

## Books for Adults with D/deaf characters

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<i>Normal: A Mother and Her Beautiful Son</i>	Magdalena Newman	This book is the autobiography of the Mother of a teenage son with severe treacher collins syndrome, a craniofacial condition which affects his ability to breath, hear or eat. In the book he has 67 surgeries and wears BAHA hearing aids.		Autobiography	2020
<i>Dark Pines (Tuva Moodyson Mystery 1)</i>	Will Dean	The central character Tuva became deaf after having meningitis as a child and now an adult she wears hearing aids and uses lip-reading and speech to communicate.		Crime thriller	2018
<i>Friend (With Benefits) Zone</i>	Laura Brown	Both the main characters, which are in a romantic relationship are deaf.		Romance	2017

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<i>Diary of a Beautiful Disaster</i>	Kristin Bartzokis	This book is the autobiography of a lady with treacher collins syndrome, a craniofacial condition which can also cause hearing loss. She wears a BAHA hearing aid and uses speech to communicate. In the book she some awful medical experiences following surgery.		Autobiography	2017
<i>Levi (Forbidden Desires #2)</i>	Justine Elvira	A small character, a child, is Deaf and uses <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate	18 + yrs	Erotic Fiction	2017
<i>Silent Fear</i>	Lance Morcan, James Morcan	This book is set in a fictional University for the Deaf - so most of the characters are Deaf or can use <a href="#">BSL</a> to communicate.		Horror	2017
<i>And Fire Came Down (Caleb Zelic #2)</i>	<a href="#">Emma Viskic</a>	The central character Caleb is Profoundly Deaf since being a young child and uses lip-reading and <a href="#">Auslan</a> to communicate. There is also another character which uses some sign language.		Australian Crime / Mystery	2017

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<i>Deafness Gain</i>	Michael Uniacke	This second book in the autobiography of Michael Uniacke tells how he as an adult explores his deaf identity and joins a deaf community of non-signers. <sup>[67]</sup>		Autobiography	2016
<i>The Silent Book: A Deaf Family and the Disappearing Australian-Irish Sign Language</i>	Bernadette T Wallis	Based on the true story of a deaf family in Victoria, Australia. Focusing on the Australian-Irish Sign language that was used by the Catholic Deaf Community that is no longer taught in Schools.		Australian Deaf History	2016
<i>Signs of Attraction</i>	Laura Brown	The main character Carli has hearing aids and uses speech to communicate and learns ASL in the book, another character Reed is also deaf. <sup>[68]</sup> They meet whilst studying at university.	18-25 yrs	New Adult / Romance	2016

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<i>Kisses</i> <i>(3:AM Kisses #5)</i>	Addison Moore	The central character Annie (19) was born Profoundly Deaf and uses lip-reading and <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate; during the book, her Mum encourages her to get a cochlear implant which she does and then rapidly develops very clear speech. Annie previously attended a school for the hearing impaired and is starting at Whitney Briggs University where she has an <a href="#">ASL</a> interpreter in class.		New Adult / Erotic Romance	2015

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<i>Resurrection Bay</i>  (Caleb Zelic #1)	Emma Viskic	The central character Caleb (in his 50's) is a deaf private detective. He became deaf aged 5 after having meningitis and uses lip-reading with strangers and Auslan to communicate with his friends. The book includes times when he can't follow what is being said and reminding others to move to ensure there face is well lit. This book has won several the 2016 Ned Kelly Award for Best First Fiction, Davitt Awards for Best Novel, Best Debut and Reader's Choice, iBooks Australia's Crime Novel of the Year and shortlisted for the UK Gold Dagger and New Blood Awards. Nomationaed for Barry Award for Best paperback		Australian Crime Thriller	2015
<i>Graeme Clark: the man who invented the bionic ear</i>	Mark Worthing	This book is a biography of Graeme Clark, the man who invented cochlear implants, although it is the story of his life there are deaf people in the book including his Father who had hearing loss.		Biography	2015

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<i>Signs</i>	Anna Martin	The central character Caleb (18) wears hearing aids, has social anxiety and doesn't feel part of the Deaf community. He uses a shorthand form of <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate at home with his parents. In the story, he's in a Gay relationship and the book includes explicit sex scenes. <sup>[69]</sup> He previously went to a special school but is now in a mainstream school.	18 yrs +	New Adult, Erotic, LGBTQ Romance	2015
<i>Not Fade Away: A Memoir of Senses Lost and Found</i>	<b>Rebecca A. Alexander,</b> Sascha Alper	This autobiography is written by Rebecca. She has Usher syndrome type III which has caused her to have progressive hearing and sight loss from childhood, she uses		Autobiography	2015

