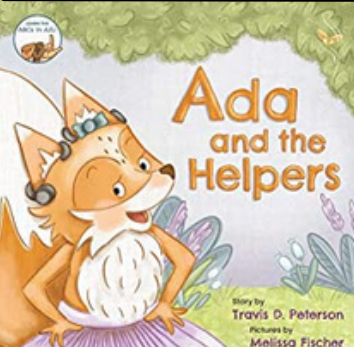




Supporting Success

for Children with Hearing Loss

Children's Books with Main Characters who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



Book Title: *Ada and the Helpers*

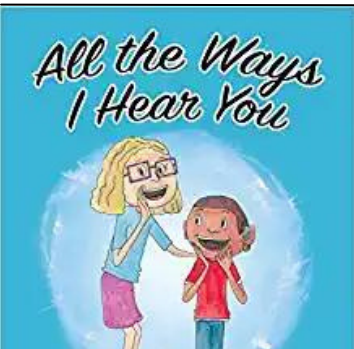
\$25

Author/Illustrator: Travis D. Peterson; Melissa Fischer

Theme: friendship, helping others, inclusion, and finding your strengths. For ages 3-8.

Description: Ada is a dancing, **deaf fox with cochlear implants** who loves to help others. On her way to a dance in a talent show, she meets three other creatures who are each facing a physical challenge of their own.

Book Details: Hardcover. 32 pages. Comes with ABCs in ASL flashcards; dustjacket is also a fold out ASL poster.



Book Title: *All the Ways I Hear You*

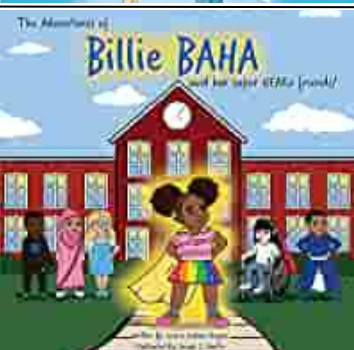
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Author/Illustrator: Stephanie Marrufo; Priscila Soares

Theme: empathy, inclusivity. For ages 3-8.

Description: Sy goes on to introduce his diverse group of friends who are **deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind and their own hearing technology and communication styles. Also introduces other familial support roles such as a hearing sibling, and a child of deaf adults (CODA).**

Book Details: Softcover. 28 pages, 8 x 10".



Book Title: *The Adventures of Billie BAHA*

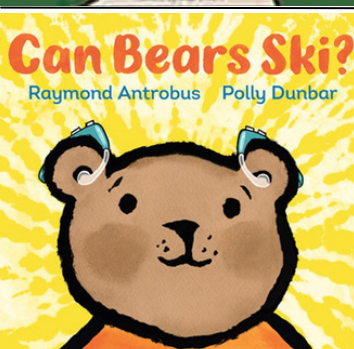
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Author/Illustrator: Jessica Jordan-Hogan; Jacqui C. Smith

Theme: kindness, acceptance. For ages 3-8.

Description: My name is Billie. I'm four years old and I am also Hard of Hearing. I have bilateral hearing loss due to **Microtia**. Microtia is a congenital condition of a little or missing outer ear. I wear my **BAHA** to be able to hear the world around me.

Book Details: Softcover. 40 pages, 8.5 x 8.5".



Book Title: *Can Bears Ski?*

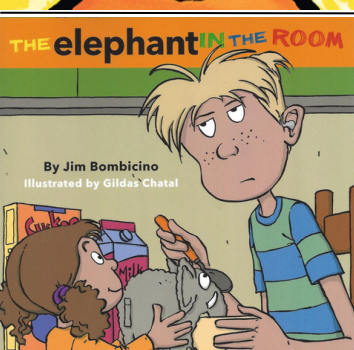
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Author/Illustrator: Raymond Antrobus; Polly Dunbar

Theme: hearing loss awareness, self-discovery. For ages 3-8.

Description: Little Bear feels the floor shake when his teacher stomps to get his attention. But something else is missing. His friends tell jokes that he isn't sure he understands. All around him Little Bear hears the question, "Can bears ski?" One day, Dad Bear takes him to see an "aud-i-ologist," and Little Bear learns that **he has been experiencing hearing loss and will start wearing hearing aids.** He then realizes the phrase he has been mishearing is actually, "Can you hear me?"

Book Details: Hardcover. 40 pages, 11 x 10".



