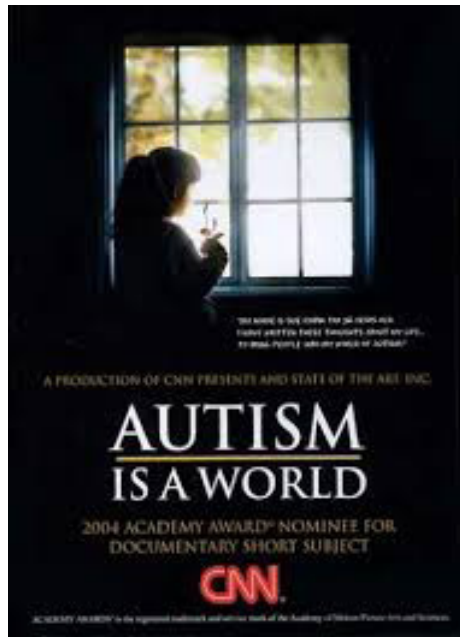


# An Informal Discussion

by

## Sue and Rita Rubin



Sue Rubin is a functionally non-verbal published autistic author who was the subject of the Oscar-nominated documentary *Autism Is A World* in which she communicated via the controversial communication technique of facilitated communication. Rubin graduated from Whittier College in Whittier, California with a Bachelor's degree in Latin American History in May 2013. Rubin considers herself to be a low-functioning autistic person. She has stated that there exists a rift in the autistic community between high functioning autistics who, often, resist efforts to find a cure for autism, and low-functioning autistics like herself who strongly support a cure: "High-functioning people speak and low-functioning people don't. ... Low-functioning people are just trying to get through the day without hurting, tapping, flailing, biting, screaming, etc. The thought of a gold pot of a potion with a cure really would be wonderful." Rubin was a contributing author featured in the published collection edited by Douglas Biklen entitled *Autism and The Myth of The Person Alone*. The book featured functionally non-verbal published authors with autism including Lucy Blackman, Tito Mukhopadhyay, artist Larry Bissonette, Alberto Frugone, Jamie Burke and award winning writer Richard Attfield. In the introduction to her chapter, Biklen writes that Sue has "become a leading disability rights advocate and keynote speaker at many disability conferences." Rita is her mother, who has written articles about their life.

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**4 p.m.**



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