



# EVERY DAY WITH ADHD

Celebrate Abiding  
disabilities

## Famous Women with ADHD/SLD



### Erin Brockovich

The inspiration for the movie of the same name, now runs her own environmental consulting firm and is a popular public speaker.

She struggled in school and wasn't diagnosed until later in life. She helped win a \$333 million class action lawsuit that is the largest in U.S. history

### Patty Duke

Duke had a successful singing and acting career. In 1985, Duke was elected president of the Screen Actors Guild, the second woman to hold the position. She authored two books, one her autobiography, *Call Me Anna* and *Brilliant Madness: Living with Manic Depressive Illness*

### Emily Dickinson

Regarded as one of America's greatest poets, is also well known for her unusual life of self imposed social seclusion.

### Mariette Hartley

Hartley began her career in her teens as a stage actress

### Luci Baines

Is the younger daughter of U.S. President Lyndon Johnson and his wife

### Virginia Woolf

An English novelist, essayist, diarist, epistler, publisher, feminist, and writer of short stories, regarded as one of the foremost modernist literary figures of the twentieth century.

### Joan Rivers

An American comedian, television personality and actress

### Eleanor Roosevelt

The First Lady of the United States from 1933 to 1945 and became an advocate for civil rights. Roosevelt continued to be an internationally prominent author, speaker, politician, and activist

### Molly Sullivan Sloney

Former Olympic fencer has made it her mission to speak to students and encourage them to believe in themselves and follow their dreams. She rose above her own struggle with dyslexia to become a world-class athlete.



### Cher

Cher is an American Academy Award-winning actress and singer.

She rose to prominence in the 1960s as a member of the duo Sonny and Cher, then as a solo artist when the duo ended in 1974. She has sold over 100 million records worldwide since the start of her career and is well known for her 1970s hit TV variety show.

### Barbara Corcoran

Founder of one of New York City's largest residential real estate agencies, wrote the book *Use What You've Got and Other Business Lessons I Learned From My Mom*.

### Patricia Polacco

Prolific children's author and illustrator, didn't learn to read until she was 14.



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### Tracey Gold

The actress from "Growing Pains" suffered from dyslexia in high school.

Gold has been an actress since the age of four

### Kelly McCorkle

Legislative correspondent for Representative Jim DeMint (R-S.C.), is a former Miss South Carolina who made learning disabilities part of her pageant platform.

### Princess Beatrice

Of England, daughter of Prince Andrew and fifth in line to the throne, speaks out about dyslexia

### Suzanne Somers

Is an actress and Las Vegas entertainer who has also become a successful entrepreneur.



### Jewel

Is a young pop-music sensation who recently wrote an autobiography of her life growing up in Alaska.

### Lindsay Wagner

Most famous for her title role on the hit 1970s TV series *Bionic Woman*, has dedicated much of her time to raising awareness about learning difficulties.

### Ann Bancroft

An honouree in the National Women's Hall of Fame, was the first woman to travel to the North Pole and lead an all-woman dogsled team to the South Pole.

### Avi

Is the award-winning author of more than 50 books for children and young adults.



### Salma Hayek

Salma Hayek sometimes struggles with her lines as a result of her dyslexia

A Mexican-born actress who coproduced and starred in the film *Frida*, about artist Frida Kahlo.

### Fannie Flagg

Is a writer and actor who is most famous for her novel *Fried Green Tomatoes*, which was later produced as a movie.

### Jackie French

Is the author of numerous kids' books, as well as books about gardening and Australian history.



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### Keira Knightley

Keira says her problems have not affected her ability to learn her lines and adds, *"I can learn them fine. It's just reading them in the first place that is the problem."*

English film actress starred in *Bend It Like Beckham* and *Pirates of the Caribbean* and played Guinevere in the film *King Arthur*.

### Atoosa Rubenstein

Has dyslexia, was successful as the editor in chief of *Seventeen* magazine. Today she has her own digital business and a consulting firm advising companies how to speak to the teen market.

### Shelley S. Curtiss

Is a highly skilled and creative professional sculptor who has over fifteen years of success and experience in sculpturing

### Valli Kugler

Miss Tennessee 2002, who set up a summer camp for children with learning disabilities when she was a student at the University of Tennessee, used the pageant as a platform to increase understanding of LD.



### Whoopi Goldberg

Whoopi is a well-known American movie actress, comedian, and singer who has used her stardom to raise money to eliminate homelessness.

### Helen Taussig, M.D.

(1898-1986), was a successful cardiologist who struggled with dyslexia, which made school difficult for her. Even so, she graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School.

### Nicole Betancourt

Emmy winning filmmaker

### Britney Spears

British singer who made it to the pop charts when she was 17

### Zsa Zsa Gabor

Well known actress



### Susan Hampshire

Susan Hampshire OBE is an English actress best known for her many film and television roles. Her appeal has always been that of an "English rose".