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This revised edition includes a New Intergalactic Introduction by the Author. Mary Daly's New Intergalactic Introduction explores her process as a Crafty Pirate on the Journey of Writing

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Gyn/Ecology and reveals the autobiographical context of this "Thunderbolt of Rage" that she first hurled against the patriarchs in 1979 and no hurls again in the Re-Surging Movement of Radical Feminism in the Be-Dazzling Nineties.

"Join Mark

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Drolsbaugh in his fascinating journey from hearing toddler...to hard of hearing child...to deaf adolescent... and ultimately, to culturally deaf adult. The struggle to find one's place in the deaf community is challenging, as Mark finds, yet there is one interesting twist: both

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his parents are also deaf. Even though the deaf community has always been there for him, right under his nose, Drolsbaugh takes the unbeaten path and goes on a zany, lifelong search... to become Deaf Again."--

Twelve deaf-blind people answered a set of questions and

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wrote about their personal and everyday experiences. Chapters are topically oriented and may be read out of order.

Anne of Windy Poplars' is the fourth book in the 'Anne of Green Gables' series. In this novel, 22-year-old Anne has left college to serve as principal of

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Summerside High School and settles down in Windy Poplars. Anne has to overcome opposition to her presence from an influential family, the Pringles. The Pringles family make it well known she was not what they had hoped for in their new Prinicipal. She also finds new friends in

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*Aunt Kate, Aunt
Chatty and Rebecca
Dew. This early work
by Lucy Maud
Montgomery was
originally published in
1936 and we are now
republishing it with a
brand new
introductory
biography. Lucy Maud
Montgomery was born
on 30th November
1874, New London, in*

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the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island. Her mother, Clara Woolner (Macneil), died before Lucy reached the age of two and so she was raised by her maternal grandparents in a family of wealthy Scottish immigrants. In 1908 Montgomery produced her first full-length novel, titled

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'Anne of Green Gables'. It was an instant success, and following it up with several sequels, Montgomery became a regular on the best-seller list and an international household name. Montgomery died in Toronto on 24th April 1942.

A book of golden

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*deeds of all times and
all lands. By the
author of 'The heir of
Redclyffe'.*

Ice-Candy-Man

Wunderkind

Deaf-blind Reality

Bug

Mindfield

The Deaf Mute

HowlsGallaudet

University Press

In 1980s Bulgaria, a

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fifteen-year-old pianist struggles to prevent his hatred of the communist regime from ruining his chances at success.

**WINNER OF THE
MAN BOOKER
PRIZE • NEW
YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER • An
affluent Indian**

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**family is forever
changed by one
fateful day in 1969,
from the author of
The Ministry of
Utmost Happiness
“[The God of Small
Things] offers such
magic, mystery, and
sadness that,
literally, this reader
turned the last page
and decided to**

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reread it.

**Immediately. It's
that
haunting.”—USA
Today Compared
favorably to the
works of Faulkner
and Dickens,
Arundhati Roy's
modern classic is
equal parts powerful
family saga,
forbidden love story,**

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**and piercing political
drama. The seven-
year-old twins Estha
and Rahel see their
world shaken
irrevocably by the
arrival of their
beautiful young
cousin, Sophie. It is
an event that will
lead to an illicit
liaison and tragedies
accidental and**

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**intentional, exposing
“big things [that]
lurk unsaid” in a
country drifting
dangerously toward
unrest. Lush, lyrical,
and unnerving, The
God of Small Things
is an award-winning
landmark that
started for its author
an esteemed career
of fiction and**

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**political commentary
that continues
unabated.**

**Celaena has survived
deadly contests and
shattering
heartbreak-but at an
unspeakable cost.**

**Now, she must travel
to a new land to
confront her darkest
truth . . . a truth
about her heritage**

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**that could change
her life-and her
future-forever.
Meanwhile, brutal
and monstrous
forces are gathering
on the horizon,
intent on enslaving
her world. Will
Celaena find the
strength to not only
fight her inner
demons, but to take**

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**on the evil that is
about to be
unleashed? The
bestselling series that
has captured readers
all over the world
reaches new heights
in this sequel to the
New York Times
best-selling Crown of
Midnight. Packed
with heart-pounding
action, fierce new**

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**characters, and
swoon-worthy
romance, this third
book will enthrall
readers from start to
finish.**

**American Culture
and the Campaign
Against Sign**

Language

**Our Places in the
Sun**

Silent Dancer

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**Angels and Outcasts
When the Mind
Hears**

A Novel

**This 1888 classic by
LDS General
Authority Elder
George Reynolds is
considered the first
commentary on the
Book of Mormon. It
is also a retelling of
its stories in a way**

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accessible to everyone. The love he had for that book of scripture, and the inspiration he received from it and expressed within the pages of this book continues to inspire modern readers.

