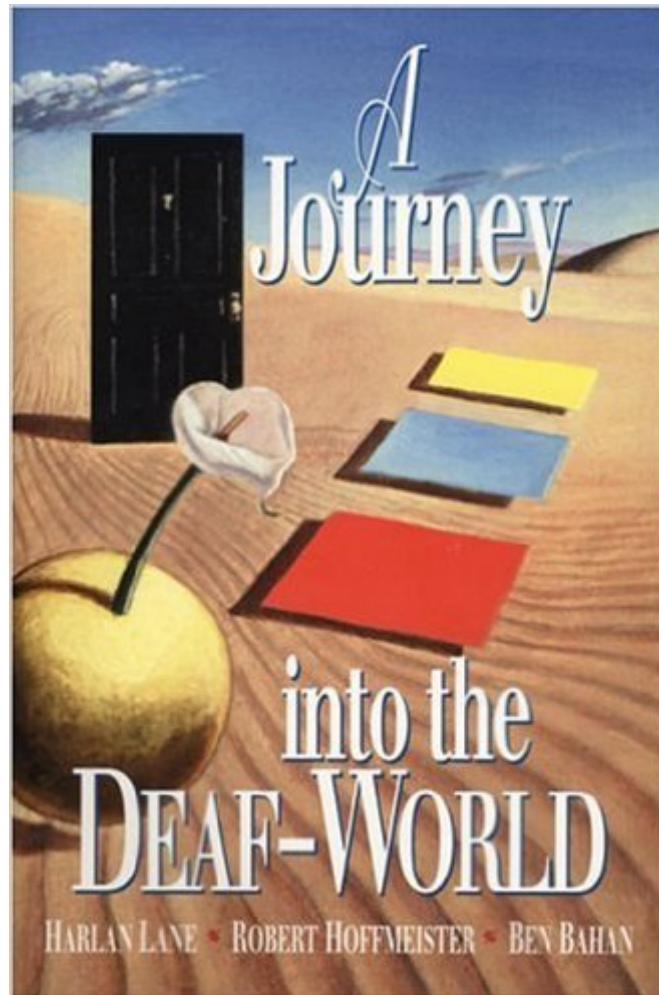


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# A Journey Into The Deaf-World



## **Synopsis**

In this comprehensive and engrossing study, three distinguished scholars of Deaf culture—one hearing, one deaf, and one coda (child of deaf adults)—offer clear, penetrating insights into the existence and makeup of the deaf world, the community whose natural language—American Sign Language in the United States—is manual and visual. Bringing the latest social and cultural findings and theories into sharp focus, the authors take us on a fascinating journey to discover what deaf culture is; the benefits of signed language and deaf culture for deaf children and hearing people; how deaf children are now educated and how they could be; how deaf people integrate into the larger society; the nature of American Sign Language; how technology helps (and hurts) deaf people; what can be learned from deaf societies in other lands; the future of the deaf world. Combining thought-provoking intellectual perspectives with enlightening first-hand accounts of life in the deaf world, this landmark volume is vital for professionals working in fields involving deaf people and for those with an interest in deaf studies.

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I am a Sign Language interpreter and my boyfriend of two years is Deaf. I read this book for a Deaf culture class and was fascinated by it. Written from a very Deaf perspective, this book is full of things that hearing people never think of but which I see nearly every day in both my personal and

professional life. This book should be read by anyone who has a Deaf child. It's a real eye-opener. Parents of Deaf children seldom get the kind of help they need at an early enough stage.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Deaf Studies from Boston University, and I think that this book is readable, informative and accurate in a way that sets it apart from the many books appearing now about Deafness and Deaf culture. It's for everyone: Deaf people, students, parents who have a Deaf child, and people wishing to learn more about the subject. I enjoyed it because the facts weren't hidden behind jargon and the personal experiences of the authors came through strongly. This should be the first book a person picks up when wanting to learn about Deafness.

As a deaf education major, this book is a mandatory item that has helped open doors into the eyes of a Deaf world. This book clearly defines the feelings and opinions of Deaf people on their treatment and education. I would not recommend this book to a person who is easily offended because it is straight forward in expressing the oppressing feels that hearing people have towards Deaf (sometimes unknowingly). As a text, this book helped as a wonderful companion to the hundreds of books written by hearing people on D/deafness.

Being Deaf, I like to read everything I can get my hands on about the Deaf Culture and Community. This book was very welcomed into my home and, as I read it, I found that it is quite insightful for those who are not directly linked to the community. Covering a lot of information on growing up deaf (usually to hearing parents), it also goes on to give you an idea of things that the Deaf experience and must endure...things that most hearing people are unaware of. If you are interested in being involved with the Deaf community, this book is a must read. However, anyone who reads this will not be disappointed.

This book is just excellent to take one into another world, a world that is closed to most of us in hearing world, that of the Deaf. It has made me sensitive to this other language group and its rich history and culture. The intro to sign to oral education and all its associated parameters and issues was most enlightening, taking one right up to current mainstreaming emphasis. It is well written, organized, flows well and is just a delight to read. Certainly this is a major resource to understand this neglected and misunderstood group of fascinating humans. This book certainly will raise one's consciousness and passion for this in many cases neglected area of our society.

This is one of the most exquisite, rich and compelling views into the beauty of Deaf Culture. This book gives an extremely well-rounded view into the history, current issues, and future trends in the Deaf-World.

Great information on the Deaf Community! Thick and sometimes dense but great information! The more I read about the Deaf Community the more I understand where they are coming from and how they feel. Extremely important for an interpreter.

I needed to get this book for a Deaf Perspectives class at my college, but now that I have read it I am glad. The book gives a good idea of what it like to grow-up as a Deaf person and how to deal with it. I think this book is good for anyone who has just become deaf or has just learned that their child is deaf. It will help them understand what life is going to be like and also that it is not the end of the world.

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