

# What One Father Learned About Gumby Otters Autism And Love From His Extraordi...

When my son, Eli, was diagnosed with autism at the age of two, I was devastated. I didn't know what autism was, and I was terrified of what the future held for him. But over the years, I've learned that autism is not a disability, but a different way of being. Eli is a kind, loving, and intelligent boy, and I'm so proud of the person he's become.



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One of the things I've learned from Eli is the importance of acceptance. When Eli was first diagnosed, I tried to change him. I wanted him to be more like other kids. But I've come to realize that there's nothing wrong with Eli. He's perfect just the way he is.

I've also learned the importance of love. Eli needs love and support more than anything else. I make sure to tell him every day how much I love him,

and I always try to be there for him.

Eli has taught me so much about life. He's taught me the importance of acceptance, love, and kindness. I'm so grateful for the lessons he's taught me, and I wouldn't trade him for the world.

## **Gumby Otters**

Eli loves Gumby otters. He has a whole collection of them. He takes them with him everywhere he goes. I've never been able to figure out why he loves them so much, but I'm glad he does. They make him happy.

One day, I was watching Eli play with his otters. He was making up a story about them, and he was so happy. I realized that Gumby otters are more than just toys to Eli. They're his friends.

I'm so grateful to Eli for introducing me to Gumby otters. They've taught me the importance of play and imagination. They've also taught me that it's okay to be different.

## **Autism**

Autism is a spectrum disorder. This means that there is a wide range of symptoms and severity. Some people with autism may have difficulty with social interaction and communication. Others may have repetitive behaviors and interests.

There is no cure for autism, but there are treatments that can help to improve symptoms. These treatments may include speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

If you have a child with autism, it's important to remember that they are not alone. There are many resources available to help you and your child. You can find support groups, therapists, and other professionals who can help you to navigate the challenges of autism.

## Love

Love is the most important thing in the world. It's what makes us human. Love is what makes us care about each other. Love is what makes us want to help others.

If you have a child with autism, it's important to remember that they need love more than anything else. Make sure to tell them every day how much you love them. Be there for them when they need you. And always remember that they

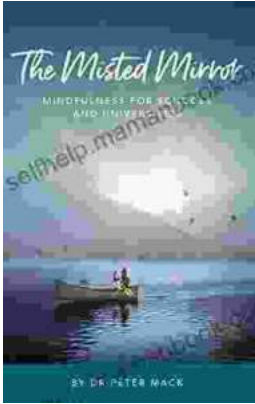


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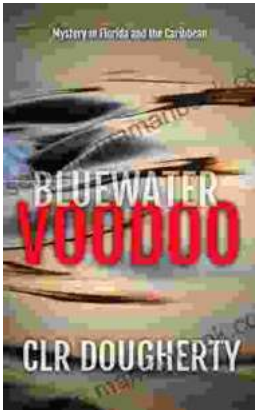
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