“Dictionary, n: A malevolent literary device for cramping

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the growth of a language and making it hard and inelastic. This dictionary, however, is a most useful work.” Bierce’s groundbreaking Devil’s Dictionary had a complex publication history. Started in the mid-1800s as an irregular column in

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Californian

newspapers under various titles, he gradually refined the new-at-the-time idea of an irreverent set of glossary-like definitions. The final name, as we see it titled in this work, did not appear until an 1881 column published in the periodical The San

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**Francisco Illustrated
Wasp. There were
no publications of
the complete
glossary in the
1800s. Not until 1906
did a portion of
Bierce's collection
get published by
Doubleday, under
the name The
Cynic's Word
Book—the publisher
not wanting to use**

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the word “Devil” in the title, to the great disappointment of the author. The 1906 word book only went from A to L, however, and the remainder was never released under the compromised title. In 1911 the Devil’s Dictionary as we know it was

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**published in
complete form as
part of Bierce's
collected works
(volume 7 of 12),
including the
remainder of the
definitions from M
to Z. It has been
republished a
number of times,
including more
recent efforts where
older definitions**

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from his columns that never made it into the original book were included. Due to the complex nature of copyright, some of those found definitions have unclear public domain status and were not included. This edition of the book includes, however, a set of

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definitions

**attributed to his one-
and-only “Demon’s
Dictionary” column,
including Bierce’s
classic definition of
A: “the first letter in
every properly
constructed
alphabet.” Bierce
enjoyed “quoting”
his pseudonyms in
his work. Most of
the poetry, dramatic**

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**scenes and stories
in this book
attributed to others
were self-authored
and do not exist
outside of this work.
This includes the
prolific Father
Gassalasca Jape,
whom he thanks in
the preface—“jape”
of course having the
definition: “a
practical joke.” This**

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book is a product of its time and must be approached as such. Many of the definitions hold up well today, but some might be considered less palatable by modern readers. Regardless, the book's humorous style is a valuable snapshot of American culture

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**from past centuries.
This book is part of
the Standard
Ebooks project,
which produces free
public domain
ebooks.**

**The story of the last
member of the
aristocratic Azcoitia
family, a monstrous
mutation protected
from the knowledge
of his deformity by**

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**being surrounded
with other freaks as
his companions,
The Obscene Bird of
Night is a triumph of
imaginative,
visionary writing.
Among its
luxuriance,
fecundity, horror,
and energy will not
soon fade from the
reader's mind.**

Chapter I.

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**CHRISTIE."AUNT
BETSEY, there's
going to be a new
Declaration of
Independence."
"Bless and save us,
what do you mean,
child?" And the
startled old lady
precipitated a pie
into the oven with
destructive haste. "I
mean that, being of
age, I'm going to**

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take care of myself, and not be a burden any longer. Uncle wishes me out of the way; thinks I ought to go, and, sooner or later, will tell me so. I don't intend to wait for that, but, like the people in fairy tales, travel away into the world and seek my fortune. I know I can

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find it." Christie emphasized her speech by energetic demonstrations in the bread-trough, kneading the dough as if it was her destiny, and she was shaping it to suit herself; while Aunt Betsey stood listening, with uplifted pie-fork, and as much

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astonishment as her placid face was capable of expressing. As the girl paused, with a decided thump, the old lady exclaimed: "What crazy idee you got into your head now?" "A very sane and sensible one that's got to be worked out, so please listen to it,

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ma'am. I've had it a good while, I've thought it over thoroughly, and I'm sure it's the right thing for me to do. I'm old enough to take care of myself; and if I'd been a boy, I should have been told to do it long ago. I hate to be dependent; and now there's no need

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of it, I can't bear it
any longer. If you
were poor, I
wouldn't leave you;
for I never forget
how kind you have
been to me. But
Uncle doesn't love
or understand me; I
am a burden to him,
and I must go where
I can take care of
myself. I can't be
happy till I do, for

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**there's nothing here
for me. I'm sick of
this dull town,
where the one idea
is eat, drink, and get
rich; I don't find any
friends to help me
as I want to be
helped, or any work
that I can do well; so
let me go, Aunty,
and find my place,
wherever it is."**

The Devil's

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Dictionary

Sounds Like Home
The Ill-Made Mute
An Anthology of
Deaf Characters in
Literature
Strangers I Know
Work, A Story of
Experience

*A contributor to "The
Tactile Mind Weekly"
and the National
Association of the
Deafs "Mind Over*

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Matter" writes about the biases he has faced in both the hearing and deaf communities, and addresses such topics as Christmas trips and marriage with a withering wit.