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<i>Different ways of being</i>	Alan Balter	The book starts with Willa and Robert, a couple deaf from birth that are culturally Deaf couple have a child called Seth who then goes to Gallaudet University and has a Deaf boyfriend called Jacob. The Deaf characters and Seth <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate. As the book is set in the Deaf community there are other Deaf characters in the book.		Deaf culture, LGBTQ+	2015
<i>Deafness Down</i>	<b>Michael Uniacke</b> , Rachel Burt	This autobiography tells the story of Michael Uniacke's (6+) childhood, whilst deaf in a catholic mainstream school. <sup>[70]</sup> He also has three deaf siblings and one hearing sister.		Autobiography 1960's Australia	2015
<i>Maybe Someday</i>  (Maybe #1)	Colleen Hoover	One of the main characters Ridge (24) is Deaf and uses <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate.		New Adult Romance	2014

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<i>What Is Visible</i>	Kimberly Elkins	<p>This book is based on the true story of <a href="#">Laura Bridgman</a> who became deaf-blind and lost her sense of smell/taste aged 2 after an illness (possibly scarlet fever.) She could read <a href="#">Braille</a> and used tactile sign language to communicate. She spent most of her school and adult life at the <a href="#">Perkins Institution for the Blind</a>. She was born fifty years before Helen Keller. The book includes her periods of unhappiness, self-harm and anorexia. This book has won the David J. Langum Sr. Prize for American Historical Fiction (2014).</p>		Historical Biography set in America 1829 – 1889	2014



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<i>Finding Zoe: A Deaf Woman's Journey of Love, Identity, and Adoption</i>	<b>Brandi Rarus,</b> Gail Harris	This is the true story of a Deaf couple where the Brandi was raised orally after becoming Deaf aged 6 and then later joined the Deaf community and her husband Tim was from a Deaf multigenerational family which used <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate. They had three hearing Sons before they adopted Zoe, a baby with progressive hearing loss.		Deaf Culture/ Adoption / Autobiography	2014
<i>The Art of Being Deaf: A Memoir</i>	Donna McDonald	In this autobiography, Donna tells how she went to an oral deaf school aged five then onto mainstream schools where she used lip-reading and speech to communicate and then spent her adult life in the 'hearing world'. This book is published by the Gallaudet University Press.		Autobiography	2014
<i>Smart, Sexy and Secretive</i>  <i>(The Reed Brothers #2)</i>	Tammy Falkner	One of the two main characters, Logan became deaf after a childhood illness and uses speech to communicate.	18 +	Romance	2013

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<i>Song Without Words: Discovering My Deafness Halfway through Life</i>	Gerald Shea	This autobiography is by Gerald Shea who went deaf after an illness aged six went through his childhood and young adult years with undiagnosed until his hearing status was discovered when he went to a mandatory hearing test for a new job aged 34. He now wears hearing aids and uses lip-reading and speech to communicate		Autobiography	2013
<i>Tall, Tatted and Tempting</i>  (The Reed Brothers #1)	Tammy Falkner	One of the two main characters, Logan became deaf after a childhood illness and initially chooses not to talk but later uses speech to communicate. '	18 +	Romance	2013
<i>What Did You Say? An Unexpected Journey Into the World of Hearing Loss</i>	Monique E. Hammond				2012

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<i>Listening Closely: A Journey to Bilateral Hearing</i>	Arlene Romoff	The author started to become deaf in her teenage years and had much later had bilateral cochlear implant surgery.		Autobiography	2011
<i>Kicking Up Dirt: A True Story of Determination, Deafness, and Daring</i>	Ashley Fiolek, Caroline Ryder	This book is an autobiography of Ashley Fiolek's life and career, she was born Deaf and uses <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate.			2011
<i>Deaf in DC: A Memoir (Gallaudet New Deaf Lives Book 9)</i>	Madan Vasishta	This autobiography by Madan tells how he became deaf aged 11 and later went on to learn Indian sign language and ASL and become an Associate Professor at Gallaudet University.		Autobiography	2011
<i>Flying to the Light</i>  (Flying #1)	Elyse Salpeter	One of the two main characters, Danny (6), is Deaf and uses <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate combined with some lip-reading and speech.		Fantasy / Thriller	2011

