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Editorial Review

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Oliver Sacks calls Temple Grandin's first book--and the first picture of autism from the inside--"quite extraordinary, unprecedented and, in a way, unthinkable." Sacks told part of her story in his *An Anthropologist on Mars*, and in *Thinking in Pictures* Grandin returns to tell her life history with great depth, insight, and feeling. Grandin told Sacks, "I don't want my thoughts to die with me. I want to have done something ... I want to know that my life has meaning ... I'm talking about things at the very core of my existence." Grandin's clear exposition of what it is like to "think in pictures" is immensely mind-broadening and basically destroys a whole school of philosophy (the one that declares language necessary for thought). Grandin, who feels she can "see through a cow's eyes," is an influential designer of slaughterhouses and livestock restraint systems. She has great insight into human-animal relations. It would be mere justice if *Thinking in Pictures* transforms the study of religious feeling, too.

From Publishers Weekly

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From Library Journal

In her autobiography, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic* (LJ 5/15/86), Grandin (animal studies, Colorado State Univ.) related how, as a high-functioning autistic adult, she overcame her disability to become a designer of livestock-handling equipment. Recently profiled in Oliver Sacks's *An Anthropologist on Mars* (LJ 2/15/95), Grandin also lectures on autism at meetings and conferences. Using insights from scientific studies, autobiographies by autistic adults, and her own experience, she lucidly explains how people with autism differently perceive and process visual and sensory information and experience and express emotions, as well as develop social skills. She reviews diagnosis and treatment of autism, and discusses its association with talent and genius. Throughout the book we learn of Grandin's own strategies for coping with her autism and how autism has given her an advantage in understanding the behavior of other animals. Highly recommended for anyone interested in the subject. Lucille Boone, San Jose P.L. Cal. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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