

# Temple Grandin

Temple Grandin was born in Massachusetts in 1947. When she was just two years old, her doctors discovered she had autism. To help her learn, her parents took Temple to special schools and had teachers work with her. She was very smart and as she grew older, she attended college where she studied animal science. Temple earned many college degrees. After she graduated, she became a professor of animal science at Colorado State University.

Temple became a supporter of fair treatment of animals. She believes that her autism helps her understand how animals, such as cattle, can feel scared and ignored. She works with people in the livestock business to build better buildings for cattle.

She also became an advocate for people with autism. She often speaks at meetings for people with autism.

Temple has written many books and essays, both on the treatment of animals and on autism. Her life has been the subject of many television programs and movies. She was also listed as a “Hero” in the 2010 Time 100, as one of the top 100 people who affect our world.



Temple Grandin is an expert on the behavior of cattle.

## What Do You Think?

One television biography about Temple Grandin was called “The Woman Who Thinks Like a Cow.” Pick an animal and write about what you imagine the animal thinks about.

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