Text and photographs describe the experiences of a ten-year-old deaf girl studying ballet at the

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Joffrey Ballet School. Emphasizing the sense of community that deafness fosters, rather than its less positive aspects, this text focuses on the development of the American deaf community during the nineteenth century

From the critically acclaimed author of

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The 25th Hour and When the Nines Roll Over and co-creator of the HBO series Game of Thrones, a captivating novel about war, courage, survival — and a remarkable friendship that ripples across a lifetime. During the Nazis' brutal siege of Leningrad, Lev

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Beniov is arrested for looting and thrown into the same cell as a handsome deserter named Kolya. Instead of being executed, Lev and Kolya are given a shot at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful Soviet colonel to use in his

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daughter's wedding cake. In a city cut off from all supplies and suffering unbelievable deprivation, Lev and Kolya embark on a hunt through the dire lawlessness of Leningrad and behind enemy lines to find the impossible. By turns insightful and funny, thrilling and

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terrifying, the New York Times bestseller City of Thieves is a gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men.

The World's Wife

Anne of Windy

Poplars

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Top Novelist Focus

The God of Small

Things

Torture Garden

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After a

terrorist cell

ignites an

aerosol

dispersion of

bacterial

spinal

meningitis,

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more than three
million

Americans are
left deaf. They
must learn to
communicate and
work to put
together their
country's
civilization.

The voices of
Mrs. Midas,
Queen Kong, and

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Frau Freud, to
say nothing of
the Devil's
wife herself,
startle us with
their wit,
imagination,
and
incisiveness in
this collection
of poems
written from
the

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perspectives of
the wives of
famous - - and
infamous - - male
personages.

Reprint.

Runaways is a
collection of
songs, dances,
and spoken word
pieces
performed by
children who

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have run away
from their
homes.
Initially
created from
interviews with
homeless
children and
those in
orphanages, Liz
Swados' unique
piece weaves
songs about

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personal
struggle and
the world at
large through
the eyes of
youth in New
York City in
the '70s. The
show blends
different
musical styles,
from pop to hip-
hop and jazz to

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reggae, while asking why children can't remain children. The licensed version of Runaways reflects the version performed by Encores in 2016.

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Aeneas appears
in The Illiad
in vague
snatches and
starts as a
traveling
warrior of
great piety who
was loosely
connected to
the foundation
of Rome. Virgil
weaves these

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fragments into
a powerful myth
about the
founding of
Rome in The
Aeneid. Aeneas
travels from
his native Troy
to Italy then
wages
victorious war
upon the
Latins.

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Confessions of
a Lip Reading
Mom

Look Homeward,
Angel

The Aeneid

Gyn/Ecology

The Violence of
Modernity

The Obscene

Bird of Night

A destiny that

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**leads the
English to the
Dutch is strange
enough; but one
that leads from
Epsom into
Pennsylvania,
and thence into
the hills that
shut in Altamont
over the proud
coral cry of the**

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**cock, and the
soft stone smile
of an angel, is
touched by that
dark miracle of
chance which
makes new
magic in a dusty
world.**

**Recounts the
author's
experiences**

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growing up as a deaf person in Iron Mine, North Carolina, from the 1920s through the 1940s, and describes life at a residential school for black deaf and blind students as

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**both a student
and a teacher.
Throughout his
career, Eduardo
Galeano has
turned our
understanding
of history and
reality on its
head. Isabelle
Allende said his
works “invade**

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**the reader's
mind, to
persuade him or
her to surrender
to the charm of
his writing and
power of his
idealism.”**

**Mirrors,
Galeano's most
ambitious
project since**

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**Memory of Fire,
is an unofficial
history of the
world seen
through
history's
unseen,
unheard, and
forgotten. As
Galeano notes:
“Official history
has it that**

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Vasco Núñez de Balboa was the first man to see, from a summit in Panama, the two oceans at once. Were the people who lived there blind??”

