

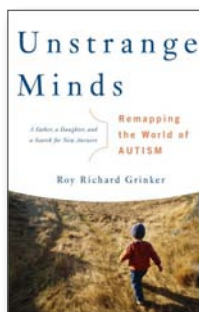
**Human societies are composed of many different parts. Our success as a society depends on how well we deal with these differences.**

## Roy Richard Grinker

□ *Engaging and moving speaker on diversity; special expertise on autism.* □

The world's leading authority presenting on autism for lay audiences. Unique perspective on diversity, especially, the diversity of minds, as a cultural anthropologist and parent of a child with autism. Sole researcher on autism around the world, in terms of cultural environment and medical response. Author of an important book on autism.

*Author, Unstrange Minds: Remapping the World of Autism.*



# Ahead of the Curve

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## Highlights

Cultural anthropologist Richard Grinker is widely recognized for his eloquent writing and speeches on diversity, especially on the **diversity of minds**. He is the world's leading authority presenting on **autism for lay audiences**, combining a mastery of the **latest medical knowledge** and a **deep personal understanding** of social and cultural context in **accessible, non-technical language**.

He wrote the award-winning book *Unstrange Minds: Remapping the World of Autism* after his daughter was diagnosed with autism.

He speaks about how individuals, communities, and businesses can create environments that help people with disabilities to lead personally and economically fulfilling lives, and how changes in our society and our workplaces can enrich the lives of people with autism and the environments in which they live and work.

An **engaging and moving speaker**, Richard weaves into his accounts **many inspiring stories** of his own daughter's successes, and those of other people with autism in countries around the world. Richard is a **gifted storyteller** and "a dynamic presence on camera" (CNN Presents).

Roy Richard Grinker is Professor of Anthropology, the Human Sciences, and International Affairs at George Washington University. His seemingly diverse research is unified by the theme of cultural response to marginalized populations.

He has written on the two years he spent living with the pygmies in central Africa and how they coped with oppression by other ethnic groups, and on the plight of North Korean defectors in South Korea, where he also conducted a major study of autism in Korea. He has published in major newspapers, including the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and *New Scientist*, and has made numerous broadcast appearances.

*Diversity now means more than just race and ethnicity; it also means the diversity of minds.*

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## Autism—A Diversity of Mind

□ Accessible authority on autism and a unique perspective on diversity. □

*Ask the people in your environment if they know someone with autism—you will likely be very surprised at the result.*

Extraordinary momentum is building behind concerns about autism, on the part of parents, educators, medical professionals, policy makers and the general public. There's a lot of misinformation and a lot of fear. As the first social scientist to trace the reasons behind the rise of autism as a diagnosis, **no one is more qualified** than Richard Grinker to speak about the history of autism and to answer your important questions.

Richard Grinker's own experience as a father and as a researcher give him hope and make him an **inspiring speaker**. His book *Unstrange Minds* has been widely hailed as "one of the great general books on autism" (*Library Journal*).

## • Credentials

- □ Professor of Anthropology, the Human Sciences, and International Affairs, George Washington University
- □ Author, *Unstrange Minds: Remapping the World of Autism*
- One of the 30 Best Books of 2007, *Library Journal*
- 2008 KEN Award
- □ Principal investigator of the first epidemiological study of autism in South Korea
- □ Frequent speaker at universities and other institutions around the world