Book Title: *The Elephant in the Room*

\$9-\$20

Author/Illustrator: Jim Bombicino; Gildas Chatal

Theme: feelings associated with hearing loss, self-advocacy. For ages 7-11.

Description: The story follows Skyler, a young **boy with hearing aids**, as he awakens and prepares for a typical school day. Situations such as mishearing and misunderstanding are highlighted.

Book Details: Softcover. 35 pages. Also available as an e-book for Apple devices with sound effects to simulate what Skyler hears.



Book Title: El Deafo

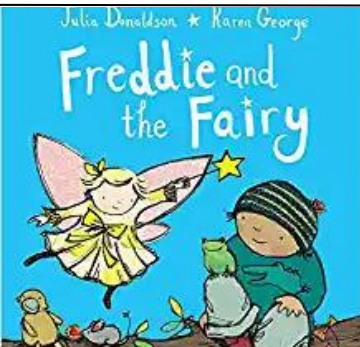
Author/Illustrator: Cece Bell

\$10

Theme: self-advocacy, making true friends. For ages 8-12.

Description: Starting at a new school is scary, especially with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! At her old school, everyone in Cece's class was deaf. Here, she's different. An autobiography of a girl struck by **meningitis who becomes deaf**, and learns how to harness her deafness as a superpower.

Book Details: Softcover. Graphic novel. 248 pages. 6 x 9".



Book Title: Freddie and the Fairy

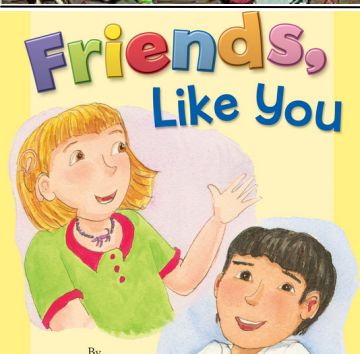
Author/Illustrator: Julia Donaldson; Karen George

\$18

Theme: overcoming adversity. For ages 3-8.

Description: Freddie wants nothing more than a pet, so when the fairy Bessie-Belle offers to grant his wishes, he knows just what to ask for. But Bessie-Belle can't hear very well and Freddie tends to mumble, which means the wishes aren't turning out as planned! **Mishearing and communication repair strategies offered.**

Book Details: Softcover. 32 pages, 9 x 11".



Book Title: Friends, Like You

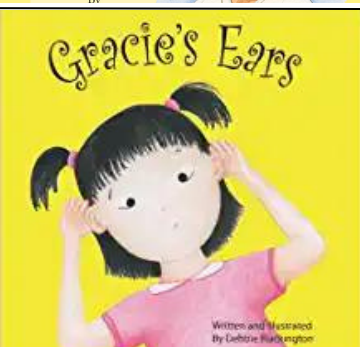
Author/Illustrator: Melissa Griswold; Cynthia Fisher

\$14

Theme: overcoming adversity. For ages 7-11.

Description: Molly and Max are two kids who happen to have a hearing loss. Listening can be hard work and misunderstandings happen sometimes, but they don't let their hearing loss stop them from making friends and having fun! An ideal teaching tool for raising awareness about hearing differences and devices (**hearing aids and cochlear implants**), and promoting friendships.

Book Details: Softcover. 31 pages, 6 x 9".



Book Title: Gracie's Ears

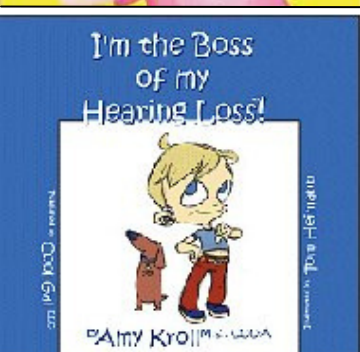
Author/Illustrator: Debbie Blackington

\$12

Theme: learning about hearing loss and hearing aids. For ages 3-8.

Description: Based on a real little girl who doesn't realize her ears aren't working like most people's do. When her family searches for answers, she discovers the wonder of **hearing aids** and the sounds of the world.

Book Details: Softcover, 30 pages, 8.5 x 8.5"



Book Title: I'm the Boss of my Hearing Loss!

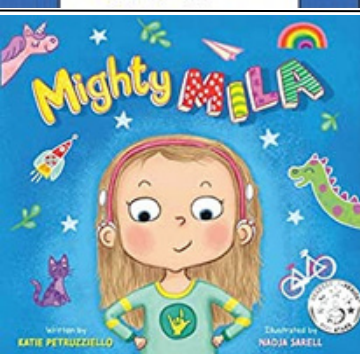
Author/Illustrator: Amy Kroll

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Theme: awareness, encouragement, navigating hearing loss. For ages 8-12.