Recalling the lives of artists,

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**writers, gods,
and visionaries,
from the Garden
of Eden to twent
y-first-century
New York, of the
black slaves
who built the
White House
and the women
erased by men's
fears, and told**

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**in hundreds of
kaleidoscopic
vignettes,
Mirrors is a
magic mosaic of
our humanity.
A wealth of
entries
representing
the signs of
American Sign
Language, with**

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**illustrations,
descriptions,
cross-references
and
bibliography.**

**"The most
complete
dictionary of
sign language
ever published."**

**-- National
Association of**

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**the Deaf
City of Thieves
Agatha Tiegel
Hanson
Runaways
Deaf Identity
and Internal
Revolution**

**The Metaethics
of Radical
Feminism**

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In a dark and perilous realm, a nameless outcast seeks a voice, a past, and a future: "A dazzling debut" (Jennifer Roberson). In all of Erith, there is perhaps no one as wretched as the nameless mute

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foundling confined
to the lowest depths
of Isse Tower.

Abused by many
and despised by all,
the pathetic
creature lives

without memories
in the shadows. The
amnesiac longs to
escape—to roam the
wild landscape in

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search of a past, a name, a destiny—but dangers surround the tower. Only flying ships and majestic winged horses carrying important visitors can reach the castle safely, landing high above the ground

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on its battlements.
The local servants
whisper about
malevolent
creatures that roam
the forests and bear
no love for
humankind. Escape
seems impossible in
this treacherous
world of wights and
monsters. Praised

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as Australia's J. R.
R. Tolkien, Cecilia
Dart-Thornton has
set a towering new
standard for
fantasy fiction,
earning the respect
and acclaim of
readers, reviewers,
and some of the
world's most
renowned

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fantasists. With roots firmly embedded in the ancient folklore of the British Isles, *The Ill-Made Mute*—the opening volume of Dart-Thornton's magnificent *Bitterbynde Trilogy*—introduces

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fantasy lovers to an unforgettable character whose remarkable adventures rival the epic trials of the Bagginses and the tales of The Silmarillion.

Now Filmed as 1947, a motion picture by Deepa

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Mehta Few novels have caught the turmoil of the Indian subcontinent during Partition with such immediacy, such wit and tragic power.

The result is a study that

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underscores how Baudelaire's legacy continues to energize literary engagements with the violence of modernity.

Barely fifteen years old in 1888, Agatha Tiegel entered the nation's only college for deaf

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students after the college tentatively opened its doors to women. Amid male student and faculty hostility and skepticism, Agatha achieved exemplary academic success and became the first female to earn a BA degree from

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the college. Upon facing the most stringent campus restrictions and exclusion from male only organizations and activities at the college, Agatha cofounded a society for women students. Her

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prerequisite

graduation

presentation, the

"Intellect of

Woman" was a

powerful oratory,

urging women's

right to their

"places in the sun."

Agatha's journey

marked by

struggles and

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achievements
highlight the life of
an extraordinary
deaf woman in the
early years of
history.

Heir of Fire
Poems

Growing Up Black
and Deaf in the
South

A History of the

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Deaf

The Poetical
Works. With a Life
of the Author
Forbidden Signs
The First
Volume in the
"Gallaudet
Classics in
Deaf Studies
Series",
Albert

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Ballin's
greatest
ambition was
that The Deaf
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would
transform
education for
deaf children
and more, the
relations
between deaf

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and hearing
people
everywhere.

While his
primary
concern was to
improve the
lot of the
deaf person
"shunned and
isolated as a
useless member

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of society,"
his ambitions
were larger
yet. He sought
to make sign
language
universally
known among
both hearing
and deaf. He
believed that
would be the

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great

"Remedy," as he called it, for the ills that afflicted deaf people in the world, and would vastly enrich the lives of hearing people as well."--The

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Introduction

by Douglas

Baynton,

author,

Forbidden

Signs.

Originally

published in

1930, The Deaf

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flew in the

face of the

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accepted
practice of
teaching deaf
children to
speak and read
lips while
prohibiting
the use of
sign language.
The sharp
observations
in Albert

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Ballin's
remarkable
book detail
his
experiences
(and those of
others) at a
late 19th-
century
residential
school for
deaf students

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and his
frustrations
as an adult
seeking
acceptance in
the majority
hearing
society. The
Deaf Mute
Howls charts
the ambiguous
attitudes of

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deaf people
toward
themselves at
this time.
Ballin himself
makes matter-
of-fact use of
terms now
considered
disparaging,
such as "deaf-
mute," and he

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frequently
ruins the
"atrophying"
of the parts
of his brain
necessary for
language
acquisition.
At the same
time, he rails
against the
loss of

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opportunity
for deaf
people, and he
commandingly
shifts the
burden of
blame to
hearing people
unwilling to
learn the
"Universal
Sign

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Language," his
solution to
the
communication
problems of
society. From
his lively
encounters
with Alexander
Graham Bell
(whose desire
to close

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residential
schools he
surprisingly
supports), to
his
enthralment
with the film
industry,
Ballin's
highly
readable book
offers an

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appealing look
at the deaf
world during
his richly
colored
lifetime.

