



AUTISM **AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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TRES JACKSON

Born in 2000

Employee

Oldest son and Big Brother

Gamer

Military Brat

Licensed Driver

High School Graduate

Autism Ambassador

Rusty Awards – Bell County Person of the Year

Variety of Texas - IMPACT Award 2024

Registered Behavioral Technician

exas USA

LICENSE

DRIVER LICENSE



4d. DL: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

9. Class: C

3. DOB: ~~XXXXXX~~/2000

4b. Exp: ~~XXXXXX~~
4a. Iss: ~~XXXXXX~~

1. JACKSON

2. MICHAEL LESLIE III

8. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

BELTON, TX 76513

12. Rest: NONE

9a. End: NONE

16. Hgt: 6'-03" 15. Sex: M 18. Eyes: HAZ

5. DD: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~19

COMMUNICATION IMPEDIMENT

II

ANNE JACKSON

Prosecutor for 20 years

Specialized in Family Violence Misdemeanors

Felonies for 9 years

Saw IDD in Crimes Against Children

Military Spouse

Deployment Survivor (3 times)

Mother of 3 boys

What do I know about girls?!?!?!?

OUR FAMILY 2004





Autism Awareness

Ten Things You
Should Know

5 THINGS TO KNOW

- We look normal but are **different**.
- We are **not disabled**.
- We often **react inappropriately** . . . especially in social situations.
- We don't understand **EMOTION**, but we “care”.
- We are not BROKEN. We want and need to be **understood**.

5 WAYS TO CARE

- **Be patient.** It takes us longer.
- We need a certain level of **GRACE.**
- **LISTEN.**
- **Avoid** sudden, unexpected **change.**
- **Ask detailed questions** about things we understand.
- Do not become **frustrated** with how we attend/make eye contact



If you have met one person

with autism, you have met

ONE PERSON

with autism.