Description: This book serves as a communication tool for teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing, audiologists, parents, and classroom teachers to facilitate children's understanding of the various obstacles they may face. This book encourages children through simple explanations and illustrations that break down the often complex information that they receive about their hearing difference.

Book Details: Softcover. 24 pages, 8 x 8".



Book Title: Mighty Mila

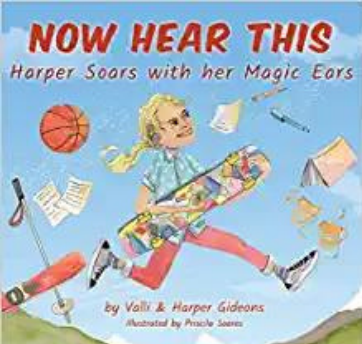
Author/Illustrator: Katie Petrucciello; Nadja Sarell

\$17

Theme: becoming independent; asking for help. For ages 3-8.

Description: Mila wants to prove to her family that she's a BIG KID! Her plan is to do everything on her own, without asking for help - not even once! She uses her creativity, willpower, and even her new **cochlear implant hearing devices**, to tackle one big kid activity after another.

Book Details: Hardcover. 35 pages, 10 x 10". [Comes with 34-page downloadable activity pack.](#)



Book Title: Now Hear This - Harper Soars with her Magic Ears

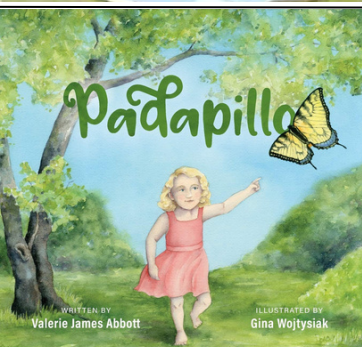
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Author/Illustrator: Valli and Harper Gideons; Priscila Soares

Theme: encouragement, navigating hearing loss, empowerment. For ages 8-12.

Description: Harper's real life story allows readers to follow her journey, providing both parents and children who are facing any kind of diagnosis a much-needed dose of encouragement. Through Harper's **navigation of hearing loss with cochlear implants**, kids can imagine what is possible.

Book Details: Softcover. 40 pages, 8.5 x 8.5".



Book Title: Padapillo

\$13

Author/Illustrator: Valerie Abbott; Gina Wojtysiak; Crystal Cregge

Theme: overcoming adversity. For ages 3-8.

Description: Bridget is acting strangely and no one seems to notice-except her older sister. When the rest of her family finally realize that Bridget has been ignoring the world around her and inventing weird words, it leads to a diagnosis no one saw coming. Narrated by the attentive older sister, we are led into the **real-life emotional process family members often experience after a hearing loss is identified**.

Book Details: Softcover. 40 pages, 8 x 8".



Book Title: Super Kena: A Girl Made Fierce with Hearing Aids

\$15

Author/Illustrator: Becky Cymbaluk; Zuzana Svobodova

Theme: overcoming adversity, inclusivity. For ages 3-8.

Description: Fierceness comes in many forms, but Super Kena's arrives in powerful determination. When kids at school make fun of her **hearing aids**, she gets a super idea. She will gather her differently-abled classmates to create a team of super heroes.

Book Details: Hardcover. 32 pages, 9 x 9".



Book Title: TJ's Story

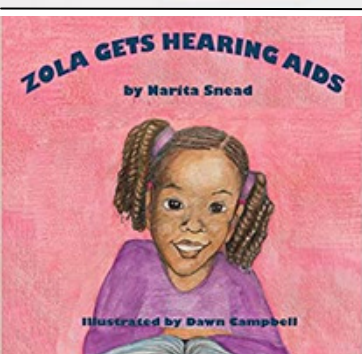
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Author/Illustrator: TJ & Molly Lyon

Theme: overcoming adversity, learning to self-advocate. For ages 8-12.

Description: An autobiography. TJ is a 5th grade student with **hearing aids**. He describes his issues hearing at home and school, strategies that help him understand and the the need to advocate.

Book Details: Softcover. 23 pages, 8.5 x 5.5".



Book Title: Zola Gets Hearing Aids

\$20

Author/Illustrator: Narita Sneed; Dawn Campbell

Theme: courage, self-acceptance. For ages 5-12.

