

How to belong in a world in which you do not naturally belong?

# Disability

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Anaïs Van Ertvelde was born with a short right forearm. A matter of course for her, she thought, but other people seemed to question it. At a certain point she discovered that there was much more behind that disability, in both personal and social terms.

Van Ertvelde examines 'disability' as a political condition. She examines what the world tells us about disability and reveals what disability can tell us about the world. How disability affects our view of art, sex, work, intimacy, burnout, citizenship, resistance and who we are ourselves - though we rarely realise it.

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