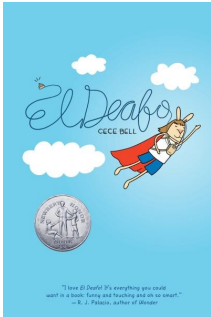


El Deafo by Cece Bell

“El Deafo” is a funny, deeply honest graphic novel. The book follows the author’s own story of hearing loss at a young age and her experiences with a powerful and very awkward hearing aid called the Phonic Ear. The Phonic Ear gives her the ability to hear, sometimes things she shouldn’t, but also isolates her from her classmates. She just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her, Phonic Ear and all.

Finally she is able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become “El Deafo, Listener for All”. And more importantly, find a place for herself in the world and the friend she’s longed for.

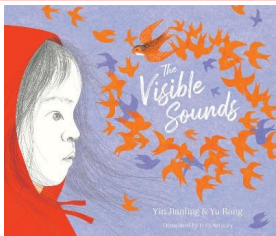
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The Visible Sounds by Yin Jainling

Based on a true story of Chinese dancer Lihua Tai, The Visible Sounds tells the uplifting tale of a young child dealing with the frustration and solitude of hearing loss. Alone in silence, the central character’s life is changed forever when a chance touch unlocks a vibrant new world, now blazing with rainbows of visible sounds. The Visible Sounds brings the message of hope and joy to children living with a disability and is an inspirational reminder that dreams can become reality.

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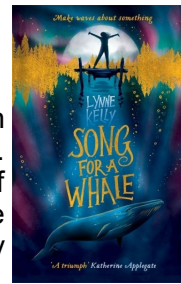


Song For a Whale by Lynne Kelly

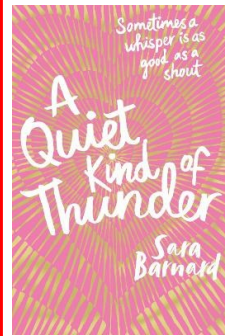
Iris is 12 years old and is a tech genius and loves to fix things. Problem is, she is the only deaf person in her school, so people often treat her like she’s not very smart.

Iris then learns about Blue 55, a real whale who is unable to communicate with other whales, a feeling she understands. Iris then works on a foolproof plan to try and help the whale. But, she soon realizes that this is not enough, she wants to find Blue 55 herself. Iris is about to go on the biggest road trip of her life.

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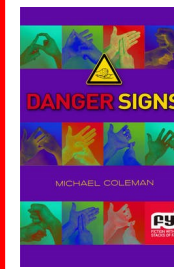
A Quiet Kind of Thunder by Sara Barnard



Steffi doesn’t talk, but she has so much to say. Rhys can’t hear, but he can listen. Their love isn’t a lightning strike, it’s the rumbling roll of thunder.

Steffi has been a selective mute for most of her life. She’s been silent for so long she feels invisible. But, Rhys, the new boy, sees her. Rhys is deaf, and her knowledge of basic sign language means that she is asked to look after him. To Rhys, it doesn’t matter that Steffi doesn’t talk. They find ways to communicate, and Steffi finds that she does have a voice, and that she’s actually falling in love with the person who makes her feel brave enough to use her voice.

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Danger Signs by Michael Coleman

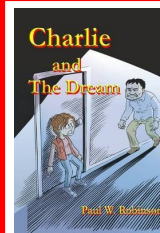
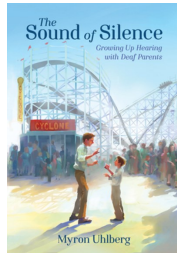
Alan and Jeff fight like most brothers do. But their already fraught relationship is exacerbated by Alan’s frustration with Jeff’s deafness. Why couldn’t Alan have a “normal” brother who doesn’t need to use sign language? But when a trip to the swimming pool goes wrong, and Alan ends up in serious trouble, it’s only Jeff who can save him.

Dyslexia-friendly.
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AR Level 4.3

The Sound of Silence By Myron Uhlberg

Myron Uhlberg was born the hearing son of two deaf parents at a time when American Sign Language was not well established and deaf people often dismissed as being unintelligent. This is a moving memoir as Uhlberg recalls the difficulties and joys of living between the two worlds.

