



Picture books with D/deaf characters

The books are listed in date order.

Title	Author/Illustrator	Deaf characters	Child's Age	Year 1st Published
<i>The Secrets Hidden Beneath the Palm Tree</i>	Angeliki Stamatopoulou-Pedersen, Tety Solou	One of the main characters is Jacob and attends a mainstream school, he wears hearing aids.		2019
<i>Super Kena: A Girl Make Fiece with Hearing aids</i>	Becky Cymbaluk, Zuzana Svobodova	The main character is a female superhero called Super Kena who wears two hearing aids.		2019
<i>Just Read!</i>	Lori Degman	This book aims to encourage children to read anytime anyplace and the illustrations include a child communicating with a sibling in ASL with the text, "I read with my voice or my hands, using signs" alongside another child reading a book in braille.	4-7	2019

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<i>Preemie Powered: The Story of SoundWave</i>	Maria Addison Gray	The main character 'recruit' wears two blue hearing aids.		2019
<i>What did you say?</i>	Dr Zeenat Abdulshakur, Tajmul Riyaz Tajmul Rizwan, Tazmeen Rukhsana Tajmul Rizwan	The main characters are Ray and Rui who are identical twins. Ray has ANSD , wears hearing aids and uses speech to communicate.		2019
<i>Deafinitely Awesome: The Story of Acorn</i>	Mary L. Motley, Timy Sullivan, Jenny Campbell	The central character, Acorn the dog is Deaf and once this is identified, the people caring for the dog taught him to understand sign language.		2019
<i>Deaf Cinderella</i>	Adonia Smith Maureen Klusza	The Cinderella in this story is Deaf and uses ASL to communicate.		2019
<i>The Brave Princess and Me</i>	Kathy Kacer, Juliana Kolesova	This book is based on part of the life of Princess Alice of Battenberg who was born deaf and used sign language, speech (English, German and Greek) and lip reading to communicate. ^[20]	5-6 yr	2019

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<i>This Old Man</i>	Claire Keay	The illustrations include a medical professional wearing a hearing aid. Is also available as a board book.	2-6 yr	2019
<i>Happy To Be Me</i>	Emma Dodd	The illustrations include a BME young boy wearing a bright blue hearing aid in his right ear. There is also another child wearing glasses and a child sitting in a wheelchair. ^[21]	3-5 yrs	2019
<i>Ninita's Big World: The True Story of a Deaf Pygmy Marmoset</i>	Sarah Glenn Marsh, Stephanie Fizer Coleman	This story is about a deaf monkey.	4-7 yr	2019
<i>There's Only One You</i>	Kathryn Heling, Deborah Hembrook, Rosie Butcher	The illustrations of this book include a girl with curly ginger hair wearing two hearing aids. There is also a character wearing glasses, and another one using a forearm crutch and another using a wheelchair.	3-7 yrs	2018
<i>The Rock that Couldn't Roll</i>	Jay Miletsky, Erin Wozniak	The illustrations include a 'rock' called Leesie wearing a BAHA ^[22] on a light pink soft band.	4-8 yr	2018

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<i>My Happy Place</i>	Amy Crockford, Daniel Butler	The main character Amy is 10 years old and Deaf and uses ASL to communicate.		2018
<i>The Monster at the Park</i>	Leah Carroll, Ekaterina Voytes	The character Magi wears a cochlear implant on her right side. She is one of the central characters.		2018
<i>Ezekiel Help Clean the House (Ezekiel the Deaf Therapy Dog)</i>	Mary Lyons, Tom Lyons	The main character, Ezekiel is Deaf and his owners instruction him in ASL .		2018
<i>Violet's Story</i>	Frances Clark	The central character Violet, loses her hearing as a child then gets a cochlear implant.	5 + yr	2018
<i>Silent Star: The Story of Deaf Major Leaguer William Hoy</i>	Bill Wise Adam Gustavson	Book on the life of William Hoy who became deaf after having meningitis , aged 3.	6-11 yr	2018
<i>Elephant and the Lost Blanket</i>	Alex Nadioo	The central elephant character in this story wears bilateral hearing aids and the tiger is wearing bilateral cochlear implants.		2018

