



Temple Grandin was born in Boston and at the age of 2 was non-verbal and showed signs of severe autism. Through intensive speech therapy, teaching, and mentoring, she learned to speak and eventually felt empowered to pursue a career as a scientist and livestock equipment designer. Dr. Grandin earned her bachelor's degree from Franklin Pierce College in 1970. In 1974, she was employed as livestock editor for the Arizona Farmer Ranchman and also worked for Corral Industries on equipment design. In 1975, she earned her Master of Science degree in Animal Science from Arizona State University for her work on the behavior of cattle in different squeeze chutes. She earned her Ph.D. in Animal Science from the University of Illinois in 1989 and is currently a professor at Colorado State University.

Dr. Grandin's professional focus has been the design of livestock handling facilities. Half the cattle in the United States and Canada are handled using equipment Dr. Grandin has designed for meat plants. She has also developed animal welfare guidelines for the meat industry and consults with companies about animal welfare.

Dr. Grandin has published many books, including the *New York Times* best seller *Animals in Translation*, *Thinking in Pictures*, and *The Autistic Brain*. She also has a popular TED Talk. HBO premiered a movie starring Claire Danes about Dr. Grandin's early life and career with the livestock industry. The movie received seven Emmy Awards, a Golden Globe, and a Peabody Award. In 2016, Dr. Grandin was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Grandin is a past member of the board of directors of the Autism Society of America. She lectures to parents and teachers throughout the U.S. on her experiences with autism. Articles and interviews have appeared in the *New York Times*, *People*, *Time*, National Public Radio, 20/20, The View and the BBC. She was also honored in *Time* magazine's 2010 "The 100 Most Influential People in the World." Dr. Grandin now resides in Fort Collins, Colorado.