3 LEVELS

Level 1

Requires Support

May have a hard time communicating with neurotypical peers

Difficulty with Social Cues and Body Language

ASPERGERS

Level 2

Requires Substantial Support

May find it hard to communicate in a socially acceptable way

Behaviors are a mismatch with time and place

- * Stimming
- * Repeated behaviors

Level 3

Requires VERY Substantial Support

May be entirely unable to mask and care for themselves

Challenges with Daily Living Tasks

Unable to mask

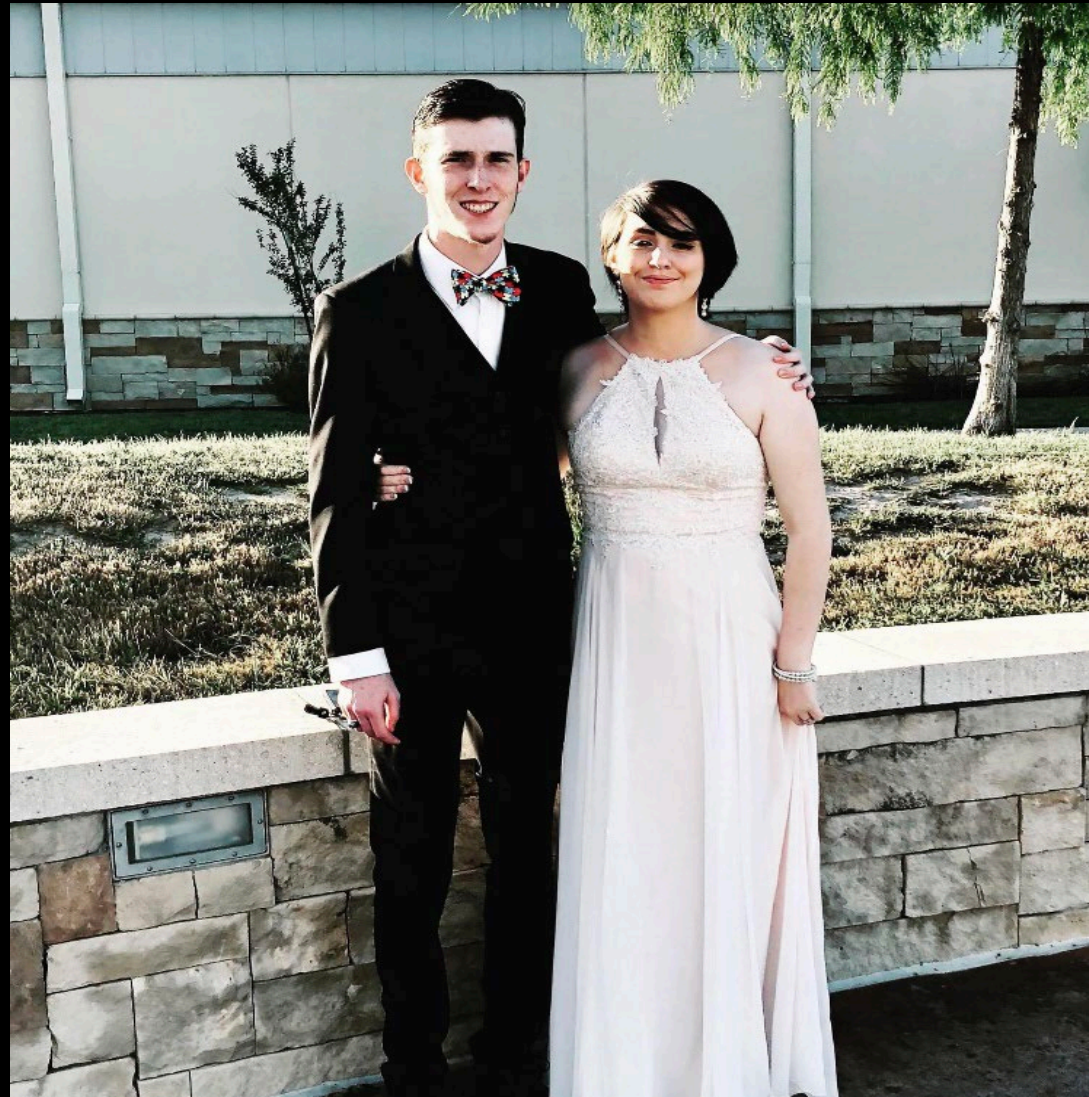
TEXAS RULES OF PROF. CONDUCT

- **Rule 1.01 Competent and Diligent Representation**
 - Do you have the legal knowledge, skill and training reasonably necessary to represent someone with autism?
- **Rule 1.16 Clients with Diminished Capacity**
 - How do you tell whether someone on a SPECTRUM, is at risk of substantial physical or financial harm, or cannot act in her/his own interest?

COMMONALITIES

- Communication challenges
- Sensory integration/overload
- STIMS (self stimulatory behavior)
- Needs routine/Transitions are DIFFICULT
- Flat affect/no emotion
- Repeated behaviors
- Restricted Interests
- Hyper-attending
- Lack of eye contact/parallel play
- Task Avoidance/Learned Helplessness

TRES AND OLIVIA – PROM 2018



WHAT HELPED TRES

- **Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)**
 - Tindell (Central Texas Behavioral Solutions)
- **One Friend**
 - Olivia
- **Standing up to Dad**
 - I'm your son . . . Not a soldier
- **Explorers at the Belton Police Department**
 - Sgt. Richard Kusak
- **A boss who takes time to understand**
 - FireStreet Pizza

TRES ON DUTY



OUR FAMILY'S CRISES/911 CALLS

X-Box and the Credit Card

Football game, grandparents & broken glass

Homework and self-harm

Decision tree

The fight with dad, the knife and the POLICE

BAIT

Bell County Autism Intervention Team

Juvenile Probation

Patrol Officers

Liability

Hands **On?**

Hands **Off?**

Clarity of Speech

Command Presence

Do what I say!!!