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<i>Boy</i>	Phil Cummings, hane Devries	The central character is Deaf and uses sign language (Auslan), writing and gestures to communicate.		2018
<i>Mikah's Big Move</i>	Tabitha Page Alexander Kulieshov	Mikah monkey was born deaf and uses sign language (Auslan) and the BANZSL alphabet. ^[23]	3-7 yr	2018
<i>Meet Justin: A Story About a Hearing Impairment (Someone Special Books)</i>	Heather McCarthy, Kate Ryan	Justin has "hearing impairment" and the book contains some deaf awareness tips at the back. (Kindle edition only)		2017
<i>Silent Days, Silent Dreams</i>	Allen Say	This biography of James Castle who was born 2 months premature and was deaf and Autistic was an accomplished artist despite difficulties with communication as he never learned to read or write, use sign language or speech. The Book does not contain images of James work. This book won the ALA Schneider Family Book Award for Young children in 2018. ^[24]	8-12 yr	2017

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National Geographic Readers: Helen Keller (Level 2) (Readers Bios)	Kitson Jazyuka	Picture book biography of Helen Keller .	5-8 yr	2017
<i>Proud to be Deaf</i>	Ava Beese Lilli Beese Nick Beese Romina Martí	The central character, Ava is Deaf and wears hearing aids and also uses British Sign Language to communicate. The book features also features her parents who are both Deaf and many other Deaf role models.	6-8 yr	2017
<i>Helen's Big World (Big Words): The Life of Helen Keller</i>	Doreen Rappaport, Matt Tavares	A picture biography of Helen Keller who became Deaf- Blind aged 19 months and used a mixture of the Rochester method , ASL, speech and braille.	6-9 yr	2017
<i>The Gingerbread Witch</i>	Paul Miller	One of the twins which are the main characters, is called Anders and is Deaf and uses ... to communicate.		2017
<i>Fairy Magic</i>	Cerrie Burnell, Laura Ellen Anderson	The main character wears a BAHA hearing aid on a softband. ^[25]	3-6 yr	2017

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<i>A Bear Hug at Bedtime</i>	Jana Novotny-Hunter Kay Widdowson	The main character wears a hearing aid. ^[26]	3-7 yr	2017
<i>And so, Ahmed hears</i>	Dawn Doig	Central character Ahmed can't hear speech before being fitted with his hearing aids.		2017
<i>Marvelous Mary: Deaf with Cochlear Implants</i>	Emily Christensen	The central character Mary uses sign language, speech and bilateral cochlear implants to communicate.		2017
<i>Jake and Jasmine to the Rescue</i>	Karen Harlow Sandra Aguilar	Jake is one of the two main characters, he is deaf and has a cochlear implant.	4-7 yr	2017
<i>Emma's Ears</i>	Gianna Righi	The central character Emma was born profoundly deaf and then gets a cochlear implant after trailing her hearing aid.	5-6 yr	2016
<i>Max and His Hearing Aids</i>	Emily Mikoski	The central character Max wears hearing aids. (Kindle edition only)		2016
<i>Ranvir Cannot Hear</i>	Genevieve Yusuf Shermain Philip	Ranvir the Elephant who is the central character is Deaf.		2016

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<i>Dodger Dog Meets Shea: Volume 3 (Adventures of Dodger Dog)</i>	Karen Gee, Kim Wymer	The main character Dodger meets Holly a Deaf dog and they learn to communicate.		2016
<i>The Sound of All Things</i>	Myron Uhlberg Ted Papoulas	The parents in this book are both Deaf and use ASL to communicate, this book is written from the perspective of one of their hearing children. This book has won several awards including Notable Books for a Global Society 2017, ^[27] Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2017, ^[28] CCBC Choices 2017, ^[29] Best Children's Books of the Year (Starred) 2017. ^[30]	6-10 yr	2016
<i>The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game</i>	Nancy Churnin Jez Tuya	William Hoy is Deaf and uses ASL to communicate. This book has won several awards including Storytelling World Resource Award Honor Book 2017, ^[31] New York Public Library Best Books for Kids 2016, ^[32] Best Children's Books of the Year 2017 ^[30] and Louisiana Young Readers' Choice list 2018. ^[33]	4-8 yr	2016

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<i>Daisy and Ted's Awesome Adventures</i>	Alex Nadioo	Daisy, one of the main characters, wears a hearing aid.	4-7 yr	2016
<i>The Little Deaf Squirrel</i>	Mrs. Barbara Richford	The central character is a Deaf character	5-6 yr	2016
<i>Simone</i>	Sonya B. P. Giridhar	Simone, the central character uses an FM system to hear the teacher. Her ears are covered by her hair in the illustrations so you can't see the cochlear implant or hearing aids.		2016
<i>My Friend is Deaf</i>	James Kerwin, Marie Kerwin	One of the two main characters James is Profoundly Deaf and uses Auslan to communicate.		2015
<i>The Elephant in the Room</i>	Jim Bombicino, Gildas Chatal	The central character Skyler has hearing loss and wears hearing aids and uses speech to communicate.		2015
<i>Mike & the Deaf Student (The Walk a Mile in My Shoes Club)</i>	Sharon Straka Hendricks	In the book David, the Deaf student is bullied but after spending a day Deaf he learns some sign language(ASL) and then stops bullying David.	5-9 yrs	2015

