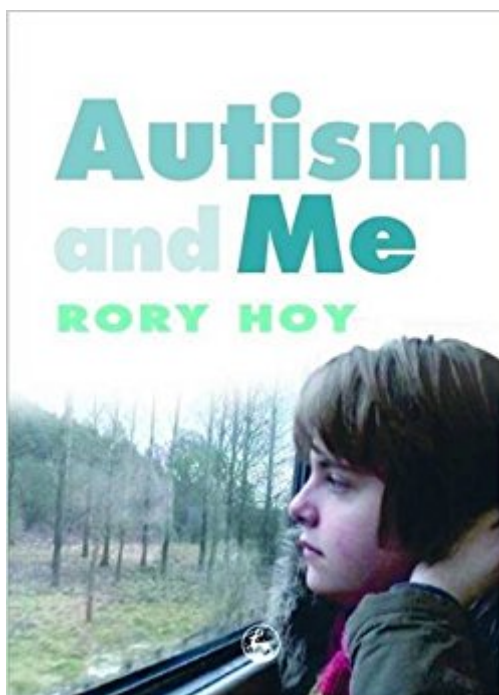


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# Autism And Me



## Synopsis

Only people with autism truly know what it's like to be autistic - and even then, every autistic individual is unique! This award-winning short film by Rory Hoy, an 18-year-old filmmaker with autism, provides a privileged glimpse into his autistic world, letting us take a journey through his everyday experience and see it through his eyes. In easy, accessible terms, Rory explains what having autism means for everyday functioning: what it's like, for instance, not to have the natural inclination to respond to someone who calls you by your name, or someone who waves at you; what it's like to take someone literally when actually they have used a figure of speech. He describes the confusion caused by high noise levels, crowded environments and even by his own emotions and physical sensations, as well as the security and comfort found in routines, forward planning and having thoughtful, calm and loving people around him. This engaging, insightful and light-hearted film will be invaluable to people with autism, their friends and family, and to professionals working with them. A booklet explaining the film, also compiled by the author, accompanies the DVD.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a cheerful, fast-moving and optimistic 20-minute film snapshot of Rory's life. He made this film to try and explain exactly what it is like to have autism and help raise awareness and understanding of those like him who have the condition... This DVD could be used in a variety of ways to enhance people's understanding and awareness and I think the style and content makes it

suitable for a wide-ranging audience. -- Communication Autism and Me will be invaluable for anyone involved in providing training about autism, teachers in primary and secondary schools, health professionals and social workers. I think it will be particularly helpful for teenagers with autism and Asperger's syndrome who are seeking to find out more about themselves... This light-hearted, positive but realistic film will be particularly helpful for parents of children and young people with "high functioning" autism and Asperger's syndrome. -- Special Children Because Autism is explained by a young man who has experience of it, the explanation seems very natural and easy to understand for other young people in particular. However this DVD will have universal appeal. It is a good explanation of how Autism affects people that is easy to take in. The main points of the DVD are echoed in an accompanying booklet with some great photos. -- CaN! Wales Carers Network & Autism Academy Bulletin Rory is a charming young adult with autism and has made this short film to describe his condition to other people - professionals, families and friends. It gives a snapshot of what it's like to be autistic from his point of view. Those new to the condition will benefit from his honest and literal descriptions and this DVD and accompanying booklet is a great introduction to the difficulties that may be experienced by people with autism. -- Aukids Magazine The Film is a remarkable achievement and makes a noteworthy addition to a limited but highly valuable stock of books and videos that include first-hand accounts of autism. In this account, Rory uses easily accessible terms and a light-hearted approach to describe the confusion he experiences daily and the security and comfort he finds in a structured approach to living and a network of affectionate support. He emphasizes how everyday functions and encounters that are usually taken for granted pose significant challenges to people with autism. He also shares the strategies he has learned, and regularly uses, to cope with and engage with the complex social world he encounters... The DVD also warrants recommendation as an educational resource. Most important of all, it is a positive affirmation of what an individual with autism can achieve!. -- Pastoral Care A new 20 minute DVD about the realities of living with autism is now on sale. Presented by 18-year old Rory Hoy, Autism and Me offers a personal perspective about living with autism... It focuses on how autism makes Rory feel different from other people, highlighting things like his need for routine. The DVD was a runner up in the Nasen and TES Special Educational Needs Book Awards, 2007. -- Your Link

This is a great resource for individuals working with people living with autism. I find it very useful in teaching the unique symptoms of ASD. It is also a valuable resource for friends and family members of a person living with autism. I must have watched it over 15 times since I bought it. I have also loaned it to other professionals who reported finding it very useful in understanding various aspects

of real life autistic symptoms

The child narrating was British and he had a strange sense of humor. It could have had more fact rather than dancing around,

I first saw this video, while my family and I were attending a family camp for children on 'the spectrum'. The main expert, a PhD with mega experience in children on the spectrum showed this video to the group. I have 2 sons, 14 and 11, both on the spectrum. This is an excellent video to help average people, and those who interact with people on the spectrum learn to understand many things about an average to higher functioning individual on the spectrum. The video is very much like my 14 y/o. My 11 y/o is on a very different part of the spectrum than his older brother, and it's not so much like him. Again, an excellent video- very informative, very unique, from the viewpoints of a child with Autism.

Rory Hoy gives a glimpse inside the thoughts and emotions of someone with autism. He resides in the UK and has made many short films prior to this one. My 12 year old son who is high functioning also was impressed and wants to learn how to make a movie too, although his would be on cats and not himself. Rory compares normal people as those with divided attention while autistic people have 'single attention'. Rory also covered how he had to be taught to wave back to someone when they wave at you and shared how distracting it can be when trying to cross a street with the loud noises. He suggests that people say things the way they really mean them. Rory assumes it must have been hard for his parents, but noted they always understood him. In the random thoughts section Rory tells of being scared of dogs, likes to smell things and likes to listen to music to block out odd thoughts. A good book that showcases someone on the spectrum dealing with life the best way they can and sharing those experiences so others can learn a little bit about autism.

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