A.S.K. BAG

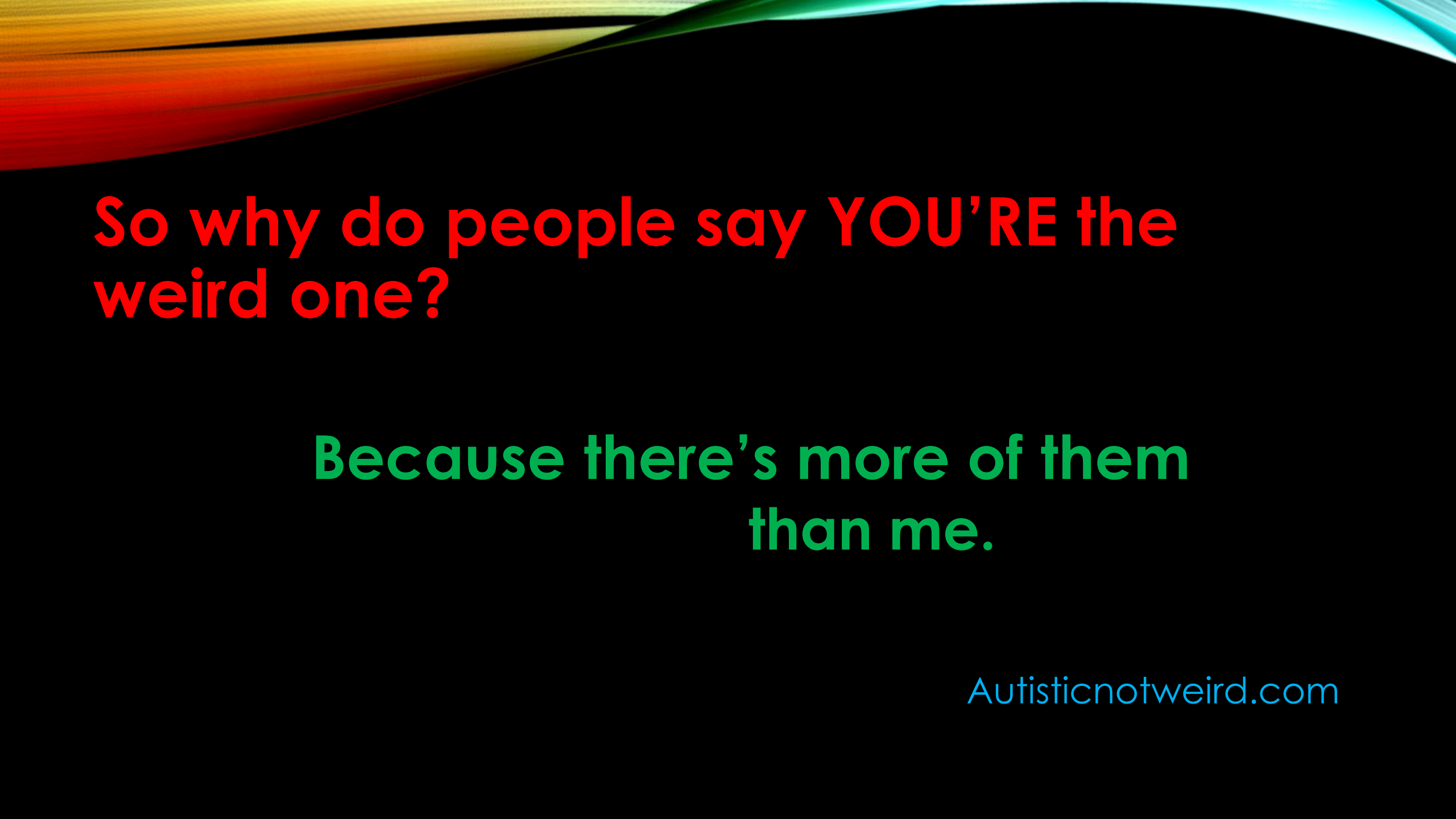
• Autism Sensory Kit

- Headphones
- Ball Cap/Beanie
- Sunglasses
- Weighted Blanket/Soft Towel
- Dry Erase Board
- Picture Stories
- Fidgets
 - Spinners
 - Bubble Wrap
 - Oral

Quantity	Item	Link
1 Set	Headphones	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09XF2PJRL?ref=fed_asin_title
1	Weighted Blanket	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CCHVGHSM?ref=fed_asin_title&th=1
1	Blue Towel	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08CY9X2KM?ref=fed_asin_title&th=1
1	Hat / Cap	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0C4GZTC9X?ref=fed_asin_title
1	Grey Beanie	https://a.co/d/ii5XA5l
1	Black Beanie	https://a.co/d/8RMmlV9
2 Pairs	Sunglasses	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0995MC8H6?ref=fed_asin_title
2 to 3	Chew Sticks	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0BWD6M3SX?ref=fed_asin_title
1 Set	Cards	https://a.co/d/ggSwa0g
1	Dry Erase Board	https://a.co/d/iB4XRuR
1	Whiteboard Eraser	
4	Dry Erase Markers	https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B06X1GHYH3/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&th=1
2 Handfuls	Various Fidgets	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0973R7JMP?ref=fed_asin_title
2	Pop Fidgets	https://a.co/d/3GsvcGt
at Least 5	Squishies	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CGHC2BSR?ref=fed_asin_title
1	Fidget Spinner	https://a.co/d/4jNzx7J
1	Duffel Bag	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00187B30W?ref=fed_asin_title&th=1

I'M AUTISTIC, WHICH MEANS

- Everyone around me has a disorder that makes them:
 - Say things they don't mean
 - Not care about structure
 - Fail to hyper-focus on singular important topics
 - Have unreliable memories
 - Drop weird hints
 - Creepily stare into my eyeballs



**So why do people say YOU'RE the
weird one?**

**Because there's more of them
than me.**

Autisticnotweird.com



CASES WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

ADAM LANZA

- Diagnosed with **Sensory Processing Disorder** in Elementary
 - Became **angry when touched**
 - “The **noise and the chaos** disrupted him.”
- Diagnosed with **Aspergers** in Middle School
- High School
 - **Robotics Club** until mother changed schools.
- Played **violent video games**
- Mom took him to **gun range** and had **firearms** in house
- **Planning to move** Washington State for college

DECEMBER 14, 2012

- Shot mother 4 times with her gun as she lay in bed
- Shot and killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut
 - 20 children between 6-7 years old
 - 6 adult staff members.
- No evidence that he was mistreated by or had hard feelings about elementary school.

