



We're Not Broken: Changing the Autism Conversation Eric Garcia

Senior Washington correspondent at *The Independent* and author of *We're Not Broken*.

Steve Silberman

Award-winning science writer and author, *NeuroTribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity*.

Monday, September 20, 2021, 7:00 PM Central

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PLUS: After-Hours Event!

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Monday, September 20, 2021, 7:00-8:00 PM, We're Not Broken: Changing the Autism Conversation, a FAN webinar featuring Eric Garcia, in conversation with Steve Silberman.

REGISTER: www.bit.ly/GarciaFANWebinar.

BONUS AFTER-HOURS EVENT: Attendees who purchase a copy of *We're Not Broken* from FAN's partner bookseller The Book Stall are invited to attend an AFTER-HOURS event hosted by Mr. Garcia and Mr. Silberman that will start immediately after the webinar. Details on the webinar registration page.

With a reporter's eye and an insider's perspective, journalist **Eric Garcia** chronicles the state of autism in America in his new book, ***We're Not Broken: Changing the Autism Conversation***. Part manifesto, part memoir, and part reported essay, *We're Not Broken* sees Mr. Garcia weave together personal anecdotes, interviews, and the latest scientific research to debunk the most pernicious misconceptions about autism and show that autistic people are everywhere — from dating apps to workplaces to Congress — and deserve to have a say in the policies and structures shaping their lives.

Mr. Garcia presents a comprehensive survey of autism in the U.S., incorporating the perspectives of autistic people from all walks of life in addition to sharing his experiences as an autistic journalist working at high-profile news outlets in Washington, D.C. He illustrates how autistic people wrestle with education, workplace, and healthcare systems that weren't built for them and dispels harmful myths, including the belief that autism is caused by vaccines and the misconception that autistic people don't date. Most importantly, he puts into writing what so many autistic people have been saying for years: autism is a part of their identity, and they don't need to be fixed.

Mr. Garcia is a senior Washington correspondent at *The Independent*. Previously, he was an assistant editor at the *Washington Post*'s Outlook section and an associate editor at *The Hill* and a correspondent for *National Journal*, *MarketWatch* and *Roll Call*.

Mr. Garcia will be in conversation with award-winning science writer **Steve Silberman (FAN '15)**, author of the 2015 book ***NeuroTribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity***, which won the 2015 Samuel Johnson prize for non-fiction, and has been translated into 23 languages.

This event suitable for youth 12+. It will be recorded and available later on our website and YouTube channel.

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