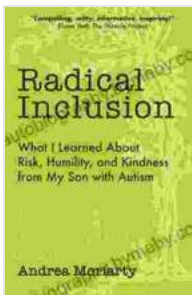


# What I Learned About Risk, Humility, and Kindness from My Son with Autism

When my son was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3, my world was turned upside down. I had no idea what the future held for him or for our family. I was scared, confused, and overwhelmed.



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In the years since then, I have learned a lot about autism. I have also learned a lot about myself. I have learned that I am stronger than I thought I was. I have learned that I am more patient than I thought I was. And I have learned that I am more loving than I thought I was.

One of the most important things I have learned is the importance of risk. When my son was first diagnosed, I was terrified to let him do anything that might be dangerous. I was afraid he would get hurt or lost. But I soon

realized that I couldn't wrap him in bubble wrap and keep him safe from the world forever.

I had to learn to let go and let him take risks. I had to trust that he could learn from his mistakes and that he would be okay. And he has. He has learned to ride a bike, to swim, and to climb trees. He has also learned to be more independent and to make his own decisions.

Taking risks has not always been easy, but it has been worth it. My son has grown and learned so much from the experiences he has had. He is a stronger, more confident, and more independent person because of the risks he has taken.

Another important thing I have learned is the importance of humility. When my son was first diagnosed, I thought I knew everything there was to know about autism. I thought I could fix him and make him "normal." But I soon realized that I didn't know as much as I thought I did.

I had to learn to be humble and to accept that my son was different. I had to learn to let go of my expectations and to love him for who he was.

Being humble has not always been easy, but it has been necessary. I have learned to listen to my son and to learn from him. I have learned to appreciate his unique perspective and to see the world through his eyes.

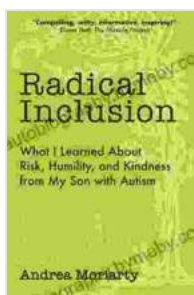
The most important thing I have learned from my son is the importance of kindness. When my son was first diagnosed, I was afraid that people would judge him and treat him differently. But I have been pleasantly surprised by the kindness and compassion that people have shown him.

My son has taught me that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness, regardless of their abilities or disabilities. He has taught me to look beyond the surface and to see the beauty in everyone.

Being kind has not always been easy, but it has been rewarding. I have seen firsthand the power of kindness and how it can change lives.

My son has taught me so much about risk, humility, and kindness. He has made me a better mother, a better person, and a better advocate for people with autism.

I am so grateful for the journey that we have been on together. I wouldn't trade it for anything.



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