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<i>Maxi's Super Ears</i>	Maggie Klein	The central character Maxi, gets hearing aids.		2015
<i>Goat Goes to Playgroup</i>	Julia Donaldson Nick Sharratt	The illustrations show a monkey wearing a hearing aid.		2015
<i>I Am Helen Keller (Ordinary People change the world)</i>	Brad Meltzer	A picture book biography of Helen Keller .		2015
<i>The Five of Us</i>	Quentin Blake	There are five main characters and one is deaf. ^[34]	5-7 yr	2014
<i>Young Thomas Edison</i>	Michael Dooling	This book is a biography of Thomas Edison . He became Deaf (totally deaf on his left and hard of hearing on his right side) aged approximately 9–12 years old. He used speech and lip-reading to communicate. ^[35]		2014
<i>Hands & Hearts: With 15 Words in American Sign Language</i>	Donna Jo Napoli Amy Bates (Il	The Mother and Daughter in this story use ASL to communicate.		2014

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<i>The Mitten String</i>	Jennifer Rosner Kristina Swarner	One of the main characters Bayla is Deaf in the story she cares for her baby.	3-7 yr	2014
<i>Harmony Hears a Hoot</i>	Fara Augustover	The central character Harmony gets a hearing aid and uses an FM system at school.		2014
<i>Kylie Gets a Cochlear Implant</i>	Marilyn C. Rose	The main character Kylie loses her hearing after an illness aged six and after lip- reading and using sign language for 2 years (without trailing hearing aids) had a cochlear implant. ^[36]		2013
<i>Dachy's Deaf (Dinosaurs Friends)</i>	Jack Hughes	The central character Dachy is deaf and uses a hearing aid.	8-12 yr	2013
<i>Helen Keller's Best Fried Belle</i>	Holly M. Barry, Jennifer Thermes	The central character of this book is Helen Keller who became deaf-blind after an illness at 19 months old. In the book, she uses ASL fingerspelling, braille and speech to communicate.	4-8 yr	2013
<i>Max and George Make New Friends</i>	Matthew Robins	One of the central characters Max is Deaf and uses BSL to communicate.		2013

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<i>Annie and Helen</i>	Deborah Hopkinson, Raul Colón	This book is about the life of Helen Keller (Deaf-Blind) and her teacher Annie Sullivan (Blind.)	4-8 yr	2012
<i>Silent Star: The Story of Deaf Major Leaguer William Hoy</i>	Bill Wise, Adam Gustavson	A picture book biography of William Hoy ^[37] who became Deaf after having meningitis aged three.	6-11 yr	2012
<i>Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller (Big Words)</i>	Doreen Rappaport Matt Tavares	A picture book biography of Helen Keller .	6-8 yr	2012
<i>Let's Hear it for Almigal</i>	Wendy Kupfer	The central character Almigal has lost her hearing and then gets bilateral cochlear implants. Mom's Choice Gold Award Winner for Values and Life Lessons.	5-7 yr	2012
<i>Can You Hear a Rainbow?</i>	Jamee Riggio Heelan Nicola Simmonds	The central character Chris is Deaf uses sign language, hearing aids, lip-reading to communicate.	5-8 yr	2012
<i>Sophie's Tales: Overcoming Obstacles</i>	Melanie Patcoff	The central character, Sophie is a dog with hearing loss who uses a cochlear implant.		2012

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<i>Freddie and the Fairy</i>	Julia Donaldson Karen George	The fairy in the story has difficulty hearing speech with clarity and the illustrations show a bow in the fairy but no clearly visible hearing technology.	3-5 yr	2011
<i>Samantha's Fun FM and Hearing Aid Book!</i>	Samantha Brownlie	The main character, Samantha wears a hearing aid and uses an FM unit.		2011
<i>Gracie's Ears</i>	Debbie Blackington	The main character, Gracie has hearing loss and gets hearing aids.		2011
<i>John Gets Ready for School</i>	Joanne Zellweger Andy Elliot	One of the main characters, John has a hearing aid on his left ear and a cochlear implant on his right side and communicates using speech.		2010
<i>Dad, Jackie, and Me</i>	Myron Uhlberg, Colin Bootman	The Father in the story is a Deaf ASL user. This book has won American Library Association Schneider Award, the 2006 Storytelling World Award, the IBBY Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities, and International Reading Association Teacher's Choice Award	4-8 yr	2010