Albert Ballin,
born in 1867,
attended a
residential
school for the
deaf until he

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was sixteen.

Thereafter, he worked as a fine artist, a lithographer, and also as an actor in silent-era films. He died in 1933.

As Shanna Groves held

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her newborn
son, she
should have
reveled in the
joys of
motherhood.

But instead of
hearing sounds
she once took
for granted –
the doorbell,
smoke alarms,

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baby cries -
all she heard
was silence.
Then the
buzzing
started - the
sound of
locusts
filling her
head. What was
wrong with her
and most

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importantly,
how could she
care for her
newborn son,
if she
couldn't even
hear him cry?
In Confessions
of a Lip
Reading Mom,
Shanna Groves
shares her

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struggle to
find God's
grace during
her roller
coaster ride
of unexplained
deafness. No
matter the
struggles
you're facing,
Shanna's
honesty in

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sharing her
emotional
battle with a
progressive
hearing loss
diagnosis,
will inspire
you to reach
out for your
heavenly
Father's
hand...and

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hang on tight.

"

"This is a
fascinating,
enjoyable
book. It could
well be used
in study
groups at the
high school or
college level
to explore

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both history
and attitudes
toward deafnes
s."--Rehabilit
ation
Literature.

"The editors
are not
enthralled, as
so many of us
seem to be,
simply that

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deaf (or
disabled)
characters
exist in
literature;
they ask why
... The rest
of the
disability
movement could
learn from
them."--The

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Disability

Rag. Dickens,

Welty, and

Turgenev are

only three of

the master

storytellers

in Angels and

Outcasts. This

remarkable

collection of

14 short

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stories offers insights into what it means to be deaf in a hearing world. The book is divided into three parts: the first section explores works

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by nineteenth-

century

authors; the

second section

concentrates

on stories by

twentieth-

century

authors; and

the final

section

focuses on

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stories by authors who are themselves deaf. Each section begins with an introduction by the editors, and each story is preceded by a preface.

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Angels and

Outcasts

concludes with

an annotated

bibliography

of other prose

works about

the deaf

experience. In

addition to

fascinating

reading, it

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provides

valuable

insights into

the world of

the deaf.

Trent Batson

is Director of

Academic

Technology at

Gallaudet

University.

Eugene

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Bergman,

former

Associate

professor of

English at

Gallaudet

University, is

now retired.

The

authoritative

statement on

the deaf,

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their

education, and
their struggle
against
prejudice.

A Place of
Their Own
Anthony
Adverse
Stories of
Almost
Everyone

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Deaf Again

Baudelaire,

Irony, and the

Politics of

Form

The Story of

the Book of

Mormon

In this unique

work, Henry

Miller gives an

utterly candid

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and self-revealing account of the reading he did during his formative years.

One evening some friends were gathered at the home of one of our most celebrated

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writers. Having
dined
sumptuously,
they were
discussing
murder—apropos
of what, I no
longer remember
probably
apropos of
nothing. Only
men were
present:

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moralists,
poets,
philosophers
and
doctors—thus
everyone could
speak freely,
according to
his whim, his
hobby or his
idiosyncrasies,
without fear of
suddenly seeing

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that expression
of horror and
fear which the
least startling
idea traces
upon the
horrified face
of a notary.
I—say notary,
much as I might
have said
lawyer or
porter, not

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disdainfully,
of course, but
in order to
define the
average French
mind. With a
calmness of
spirit as
perfect as
though he were
expressing an
opinion upon
the merits of

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the cigar he
was smoking, a
member of the
Academy of
Moral and
Political
Sciences said:
"Really—I
honestly
believe that
murder is the
greatest human
preoccupation,

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and that all
our acts stem
from it... “ We
awaited the
pronouncement
of an involved
theory, but he
remained
silent.