DYLAN ROOF

After murders, defense atty have him evaluated:

- As a child he
 - Exhibited “**disturbingly introverted** behavior”
 - **Played alone, never started conversations**
 - **Visited mental health** provider in 2009 after **threatening suicide**
 - Reported **persistent anxiety when around others**
 - **Refused** to take prescription for **anti-depressants**
- Described Roof as “**a geyser of autistic symptoms**”
- **Opinion: “People are a language that he neither understands nor speaks”**

APRIL OF 2016 IN BELL COUNTY

- 14 month-old admitted to hospital with seizures and bruising around anus and genital area, bleeding in diaper.
- People in home are mother, mother's boyfriend and parents and PAUL.
- All interviewed.
- Boyfriend and PAUL polygraphed.
- Boyfriend "passed". Paul "failed".
- After failing the polygraph, detectives obtain a "written confession".
 - Inserted pen into baby's vagina
- PAUL arrested for AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD
- Defense attorney is appointed for PAUL.
- PAUL sits in jail for months

WRITES LETTERS FROM JAIL

- I have **psychological problems**.
- I am **depressed** and have been in a **mental hospital**.
- When I went to the jail to take the polygraph I **was still traumatized by the incident**.
- **Just thinking about what happened to the baby makes me VERY nervous.**
- I was trying very hard **to not punch myself in the head**.
- When I cannot punch myself in the head I have an **anxiety attack**.
- **I assumed the sheriff would not let me go home until I told her what happened.**

VIDEO OF “CONFESSION”

- PAUL was questioned for 3 hours 17 minutes
- During the interview Paul denied sexual contact 20 different times
- PAUL was very tearful and repeatedly maintained his innocence during the interview before writing 1 sentence statement
- After reading this one sentence statement, the law enforcement officers told the defendant what to write about the time and place these alleged acts were committed.

PAUL

IDD Evaluation determined:

- Spoke in a monotone and overly formal manner
- Social nuances were missed
- Expressive and receptive language abilities lacking
- Symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder observed

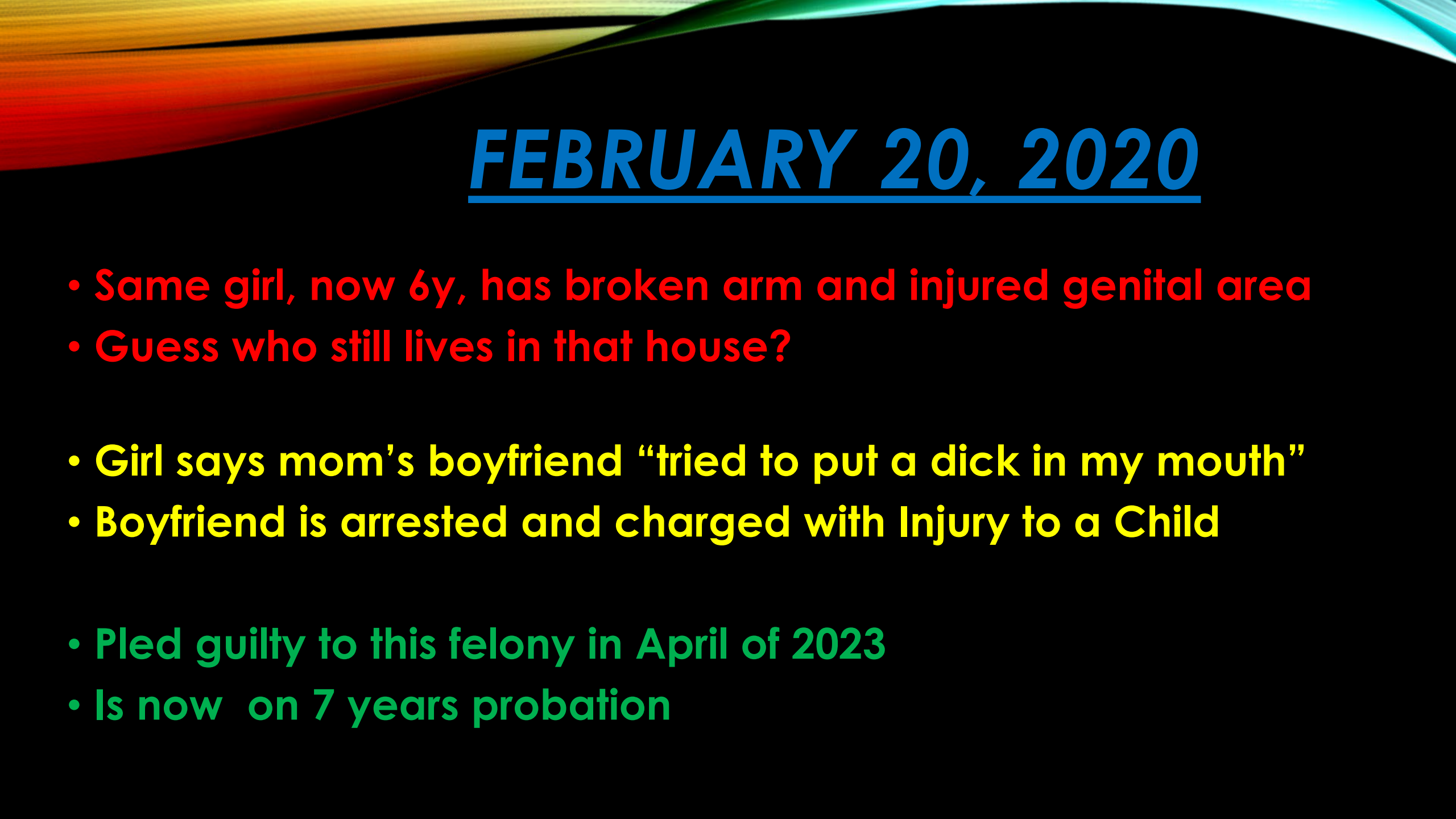
- Total standard score on Intelligence Test:
- Overall age equivalence of
(although had job, car, DL, and lived independently)