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<i>Breaking the Sound Barriers: 9 Deaf Success Stories</i>	Julie Postance	Nine true stories, five parents of deaf children and four from deaf adults and the variety of paths they took in life. The stories include different communication choices including speech, <a href="#">Auslan</a> and bilingual upbringings.		Biographies	2009
<i>St. Nacho's</i> ( <i>St. Nacho's</i> #1)	Z.A. Maxfield	One of this books two main characters is deaf. Shawn is part of a Deaf there group as is Kevin also Deaf. Shawn is also gay and uses lip-reading, written English and <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate. This book is very sexually explicit.	18 +	LGBTQ / Romance	2008
<i>Echo</i> ( <i>Sensations</i> #2)	Clint Kelly	One of the main characters Cody (13) is deaf, wears hearing aids and uses speech to communicate.	18 yrs		2007

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<i>Whitethorn Woods</i>	Maeve Binchy	Melanie is the Deaf Character in the story and she appears towards the end of the book. She is Profoundly deaf, attended a school for the deaf (all girls) as a child and communicates in sign language and speech and enrolls in a training program to later teach deaf children.		Irish Family Saga / Romance	2007
<i>Teaching from the Heart and Soul: The Robert F. Panara Story (Deaf Lives Series, Vol. 6)</i>	Harry G. Lang	This biography is about Robert who became deaf aged 10 after having meningitis. He used <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate.		Biography	2007
<i>ither–Nor: A Young Australian's Experience with Deafness (The Fifth Deaf Lives Series)</i>	Paul Jacobs	This biography of Jason who became deaf aged 5, who uses speech and lip-reading to communicate. He attends university and plays in the Deaf Australian World Cup cricket team but never learns to sign. Published by the Gallaudet University Press.		Biography, Australia	2007

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	Frances Itani	The main character in this book, Grania O'Neill becomes Deaf after having Scarlet fever aged five. She initially lives at home, then attends Ontario School for the Deaf where she learns sign language and speech. This book won the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best Book in Caribbean and Canada (2004). This book starts in Canada but follows characters to the United States, England, Belgium and France.		Set in WW1 (1915-19) Canada,	2007
<i>Buy a Watch, Get a Wife!</i>	Rachel Brown	The main character, Rachel has a masters degree in Deaf Education and is an "elementary school hearing impaired teacher," her role includes <a href="#">ASL</a> interpreting for deaf and hard of hearing students across the school. Her students and her relationship with them are included in the book.		Romance, Husband in US Army goes to Iraq	2006

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<i>Isles of view</i>	C. F. Brunner	One of the two main characters is Dan (Adult) he has been Profoundly deaf since he was a toddler and uses speech, lip-reading and sign language to communicate. The book focuses on the couple's relationship dynamics, as a deaf/hearing couple, which the author has first-hand experience of.		Love story, relationship conflict	2006
<i>Girl in the Shadow</i>	V.C. Andrews	The central character comes to live with Echo (14) who is deaf and uses <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate and her elderly Grandmother.		Horror / Family saga	2006
<i>Deaf in Delhi: A Memoir (Deaf Lives Series, Vol. 4)</i>	Madan Vasishta	This autobiography tells the story of Madan's life, how he went deaf at 11 after being ill with typhoid fever and the mumps. He starts life in India, aged 20 learns Indian Sign Language and later gains a Degree from Gallaudet college where he learnt <a href="#">ASL</a> .		Autobiography	2006

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<i>Silent Ears, Silent Heart: A Deaf Man's Journey Through Two Worlds</i>	Blair LaCrosse, Michelle LaCrosse	The main character Christopher was born into a hearing family and the book documents follows his journey navigating the Deaf and hearing worlds.		Deaf culture and identity	2003
<i>Hear Again: Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant</i>	Arlene Romoff	The author's experience of having a cochlear implant.		Autobiography	2002



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<i>Havana Heat:</i> <i>A novel</i>	Darryl Brock	<p>The central character in this book is <a href="#">Luther "Dummy" Taylor</a> was born deaf and used <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate. He was a successful baseball pitcher in the early 1900s. This semi-fictional account of his life includes a trip to Cuba where he meets children from the deaf School, La Escuela delOrejas and specifically forms a friendship with another deaf character called Luis (19) who also used <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate. The book is set in 1911 America. Later in the book he teaches and coaches at the, Illinois School for the Deaf and shortly before his death is honoured by Kansa School for the Deaf where he attended as a child. The book was awarded the <a href="#">Dave Moore Award</a> in 2000.</p>		Baseball Historical Fiction	2000

