

TED Talk, by Rosie King

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Rosie King challenges stereotypes of people with autism and contextualizes the issue by asking us, "Why be normal?" (TED.com)

**"Some people might call my obsession with facts boring. I call it FOCUS." -
Rosie King**

ABOUT ROSIE

When she was nine years old, doctors confirmed Rosie King's self-diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. With two younger siblings severely affected by autism, Rosie had a burning desire to help make the world a more tolerant place for people with autism ever since she was a young girl. She found the opportunity to do so when her family was invited to do a local news segment on her mother's children's books that featured Rosie's illustrations. Her lack of inhibition made her a natural presenter, and she was asked to host BBC Newsround's special program "My Autism and Me," bringing her a much wider audience and an Emmy Kid's Award. Rosie continues to raise awareness about autism, and is working towards her goal of becoming a professional actress and storyteller.

Other titles:

- My Autism and Me.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejpWWP1HNGQ>
- How Autism Freed Me to be Myself.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ95xlZeHo8>
- Through my Eyes – Rosie's Story
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g89YYiC7P6Y>