

# Spectrums: Autistic Transgender People In Their Own Words



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communities. However, they are also a resilient and resourceful group of people who are working to create a more inclusive world for themselves and others.



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In this article, we will explore the experiences of autistic transgender people in their own words. We will hear from them about their challenges, their triumphs, and their hopes for the future.

### Challenges

Autistic transgender people face a number of challenges, including:

- **Discrimination:** Autistic transgender people may experience discrimination from both the autistic and transgender communities. They may be seen as "too autistic" by the transgender community or "too transgender" by the autistic community.
- **Misunderstanding:** Autistic transgender people may be misunderstood by both the autistic and transgender communities.

Their communication styles and social interactions may be different from what is expected, which can lead to confusion and misunderstanding.

- **Access to services:** Autistic transgender people may have difficulty accessing the services they need, such as healthcare, mental health care, and employment. They may face discrimination from service providers or be unable to find services that are tailored to their needs.

## Triumphs

Despite the challenges they face, autistic transgender people are also resilient and resourceful. They have achieved a number of triumphs, including:

- **Self-acceptance:** Autistic transgender people have learned to accept themselves for who they are. They have come to understand and appreciate their own unique identities.
- **Community building:** Autistic transgender people have created their own communities, where they can feel supported and understood. These communities provide a safe space for people to share their experiences and learn from each other.
- **Advocacy:** Autistic transgender people are advocating for their rights and the rights of other marginalized groups. They are working to create a more inclusive world for themselves and others.

## Hopes for the Future

Autistic transgender people have a number of hopes for the future, including:

- **Increased acceptance:** Autistic transgender people hope for a future in which they are accepted by both the autistic and transgender communities. They want to be seen as full and equal members of both communities.
- **Improved access to services:** Autistic transgender people hope for a future in which they have access to the services they need, such as healthcare, mental health care, and employment. They want to be able to live their lives with dignity and respect.
- **A more inclusive world:** Autistic transgender people hope for a future in which the world is more inclusive of all people, regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation, race, or disability. They want to be able to live their lives without fear of discrimination or violence.

Autistic transgender people are a resilient and resourceful group of individuals who are working to create a more inclusive world for themselves and others. They have faced a number of challenges, but they have also achieved a number of triumphs. Their hopes for the future are simple: they want to be accepted, they want access to the services they need, and they want to live in a world that is more inclusive of all people.

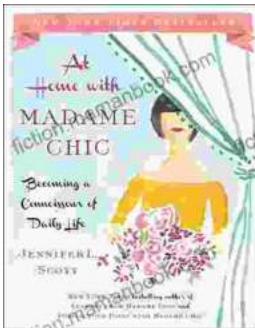
We can all learn from the experiences of autistic transgender people. We can learn about the challenges they face, the triumphs they have achieved, and the hopes they have for the future. We can also learn how to be more inclusive of all people, regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation, race, or disability.

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