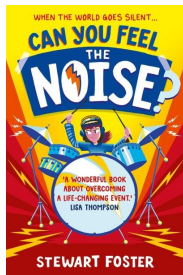
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Charlie and the Dream by Paul W Robinson

Charlie is profoundly deaf and a girl with great intelligence and a bucketful of sympathy for people and their problems. She has enormous reserves of courage, and a strong sense of right and wrong so when she teams up with a friend who has autism, the criminals had better watch out. Beware all villains, here come Charlotte Holmes and Joanne Watson!

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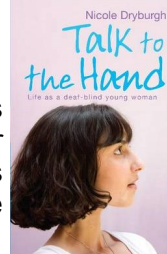
Can You Feel The Noise by Stewart Foster

Life is going well for Sophie. School is okay, she has some pretty awesome friends and their band have made it through to the semifinals of the Battle of the Bands competition.

But one day, Sophie wakes up and is completely deaf. Sophie's life as she knew it seems like a distant memory. Lessons are replaced by endless hospital appointments, and conversations now an exercise in lip-reading. Sophie grows quieter and quieter, until she discovers the vibrations of sound through an old set of drums and wonders whether a life on stage is still in reach.

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Talk to the Hand by Nicole Dryburgh



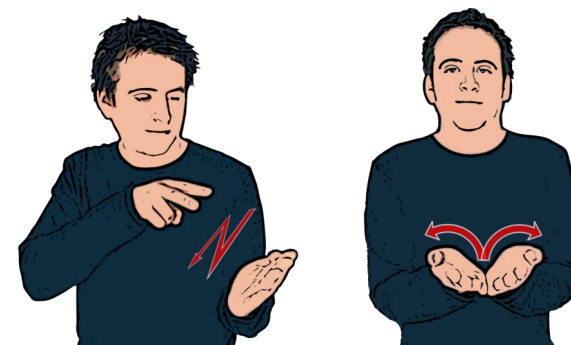
At age 11, Nicole Dryburgh was diagnosed with a tumour on her spine. Since then, Nicole has gone through surgery to remove the tumour, a brain haemorrhage, blindness, loss of movement, loss of hearing, and various therapies.

Nicole has achieved so much including raising thousands for charity, visiting New York, meetings royalty and government ministers, starred in a BBC TV documentary, won numerous awards and now has a job with the Teenage Cancer Trust. This is Nicole's account of her life since her last book "The Way I See It". A story to inspire us all.

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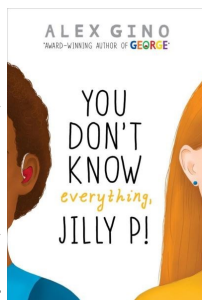
d/Deaf Awareness Book List



The recommended reads: Read about d/Deaf culture and deaf awareness. These books feature a main character who is d/Deaf.

Please be aware that some of these titles are in the adult section of the library due to their content. If you are wanting to take any of these books, and are in years 7 and 8, please come speak to Mrs Thornton or Mrs Bridgman and ask for a permission slip.

You Don't Know Everything Jilly P! by Alex Gino



Jilly reckons she has life figured out. But when her sister Emma is born deaf, she realises there is still so much to learn.

Jilly is a big fantasy reader and makes friends with another fan. Derek is deaf

and uses sign language. Jilly goes to Derek for advice but struggles to know the best way to ask for it and makes some mistakes along the way.

Jilly has to learn to take a step back, and be an ally, a sister and a friend. Jill starts to understand that life works in different ways for different people and being open to change can be a positive.

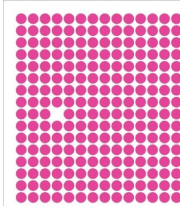
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Chattering: Stories by Louise Stern

This is a collection of inspiring stories about brave young girls, ready to travel the world, go out to party and go a little wild. The one thing that marks them out from their peers is that they have grown up deaf.

They communicate with others using a complex mixture of sign language, lip-reading, note scribbling, guess work and instinct. Yet the

girls are full of daring, ready for adventures that take them to unfamiliar places, and strange relationships with people whose actions they observe but never wholly understand.



CHATTERING
Louise Stern
Utterly compelling
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Found in the Adult Fiction area.
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