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<i>The Cloud</i>	Hannah Cumming	The illustrations include two background characters signing to each other.		2010
<i>Rivers' Walk</i>	Natalie Johnson	The Rabbit gets hearing aids,		2010
<i>Sunny and her Cochlear Implants</i>	Susanna Dussling	The central character Sunny is deaf and initially, she uses hearing aids and then moves onto cochlear implants.		2010
<i>Sophie's Tales: Learning to Listen (Sophie's Tales)</i>	Melanie Paticoff	The main character Sophie is deaf, she has hearing aids initially then uses a cochlear implant to 'learn to listen.'		2010
<i>Julia's Words</i>	Judith L. Roth, Brooke Rothshank	One of the two main characters, Julia is Deaf and uses ASL to communicate	6-10 yrs	2009
<i>Now I Can Hear</i>	Connie Losacano, Matthew Graves	The main character gets hearing aids and then can hear sounds.		2009

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<i>A Birthday for Ben</i>	Kate Gaynor	The central character Ben is Deaf, he goes to a mainstream school and uses hearing aids, sign language and speech to communicate?. This book was awarded a silver medal at the Moonbeam children's books awards in 2009.		2009
<i>The Printer</i>	Myron Uhlberg, Henri Sorensen	The Father is Deaf and uses ASL to communicate. Some of his Father's colleagues are also Deaf ASL users.	4-8 yr	2009
<i>I Am Deaf</i>	Jennifer Moore- Mallinos, Marta Fabrega	The main character Lana is Deaf and uses a combination hearing aids, FM system, lip reading and ASL to communicate.	6-9 yr	2009
<i>Enrique Speaks with His Hands</i>	Benjamin Fudge, Tim Edmonson	The central character Enrique was born deaf and then he is taught sign language by he meets other Deaf children.	3+ yr	2008
<i>Helen Keller: The World in Her Heart</i>	Lesa Cline- Ransome, James Ransome	This book is a picture book biography of Helen Keller .	5-9 yr	2008

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<i>My Heart Glow: Alice Cogswell, Thomas Gallaudet, and the Birth of American Sign Language</i>	Emily Arnold McCully	Based on the true story of how Deaf education in America was developed, Alice becomes Deaf after illness aged 2.	6-9 yr	2008
<i>A Day at the Park (Hattie and Friends)</i>	Lesley Bremington, Karen Middleton	One of the main characters Hattie is deaf and the illustrations show her wearing a cochlear implant.		2008
<i>Friends, Like You</i>	Melissa Griswold, Cynthia Fisher	The two main characters Molly and Max both are Deaf, Molly uses a cochlear implant and Max wears hearing aids. Their teacher uses an FM system to help them hear.		2007
<i>Lucy: Loud and Clear</i>	Laila Lavan, Beatriz Iglesias	The central character is using a hearing aid and uses sign language to communicate. ^[38]	5-6 yr	2007
<i>My Hearing Loss and Me: We Get Along Most of the Time</i>	John F Anderson Jr William Bushell	The books central character Jack uses a cochlear implant and spoken language to communicate.	4-12 yr?	2004
<i>Jason and the Blind Puppy</i>	Dawn McMillan, Warwick Bennett	The main character Jason is deaf and wears hearing aids and uses sign language to communicate. ^[39]	7+ yrs	2004

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<i>Missing!</i>	Dawn McMillan	The main character Jason is deaf and wears hearing aids and uses sign language to communicate. ^[39]		2004
<i>I'm the Boss of my Hearing Loss</i>	Amy Knoll	The central character uses hearing aids and speech to communicate.		2004
<i>Moses Sees a Play</i>	Issac Millman	The main character who uses ASL to communicate teaches some signs to a new child, then the children see a performance put on by the Little theatre of the deaf.	4-8 yr	2004
<i>Moses Goes to the Circus</i>	Isaac Millman	The main character Moses uses ASL to communicate with his hearing family and teaches his young sister some ASL.	4-6 yr	2003
<i>Secret Signs: Along the Underground Railroad</i>	Anita Riggio	The central character Luke is Deaf and uses sign language to communicate	5-7 yr	2003
<i>Lucy</i>	Sally O. Lee	The central character has single sided deafness.		2003

