



Love in the Age of Autism

Navigating a Joyful and Romantic Marriage in the Face of Adversity

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An honest and inspiring memoir by Gayle DeLong and her husband Jonathan Rose that explores the challenges of parenting autistic children while celebrating a deeply romantic and supportive marriage

Gayle DeLong was a well-known activist in the autism community, the ‘Warrior Mom’ of two autistic daughters. She worked closely with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. on vaccine injury issues. This book is a record (based largely on her diaries) of her happy marriage to Jonathan Rose. *Love in the Age of Autism* does not sugarcoat the stresses and heartbreak of raising autistic children: it is more honest about that than most other books on the subject. But it is also an inspiring love story, which can help autism parents find profound joys in spite of all the pains. It offers practical advice and models for sharing the burdens and pleasures of life, based on a strong sense of family values. This book frankly (and with an earthy sense of humour) illustrates how autism parents can continue to enjoy passionate, monogamous physical love – and it explains how to provide sex education for autistic girls. The tale that Gayle and Jonathan tell is intensely romantic and life-affirming.

Key selling points

- This is a record of autism as told by an autism mom, which is far more honest than the sugar-coated accounts in the mainstream media.
- It describes dealing simultaneously with both autistic children and cancer.
- It frankly deals with sex – how autism parents can continue to enjoy physical love and how to provide sex education for autistic girls.
- It discusses working with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and supports his argument that autism can be caused by an adverse reaction to vaccination, so it will appeal to anyone who shares that view.

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Gayle DeLong was an Associate Professor of International Business and Finance at Baruch College CUNY.

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