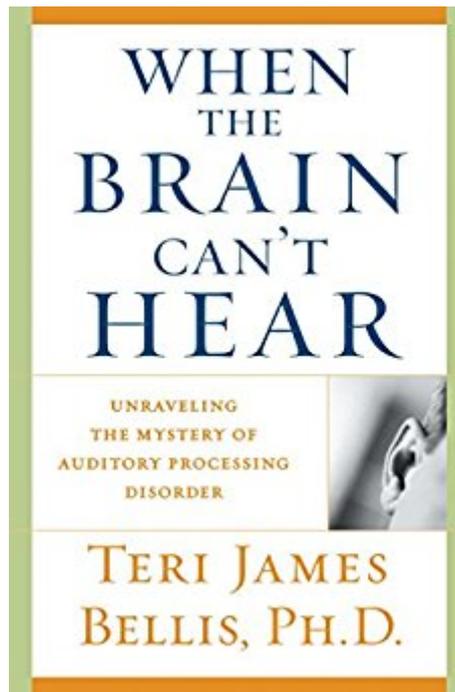


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When The Brain Can't Hear: Unraveling The Mystery Of Auditory Processing Disorder



Synopsis

Millions of Americans have difficulty understanding spoken language. They're not deaf, autistic, or slow. They have APD. APD has been called the auditory equivalent of dyslexia, and its debilitating effects cross all ages, genders, and races. APD can cause children to fail in school and adults to suffer socially and in their careers, but until now, there has been little information available. Written by Dr. Teri James Bellis, one of the world's foremost authorities on APD, this is the first book on the subject that is completely accessible to the public. Through helpful checklists and case studies, you'll finally discover the answers you need, as well as proven strategies for living with APD. Comprehensive and powerfully prescriptive, this book contains vital information for anyone who suffers from this serious disorder. When the Brain Can't Hear gives you all the latest information: What is APD? how APD affects children APD in adults diagnosis and testing treatment options living successfully with APD memory enhancement and other coping techniques

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Customer Reviews

Teri Bellis' new book is fantastic... A must-read for anyone whose life is touched by auditory processing disorder (family, teachers, medical professionals, etc). I bought it for myself and sent it to friends and family. I'm planning on passing it along to our pediatrician and our ENT, as well, since their awareness of this disorder could have saved us years of searching for answers! Maybe our knowledge can help someone else. When the Brain Can't Hear is a well-written and easily read explanation of what APD is, what it isn't, and what it might be. This makes sense as APD identification often requires a good deal of detective work, particularly when the 'patient' is a child. Dr. Bellis takes a conservative approach to APD identification, frequently reminding the reader not to make assumptions without appropriate data... but she doesn't just say "hey, maybe you have it and maybe you don't." She gives you other options to consider, too, so you're not left hanging if APD isn't the answer to your questions. In reading this book, I learned a great deal about how APD manifests, what causes (what might cause) the different manifestations, and ways to address these areas. The only area I had trouble with was treatment specific to subtype. Dr. Bellis uses a system to categorize types of APD that seemed a bit too cut and dry for me. I had some difficulty identifying my daughter's subtype (her evaluation was done by someone who doesn't use the same system of classification) and therefore figuring out which treatment methods Dr. Bellis felt would best remediate her specific symptoms. Overall, however, the book gave me plenty to consider both in terms of understanding the disorder and better understanding the many treatment options. I highly recommend this book. If you only read one book on APD, this is the one you should read.

It can be so easy to dismiss it as a lack of interest or a lack of attention:** The student who doesn't follow directions in class.** The spouse who denies all knowledge of something you specifically told them. Even those who search for a cause are often told that hearing tests show that hearing is "normal". But sometimes your instincts still shout that something isn't right & it's for those families that When the Brain Can't Hear was written. For those struggling to understand what an auditory processing disorder is -- this book will be a God-send. As Dr. Bellis describes the many faces of APD through a series of case studies she presents clearly what it is AND what it isn't. The middle section of the book, which discusses the actual processes of hearing & language, is probably more technical than most layman will appreciate. However, Dr. Bellis more than makes up for this with her extensive sections on treating and living with APD. These sections offer a wonderful array of practical tips and suggestions. I would highly recommend this book as one offering concrete help for those desperately seeking solutions!

This is the best book I have read so far on the topic of APD. Teri Bellis has taken a very controversial topic and explained it in terms for all those who are working with the APD child/person. After finishing this book I have a better understanding of what APD is, how to diagnose it, and how to treat it. Thank you, Teri. You have helped me be a better speech/language pathologist and an advocate for my students who have APD. I recommend it to other special ed. teachers, regular ed. teachers, administrators, and parents

For the reader who said that this book is depressing, consists entirely of case studies, and provides no concrete information regarding diagnosis or, especially, treatment, I couldn't help but notice that you wrote your review when you had only read half of the book. Read on! You will find specific recommendations for diagnosis, understanding APD and its relationship to language and learning, and tons of treatment approaches that offer hope for children and adults with APD. The case studies serve to illustrate how these disorders affect people in the real world, and you may see yourself, your child, your parent, or your spouse in them. But this is the only book written for the layperson that really, truly does provide guidance that is scientifically sound from a world renowned expert in the field. Next time, please read the whole book before you review it!!

What an informative and wonderfully supportive text this is. I have a 15 year old son who suffers from APD as well as visual stress and dyslexia. This book confirmed everything I have been saying for years, but no-one believed me. It gave me hope that this affliction will eventually become recognised in UK and that so many young people will no longer suffer an interrupted education because no-one knows what their difficulty is. I have talked to many professionals about APD and they have never heard of it! I recommend this book to every one of them. Read it if you are involved with education, or young people or adults in any capacity, it will change your perception of them for ever. Well done Teri James Bellis, and thank you for such a rivetting read. I couldn't put this book down. I learned so much.

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