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<i>Moses Goes to a Concert</i>	Isaac Millman	The main character who uses ASL to communicate goes with his deaf classmates to see a concert, one of the musicians is also deaf.	5-8 yr	2002
Helen Keller and the Big Storm	Patricia Lakin, Diana Magnuson	This book tells the story of part of Helen Keller's life.	6-7 yr	2002
<i>Moses Goes to School</i>	Isaac Millman	The main character Moses, uses ASL to communicate goes to a school for the Deaf.	5-8 yr	2000
<i>Zoo Keeper: Katy Is Deaf (Making It)</i>	Eleanor Archer	The central character Katy is Profoundly Deaf and uses BSL to communicate. Based on a true story ^[40]		2000
<i>Elana's Ear, Or How I Became the Best Big Sister in the World</i>	Gloria Roth Lowell, Karen Stormer Brooks	One of the main characters Elana, the newborn baby is Deaf and wears hearing aids.		2000
<i>The Den (Rigby star guided reading scheme)</i>	Monica Hughes, Julie Anderson	The illustrations show the main character who is a young girl wearing a hearing aid on her right ear.	3- 5 yr	2000

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<i>A Screaming Kind of Day</i>	Rachna Gilmore Gordon Sauve	The main character Scully is deaf and wears hearing aids. This book won the 1999 Governor General's Literary Award for Children's Literature	6-7 yr	1999
<i>Dina the Deaf Dinosaur</i>	Carole Addabbo Valentine	The central character Dina is Deaf and then learns sign language after she has run away from her hearing parents which don't know and won't learn sign language.		1997
<i>Rosa's Parrot</i>	Jan Wahl Kim Howard	The central character Rosa struggles to hear speech without the help of her parrot that repeats phrases loudly.		1999
<i>The Quiet World (Voyages Series)</i>	Raewyn Caisley, Leanne Fleming	The main characters baby brother is born deaf. The main character wants to experience deafness for himself so stuffs his ears with cotton balls and wears headphones for a day, he thinks that his brother is going to be a football star.		1996
<i>Cosmo Gets an Ear</i>	Gary Clemente Eugene Yelchin	The central character Cosmo gets hearing aids in the story.		1994

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<i>Dad and Me in the Morning</i>	Patricia Lakin Robert C. Steel	The central character is Deaf and he tells the story. He uses ASL and lip-reading to communicate.	4-8 yr	1994
<i>One TV Blasting and a Pig Outdoors</i>	Deborah Abbott, Henry Kisor, Leslie Morrill	Written by Henry Kisor (Deaf after a period of illness aged 3) and his wife (hearing) about the family dynamics where one parent has hearing loss. The Father in the family went to a mainstream school and has excellent literacy skills and uses lip-reading and speech to communicate.	4-8 yr	1994
<i>Silent Observer</i>	Inez MacKinnon Christy MacKinnon	This book was compiled by Inez MacKinnon about Christy MacKinnon's childhood, Christy created the illustrations. Christy became Deaf after an illness aged two. ^{[41][42]}		1993
<i>The Spelling Window</i>	Dawn L. Watkins	One of the main characters Seth is Deaf who		1993
		communicates using speech and ASL.		

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<i>Mandy</i>	Barbara D. Booth	The main character Mandy is Deaf and uses ASL and lip reading to communicate.	4-8 yr	1991
<i>A Picture Book of Helen Keller (Picture Book Biography)</i>	David A. Adler, John Wallner, Alexandra Wallner	A picture book biography of Helen Keller's who was deaf-blind after an illness aged 19 months.	4-8 yr	1990
<i>I'm Deaf and It's Okay</i>	Lorraine Aseltine Evelyn Mueller Nancy Tait	The main character is Deaf he signs and wears hearing aids and he meets an older Deaf child in the book.	4 + yr	1986
<i>I Have a Sister. My Sister is Deaf</i>	Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson	One of the main characters is profoundly Deaf, Asian does not use hearing technology and uses lip-reading and gestures to communicate This book was a Coretta Scott King Award Honor Book (1979) and a Reading Rainbow Selection Children's Books of 1977 (Library of Congress).	4-8 yrs	1984
<i>Alan and the Baron</i>	Ron Hamilton Peggy B. Deal (illustrator)	The main character is a Deaf boy who uses sign language to communicate. Published by the National Association of the Deaf.		1983

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Jamie's Tiger	Jan Wahl, Tomie dePaola	Jamie the central character becomes deaf after having German Measles.		1978
<i>A Button in Her Ear</i> (Concept book)	Ada Bassett Litchfield	The central character wears hearing aids with a body- worn box typical of the technology worn by deaf children in the 1970s.		1976