70 IQ
8 yrs, 10 mos

Detective testified:

I do not administer polygraphs to
anyone under 10 years of age

Judge Jezek: Paul was overwhelmed by the circumstances
surrounding his confession such that he did not
make a decision to confess of his own free will



FEBRUARY 20, 2020

- Same girl, now 6y, has broken arm and injured genital area
- Guess who still lives in that house?
- Girl says mom's boyfriend "tried to put a dick in my mouth"
- Boyfriend is arrested and charged with Injury to a Child
- Pled guilty to this felony in April of 2023
- Is now on 7 years probation

ELIJAH MCCLAIN AND AURORA PD

- Karim Jovian - Elijah McClain's Final Words to the Police were Heart Breaking
| Facebook

WORDS SPOKEN BY POLICE

- You are acting suspicious
- Cooperate
- Stop tensing up dude
- Relax or I'll have to change this situation
- It's not going to be good for you – I'm telling you right now.
- If you keep messing around ... I'm going to have to bring my dog out

ELIJAH'S LAST WORDS/ACTS

- I'm an introvert.
- I'm different.
- I'm just trying to go home.
- I intend to take my power back.
- Respect the boundaries I am speaking to you.
- I don't fight. I don't do that stuff. I have no gun.
- I can't breathe correctly.
- I'm sorry.

FEAR

- Why so strong?
 - Freeze? Flee? Fight?
- Did Elijah try to grab the gun?
- Ketamine

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- When our nervous systems
 - are over-activated from emotional triggers,
 - we cannot just CHOOSE to calm down.

EXCITED DELIRIUM

2020: American Medical Association

- Opposes Excited Delirium as a medical diagnosis

American Psychiatric Association:

- Diagnosis is “non-specific” and “lacks clear diagnostic criteria”.
- Is used “retrospectively”

2023: American College of Medical Toxicology

- Multiple distinct contexts with various underlying causes
- “it is time to discontinue the use of this term”

• National Association of Medical Examiners

- Asked members to stop listing “excited delirium as a cause of death”

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Why does Tres teach?

