



Dr. Temple Grandin
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Dr. Grandin didn't talk until she was three and a half years old, communicating her frustration instead by screaming, peeping, and humming. In 1950, she was diagnosed with autism and her parents were told she should be institutionalized. She tells her story of "groping her way from the far side of darkness" in her book *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, a book which stunned the world because, until its publication, most professionals and parents assumed that an autism diagnosis was virtually a death sentence to achievement or productivity in life. She eventually found a mentor, who recognized her interests and abilities. Dr. Grandin developed her talents into a successful career as a livestock-handling equipment designer, one of very few in the world. She has now designed the facilities in which half the cattle are handled in the United States, consulting for firms such as Burger King, McDonald's, Swift, and others.

Her fascinating life, with all its challenges and successes has been brought to the screen in the recent award – winning HBO movie, *Temple Grandin*, starring Claire Danes. She has been featured on NPR (National Public Radio), major television programs, such as the BBC special "The Woman Who Thinks Like a Cow", ABC's *Primetime Live*, *The Today Show*, *Larry King Live*, *48 Hours* and *20/20*, and has been written about in many national publications, such as *Time* magazine, *People* magazine, *Forbes*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *New York Times*.

Dr. Grandin's visit is a fundraising event sponsored by the EIU Communication Disorders & Sciences, the EIU Humanities Center, and the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Proceeds will provide initial funding for an Autism Center at EIU.



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