

# Mother and Son: A Long, Strange Journey into Autism



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My son was diagnosed with autism when he was three years old. I had known for a long time that something was different about him. He didn't speak or make eye contact, and he had a hard time playing with other children. But I didn't know what was wrong. I took him to the doctor, and they told me he had autism.

I was devastated. I didn't know anything about autism. I didn't know what it meant for my son or for our family. I felt lost and alone.

I started to do research on autism. I learned that it is a spectrum disorder, which means that it can range from mild to severe. I learned that there is no cure for autism, but that there are treatments that can help to improve symptoms.

I started to take my son to therapy. He started to make progress. He started to speak and make eye contact. He started to play with other children. I was so proud of him.

But our journey has not been easy. There have been many challenges along the way. My son has had meltdowns in public. He has been bullied by other children. He has had trouble finding friends.

But through it all, we have never given up on him. We have always been there for him, and we have always loved him. We know that he is a special boy, and we are so proud of the progress he has made.

My son is now a teenager. He is still autistic, but he is a happy and well-adjusted young man. He is doing well in school, and he has a lot of friends. He is a kind and compassionate person, and he brings joy to everyone who knows him.

I am so grateful for the journey that we have been on. It has been a long and strange journey, but it has been a journey of love, resilience, and hope.

### **Here are some tips for parents of children with autism:**

- Educate yourself about autism. The more you know about autism, the better equipped you will be to help your child.
- Get your child involved in therapy. Therapy can help your child to improve their skills and to manage their symptoms.
- Be patient and supportive. Raising a child with autism can be challenging, but it is also rewarding. Be patient with your child, and be there for them every step of the way.

- Don't give up hope. There is no cure for autism, but there are treatments that can help to improve symptoms. With the right support, your child can live a happy and fulfilling life.



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