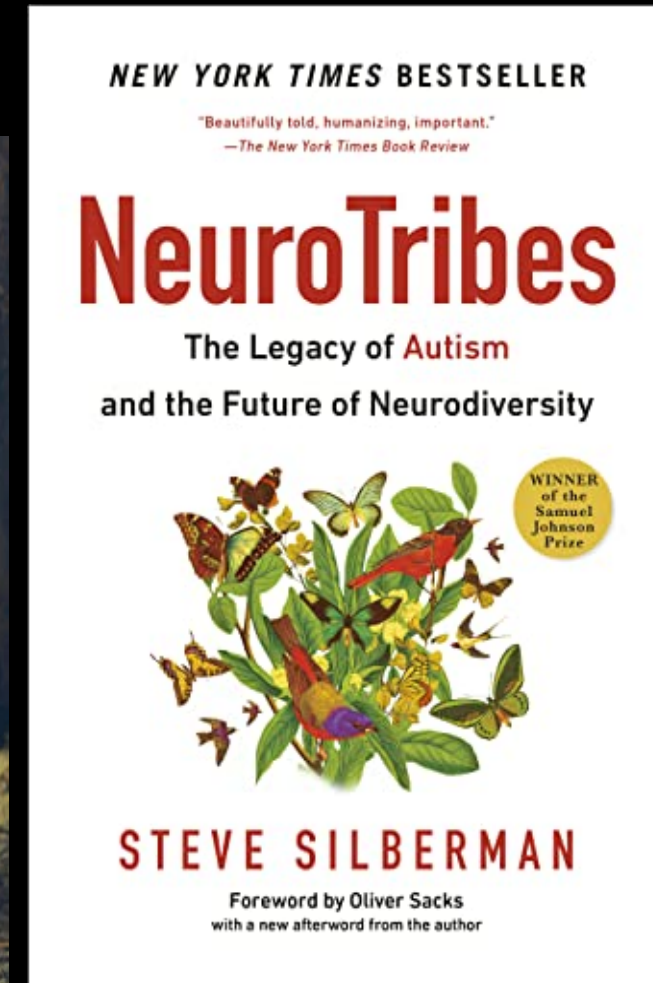
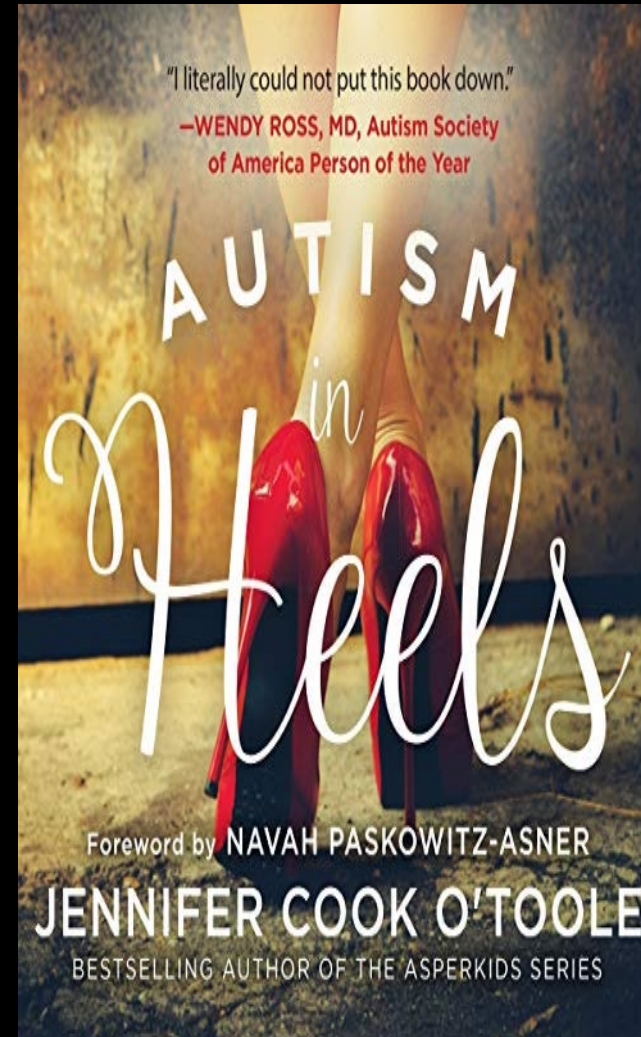
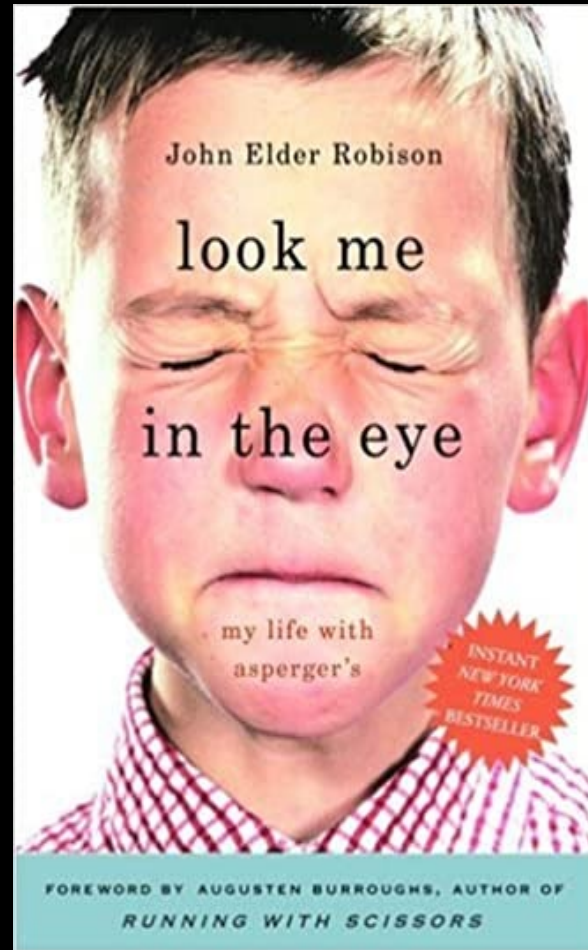
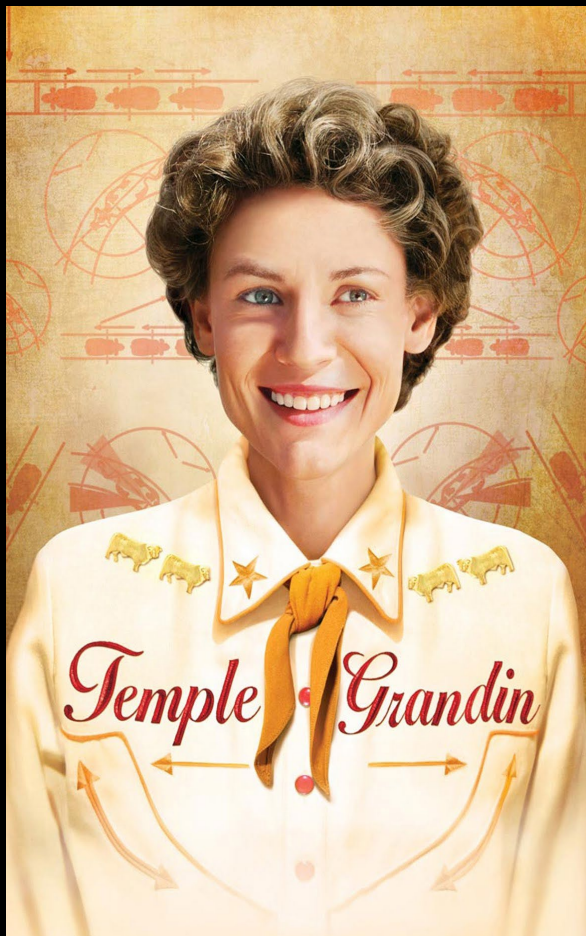
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Vulnerable