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<i>Talk Talk</i>	T.C. Boyle	Dana now in her 30's became deaf aged 4 after an infection. She is now a fiercely independent strong woman, who is an English teacher at a school for the deaf in San Roque. Her voice gives away that she is deaf and she also uses ASL to communicate. This book won the California Book Award for Fiction (Silver) (2006).		Suspense & Thriller / Crime	2000
<i>Quiet World: Living with Hearing Loss</i>	David Myres	The author's experience of hearing loss later in life.		Biography	2000
<i>Living Legends</i>  <i>Stories about Successful Deaf People, Book 2</i>	Darlene Toole	Biographies of Danny Delcambre, Kathy Buckley, Ken Glickman, Bethany "Buffy" Hummel, Dr. Robert Davila and Laurene Gallimore.		Biography	1998

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<i>Discoveries Significant Contributions of Deaf Women and Men</i>	Anita Davis, Katharine Preston	Twenty Deaf people who have made significant contributions to their field of specialism.			1998
<i>Melody</i>	V.C. Andrews	The main character moves in with May (10) who's deaf and uses ASL to communicate and her family.		Family saga / Horror	1996
<i>Living Legends Stories about Successful Deaf People, Book 1</i>	Darlene Toole	Biographies of six Deaf people, Evelyn Glennie, Howie Seago, Dr. Shirley Allen, John Woo, Karen Meyer and Paul Ogden.		Biographies	1996

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<i>A Maiden's Grave</i>	Jeffery Deaver	The main event in this book is that a bus of eight deaf students (aged 8–17 years) are taken hostage with their teachers. Their children from the School for the Deaf all use <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate. This book was also made into a film called <i>Dead Silence</i> in 1997 and has sold	18 yrs +	Suspense & Thriller	1995, republished in 2001.
<i>Silent Songs</i> <i>(StarBridge #5)</i>	A.C. Crispin,  Kathleen O'Malley	One of the main characters Tesa is a Native American woman that was born Deaf since birth, she uses sign language and sometimes communicates through a telepath. There is another deaf character with a different attitude to her deafness.		Science Fiction	1994
<i>Silent Dances</i> <i>(StarBridge #2)</i>	A.C. Crispin, Kathleen O'Malley	The central character Tesa is a Native American woman who was born Deaf and uses sign language to communicate.		Science Fiction	1994

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<i>My island: The True Story of a Silent Challenge</i>	Maggie Gordon, Hamish Rosie	Autobiography of Hamish Rose who was profoundly Deaf and lived on the island of Orkney in Scotland, landscape artist and graphic designer. His illustrations are used in the book.		Autobiography	1991
<i>What's That Pig Outdoors?: A Memoir of Deafness</i>	<b>Henry Kisor</b>	This book is an autobiography by Henry Kisor. He became deaf aged three after having meningitis and communicates by using lip-reading, written and spoken English.		Autobiography	1990
<i>Deaf Heritage - a Narrative History of Deaf America (Gallaudet Classics Deaf Studie)</i>	Jack Gannon	Detailed American Deaf History			1981 republished in 2012

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<i>The Stand</i>	Stephen King	<p>One of the main characters Nick was born profoundly deaf and aged nine he was taught to lip-read, read and write by another "deaf-mute" called Rudy. Neither child uses sign language to communicate. The original 1978 book won several awards Locus Award Nominee for Best SF Novel (1979), World Fantasy Award Nominee for Best Novel (1979), Gandalf Award Nominee (1979), Balrog Award Nominee for Best Novel (1979) (1980).</p>	18 yrs +	Postapocalyptic Horror/Fantasy	1978 uncut version published in 1991
<i>In This Sign</i>	Joanne Greenberg	<p>The central characters Abel and Janice are both Deaf and use <a href="#">ASL</a> to communicate. They are both members of the Deaf community and met at a school for the Deaf and Blind. They have a daughter called Margret who is hearing, as a <a href="#">CODA</a> she often interprets for them at the bank etc and she feels the weight of this responsibility. In 1985 this book was made into a film called <i>Love Is Never Silent</i>.</p>		Set in the 1920's ill the 1960's, Deaf Culture, Something of a CODA child's perspective	1970 republished in 1984