“Absolutely!”

said a
Darwinian
scientist,

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“and, my
friend, you are
voicing one of
those eternal
truths such as
the legendary
Monsieur de La
Palisse
discovered
every day:
since murder is
the very
bedrock of our

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social

institutions,
and
consequently
the most
imperious
necessity of
civilized life.
If it no longer
existed, there
would be no
governments of
any kind, by

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virtue of the
admirable fact
that crime in
general and
murder in
particular are
not only their
excuse, but
their only
reason for
being. We
should then
live in

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complete

anarchy, which
is
inconceivable.
So, instead of
seeking to
eliminate
murder, it is
imperative that
it be
cultivated with
intelligence
and

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perseverance. I know no better culture medium than law."

Someone protested.

"Here, here!" asked the savant, "aren't we alone, and speaking frankly?"

"Please!" said

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the host, "let
us profit
thoroughly by
the only
occasion when
we are free to
express our
personal ideas,
for both I, in
my books, and
you in your
turn, may
present only

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lies to the public." The scientist settled himself once more among the cushions of his armchair, stretched his legs, which were numb from being crossed too long and, his head thrown

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back, his arms
hanging and his
stomach soothed
by good
digestion,
puffed
smoke-rings at
the ceiling:
“Besides,” he
continued,
“murder is
largely self-pr
opagating.

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Actually, it is not the result of this or that passion, nor is it a pathological form of degeneracy. It is a vital instinct which is in us all—which is in all organized

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beings and
dominates them,
just as the
genetic
instinct. And
most of the
time it is
especially true
that these two
instincts fuse
so well, and
are so totally
interchangeable

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, that in some way or other they form a single and identical instinct, so that we no longer may tell which of the two urges us to give life, and which to take it—which is

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murder, and
which love. I
have been the
confidant of an
honorable
assassin who
killed women,
not to rob
them, but to
ravish them.
His trick was
to manage
things so that

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his sexual
climax
coincided
exactly with
the death-spasm
of the woman:

'At those
moments, ' he
told me, 'I
imagined I was
a God, creating
a world!"

Forbidden Signs

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explores

American

culture from

the mid-

nineteenth

century to 1920

through the

lens of one

striking

episode: the

campaign led by

Alexander

Graham Bell and

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other prominent Americans to suppress the use of sign language among deaf people. The ensuing debate over sign language invoked such fundamental questions as what

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distinguished
Americans from
non-Americans,
civilized
people from
"savages,"
humans from
animals, men
from women, the
natural from
the unnatural,
and the normal
from the

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abnormal. An advocate of the return to sign language, Baynton found that although the grounds of the debate have shifted, educators still base decisions on many of the same metaphors

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and images that led to the misguided efforts to eradicate sign language.

"Baynton's brilliant and detailed history, *Forbidden Signs*, reminds us that debates

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over the use of
dialects or
languages are
really the
linguistic tip
of a mostly
submerged
argument about
power, social
control,
nationalism,
who has the
right to speak

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and who has the

right to

control modes

of speech."—Len

nard J. Davis,

The Nation

"Forbidden

Signs is

replete with

good

things."—Hugh

Kenner, New

York Times Book

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Review

"Durastanti
casts the
universal drama
of the family
as the sieve
through which
the self-woman,
artist,
daughter-is
filtered and
known." -Ocean
Vuong A work of

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fiction about
being a
stranger in
your own family
and life. Every
family has its
own mythology,
but in this
family none of
the myths match
up. Claudia's
mother says she
met her husband

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when she
stopped him
from jumping
off a bridge.
Her father says
it happened
when he saved
her from an
attempted
robbery. Both
parents are
deaf but
couldn't be

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more different;
they can't even
agree on how
they met, much
less who needed
saving. Into
this unlikely
yet somehow
inevitable
union, our
narrator is
born. She comes
of age with her

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brother in this
strange, and
increasingly
estranged,
household split
between a small
village in
southern Italy
and New York
City. Without
even sign
language in
common - their

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parents have
not bothered to
teach them -
family
communications
are chaotic and
rife with misin-
terpretations,
by turns
hilarious and
devastating. An
outsider in
every way, she

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longs for a
freedom she's
not even sure
exists. Only
books and punk
rock—and a
tumultuous rela-
tionship—begin
to show her the
way to create
her own
mythology, to
construct her

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own version of
the story of
her life.

Kinetic,
formally
dazzling, and
spectacularly
original, this
book is a funny
and profound
portrait of an
unconventional
family that

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**makes us look
anew at how
language shapes
our
understanding
of ourselves.**

**Living the Life
Mirrors**

**The Books in My
Life**

**AMERICAN SIGN
LANGUA**

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Creating the

Deaf Community

in America