

# Teen & Adult Deaf/HoH Book List (2024)

This starter list of books with d/Deaf or hard-of-hearing characters is compiled and maintained by an audiologist/author. Not an exhaustive list. Updated annually. Free download at: [www.rieneal.com](http://www.rieneal.com).

## KEY:

- ♥ Author or Illustrator is Deaf/HoH
- 💰 Amplification used by character(s)—(HAs = hearing aids; CIs = cochlear implants; BAHA = bone anchored HA)
- 👉 Signed Language used by character(s)—(ASL, unless otherwise stated)

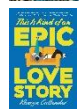
## Young Adult (ages 12+) (each section alphabetized by author last name)



***The Whispering Dark***, by Kelly Andrew ♥. Scholastic Press (2022). A deaf 18yo is eager to prove herself at the exclusive Godbole University, where students are taught to slip between parallel worlds. 💰 —CIs



***The Words in My Hands***, by Asphyxia ♥. Annick Press (2021). In a near-future world where food is scarce, 16yo Piper trades her hearing aids for sign as she embraces an organic lifestyle & community. 💰 —HAs 👉 —Auslan



***This Is Kind of an Epic Love Story***, by Kacen Callender. Balzer & Bray (2018). Nate, a teen who has sworn off love, fights his feelings for his childhood best friend, Oliver, when Oliver moves back to town. (Oliver is Deaf.) 👉



***I Hear the Sunspot*** (3 books), by Yuki Fumino. One Peace Books (2018-2021). Reclusive, Deaf student Kohei is brought out of his shell by cheerful Taichi (hearing) as the two boys fall in love. Manga. 👉 —JSL 💰 —HAs



***A Game Most Foul***, by Alison Gervais ♥. Blink (2024). 18yo American Jules attends a prestigious British writing seminar, only to be sucked into solving the case of a missing fellow classmate. 💰 —HAs



***The Silence Between Us***, by Alison Gervais ♥. Blink (2019). When a Deaf teen is forced to mainstream with an interpreter, she worries about whether her dream of becoming a cystic fibrosis therapist is realistic. 👉 💰 —HAs



***The Loudest Silence***, by Sydney Langford ♥. Holiday House (2024). Newly Deaf-hard-of-hearing, 16yo Casey teams up with anxious Hayden to pursue both of their dreams of stardom. Platonic love story. 👉



***Unravel***, by Amelia Loken ♥. Sword & Silk (2022). In a fantasy kingdom, a Deaf teen witch attempts to overthrow her tyrannical uncle, who kept her from learning sign and executes witches. 👉



***Give Me a Sign***, by Anna Sortino ♥. Putnam (2023). A hard-of-hearing teen accepts a counselor job at a summer camp for the d/Deaf & blind to improve her ASL ... and finds love in the process. 👉 💰 —HAs, CIs



***On the Bright Side***, by Anna Sortino ♥. Putnam (2024). When Ellie's Deaf boarding school closes and Jackson begins having strange medical issues, the two grow close as they (re)define their own identities. 👉 💰 —CIs



***Mooncakes***, by Suzanne Walker ♥ & Wendy Xu. Oni Press (2019). HOH teen witch Nova and teen werewolf Tam partner up to fight off dark forces and end up falling in love. Graphic novel. 💰 —HAs



***Brooms***, by Jasmine Walls & Teo DuVall. Levine Querido (2023). In 1930s Mississippi, six BIPOC witches team up for forbidden broom racing, to challenge the unjust systems that hold them back. Graphic novel. 👉 —Indian (Native American) Sign Language

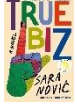
## Adult Fiction



***Quiet Beautiful Things***, by Samantha Christy. Athena Books (2024). A single, hearing dad falls for his young daughter's Deaf mentor as she helps them learn ASL and learn about the Deaf community. 🗣️ —ASL



***The Sign for Home***, by Blair Fell. Atria/Emily Bestler (2022). A DeafBlind man escapes his overbearing caretaker to rescue the Deaf girl he fell in love with at school, with help from his new interpreter. 🗣️ —ASL, Tactile ASL



***True Biz***, by Sara Novic ❤️. RH (2022). A CODA headmistress of a school for the Deaf struggles to keep the doors open and the kids out of trouble, while two teen students plan retribution against a CI manufacturer. 🗣️ 💰 —CIs

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## Adult Nonfiction/Memoir



***Mom Dad Not Hear***, by Mickey Carolan et al. Third Culture Books (2024). Memoir of a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), and his childhood as a hearing son of Deaf parents. 🗣️



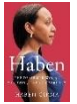
***Deaf Utopia: A Memoir and a Love Letter to a Way of Life***, by Nyle DiMarco ❤️. William Morrow (2022). A memoir of model & actor Nyle DiMarco, who is Deaf, queer, and from a multi-generational Deaf family. 🗣️



***The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory***, by Thomas Fuller. Doubleday (2024). A journalist tells the story of the historic winning seasons of 2021 & 2022 for CSD Riverside's football team. 🗣️



***Through the Fog: Navigating Life's Challenges While Raising Kids With Hearing Loss***, by Valli Gideons. Stories from a hearing mother of DHH kids who moves from grief to acceptance and hope. 💰 —CIs



***Haben: The DeafBlind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law***, by Haben Girma ❤️. Twelve (2019). A memoir of a deaf-blind woman, from her youth in the U.S. and Eritrea, to Harvard Law School, to disability rights advocacy.



***Learn to Sign with Your Baby: 50 Essential Signs to Help Your Child Communicate Their Needs, Wants, & Feelings***, by Cecelia S. Grugan ❤️ (illus: Brittany Castle ❤️). Zeitgeist (2022). A guide to teach your baby ASL. 🗣️



***The Deaf Girl***, by Abigail Heringer ❤️. Sourcebooks (2024). Memoir of deaf, fan-favorite contestant on season 25 of The Bachelor, and how she grew into her self-confidence and self-advocacy. 💰 —CI



***Deaf Nikkei Wandering***, by Ronald M. Hirano ❤️. Savory Words (2024). History/memoir of Deaf Japanese-Americans in both a CA Deaf school and then in internment camps during World War II. 🗣️



***Subculture Culture***, by Moshe Kasher. Random House (2024). Memoir by a CODA writer and comedian about the various subcultures he has belonged to, including the Deaf community, via his parents. 🗣️



***Success Wisdom by Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing People***, by Karen Putz ❤️. Barefoot Publications (2024). An anthology highlighting 100+ d/Deaf individuals, who have excelled in various fields. 🗣️ 💰 —CIs, HAs



***Being Seen: One DeafBlind Woman's Fight to End Ableism***, by Elsa Sjunneson ❤️. S&S/Simon Element (2021). A DeafBlind professor examines the misrepresentation of disabled people in the media. 💰 —HAs



***Sounds Like Home: Growing Up Black & Deaf in the South***, by Mary Herring Wright ❤️. Gallaudet University Press (1999, 2019). Memoir of a woman who attended a segregated school for the Deaf in the 1930s. 🗣️ —BASL

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