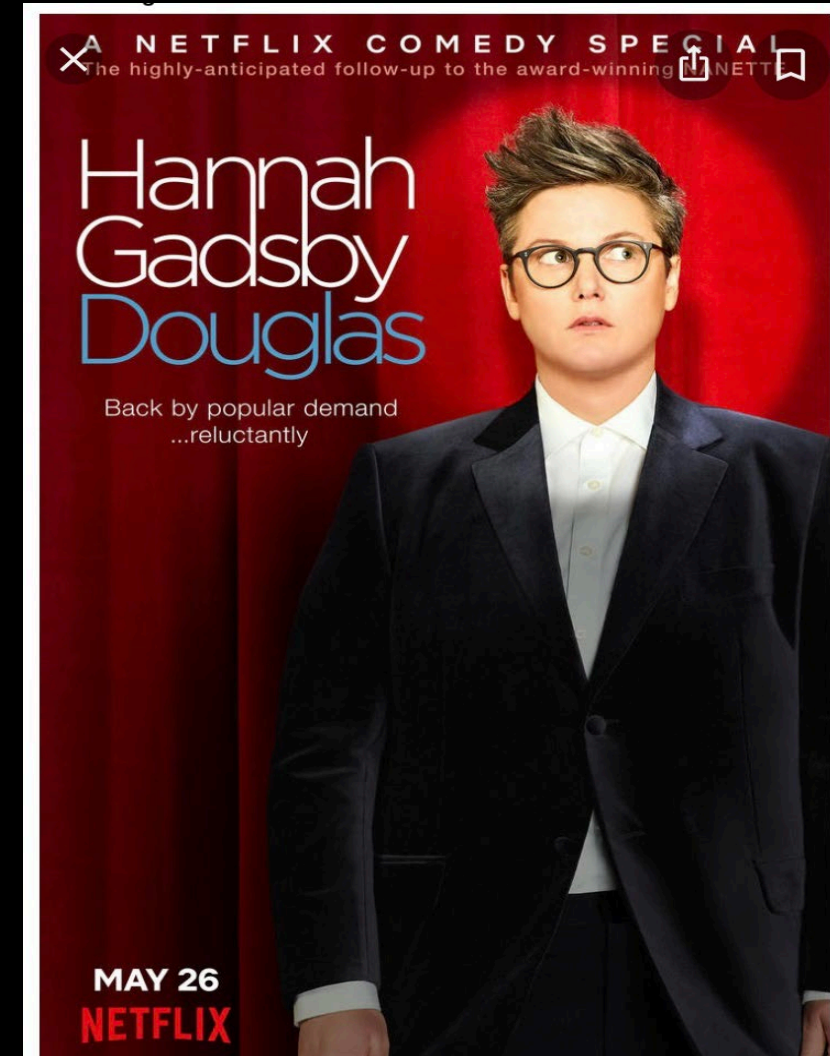
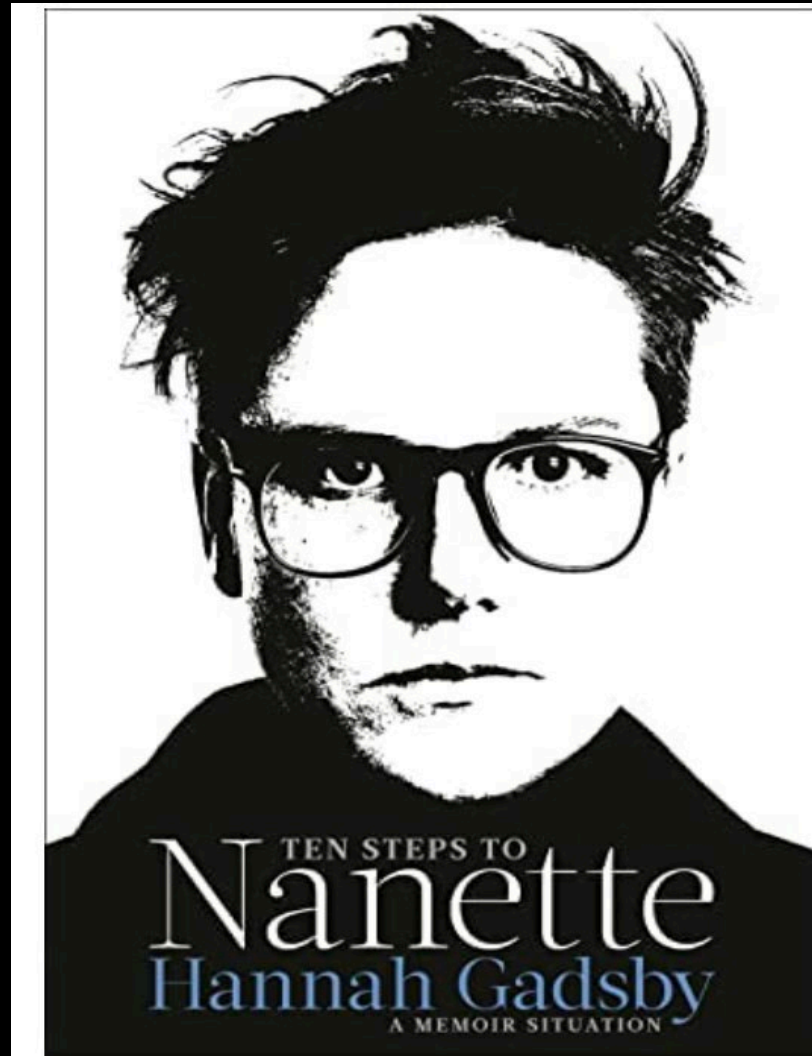
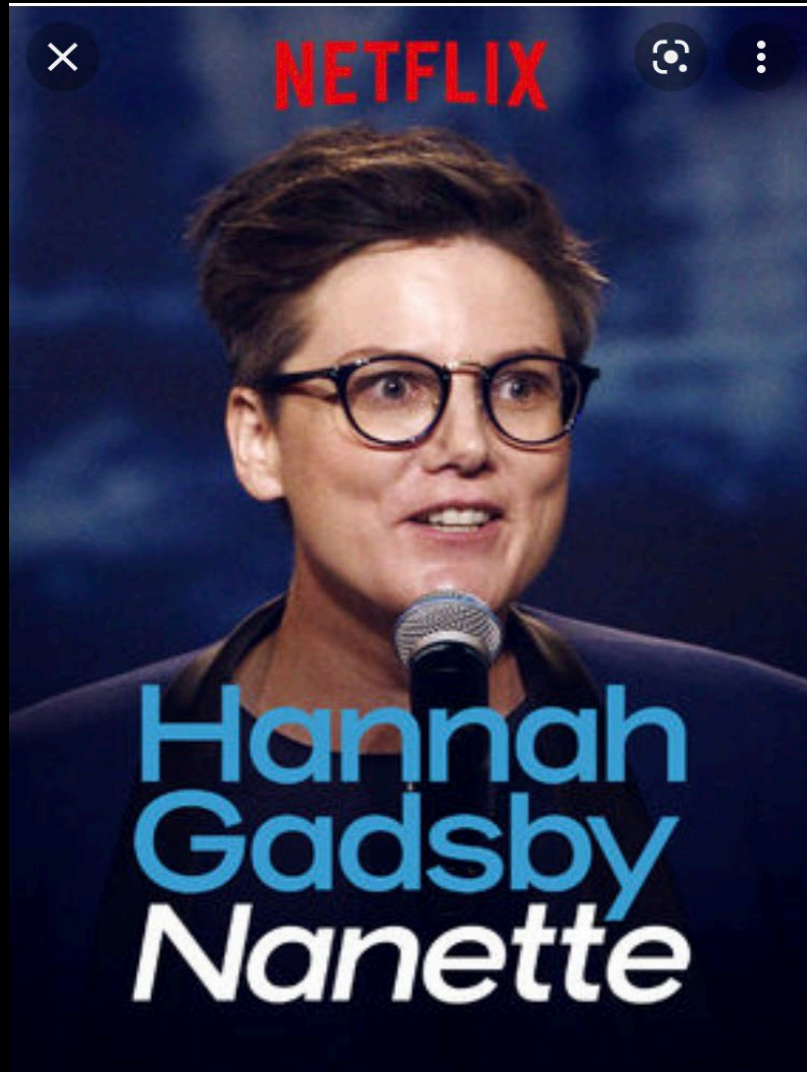
AWARE

HURT ME

MOVIE & BOOKS ABOUT AUTISM



A BOOK AND SOME COMEDY



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