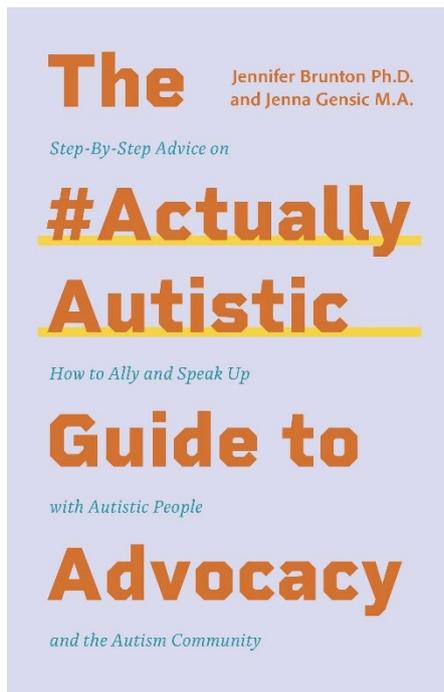




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The #ActuallyAutistic Guide to Advocacy: Step-by-Step Advice on How to Ally and Speak Up with Autistic People and the Autism Community

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Description:

The #ActuallyAutistic Guide to Advocacy takes an in-depth look at the key elements of effective, respectful, inclusive advocacy and allyship. Every topic was chosen, shaped, and informed by #ActuallyAutistic perspectives.

The step-by-step guide discusses various aspects of how autism is perceived, explores how best to speak up for individual needs, and introduces advocacy for the wider autistic community. Each step outlines one vital aspect of advocacy and allyship, such as emphasizing acceptance, avoiding assumptions, or assuming competence. The advice and strategies laid out in this guide

center the wisdom and experiences of Autistic people and enable the reader to confidently speak up with insight and understanding.

Biography:

Dr. Jennifer Elizabeth Brunton is a neurodivergent academic turned freelance writer and editor. She has extensive writing and editing experience with a variety of diverse publications. She also runs the neurodiverse parenting and advocacy blog, [Full Spectrum Mama](http://FullSpectrumMama.com).

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Reviews:

“The disability model needs to be eliminated and autistic abilities in music, art, math, and memory should be celebrated. This book will guide advocates and help change negative perceptions of autism. Guidance from autistic people is essential for understanding how autistics perceive the world differently.”

- Temple Grandin, *author and advocate*

“*The #ActuallyAutistic Guide* thoughtfully presents a wide range of Autistic voices seeking to shape advocacy and allyship strategies that will not only improve the lives of neurodivergent people, but also make the world a better place for everyone.”

-John Elder Robison, *#ActuallyAutistic, NY Times Bestselling Author of Look Me in the Eye*

“Brunton and Gensic have created a tremendous resource with *The #ActuallyAutistic Guide to Advocacy*, a book that takes much of the ponderous burden of self-advocacy off our Autistic shoulders. I am deeply grateful for their work. Instead of burning myself out, explaining the same things over and over, I can hand a copy of this book to my supervisor, professor, clients' parents, or potential friends and partners. Every person who cares for, cares about, or interacts with Autistic people must read this book!”

- Maxfield Sparrow, *Autistic Direct Support Professional and editor of Spectrums: Autistic Transgender People in Their Own Words*

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