Description: Zola has a problem. She does not hear as well as other kids. Today is the day she goes to the doctor, a special doctor, to check her hearing. Zola is worried because she has heard all about those kids who do not hear well. Her greatest fear is having to wear a **hearing aid**.

Book Details: Softcover. 44 pages, 8 x 8".



Book Title: Baby Loves the Five Senses: Hearing!

\$10

Author/Illustrator: Ruth Spiro; Irene Chan

Theme: hearing awareness For ages Baby - 3.

Description: Baby loves the five senses! Accurate enough for experts, yet simple enough for baby, this clever board book explores the science of sound and hearing. Beautiful, visually stimulating illustrations complement age-appropriate language to encourage baby's sense of wonder. Parents and caregivers may learn a thing or two as well.

Book Details: Board book. 20 pages, 7 x 7".

A Girl like Ananya



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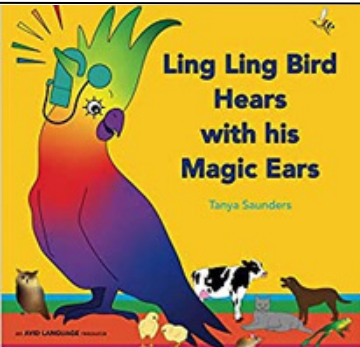
Author/Illustrator: Karen Hardwicke; Pranali Patil

\$12

Theme: hearing loss awareness; identity. For ages 6-8.

Description: Meet Ananya, a girl who is profoundly deaf and wears **cochlear implants** but like her hearing peers, has multi-identities. She is a daughter, a sister and a friend who likes Minecraft, tennis and the piano! 'A Girl like Ananya' will appeal to families of a deaf child as well as forming a valuable hearing loss awareness resource for mainstream schools with deaf pupils.

Book Details: Softcover. 40 pages. 6 x 9".



Book Title: Ling Ling Bird Hears with his Magic Ears

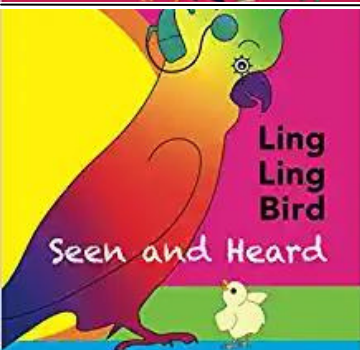
Author/Illustrator: Tanya Saunders

\$12

Theme: hearing loss awareness; learning to listen. For ages Baby- 5.

Description: 'Ling Ling Bird Hears with his Magic Ears' takes us on an exciting journey through the world of sound – ideal for helping young children in the early stages of learning to listen and speak. We accompany Ling Ling Bird, who is deaf – his ears don't work but not to worry – he wears **cochlear implants** that help him to hear.

Book Details: Softcover. 36 pages, 8.5 x 8.5".



Book Title: Ling Ling Bird Seen and Heard

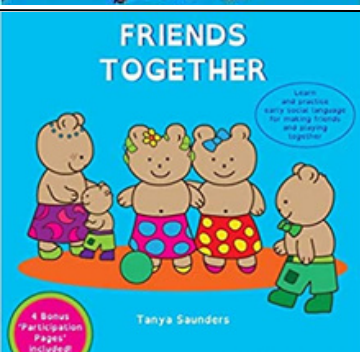
Author/Illustrator: Tanya Saunders

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Theme: friendship; acceptance. For ages 6-8.

Description: Ling Ling Bird forms an unlikely bond with tiny wee Chickadee in this uplifting tale of discovery, friendship and acceptance. While Chickadee gains a fascinating insight into the world of her dazzling new buddy who is deaf with **cochlear implants**, Ling Ling Bird learns that being different does not prevent him forming special friendships.

Book Details: Softcover. 30 pages, 8.5 x 11".



Book Title: Friends Together

Author/Illustrator: Tanya Saunders

\$14

Theme: making friends; early social skills; being kind. For ages 3-6.

Description: Featuring Luna Bear, who has **cochlear implants**, is sad because she is on her own and has no-one to play with. Luckily, The Bear Buddies are kind and friendly; they scoop her up and before long, she is one of them! Introducing the eight Bear Buddies, FRIENDS TOGETHER is all about making friends in the playground, learning and practicing early social skills.

Book Details: Softcover, 42 pages, 8.5 x 11".



Why are books featuring characters with hearing differences and deafness important?

Adding books to your library that feature characters who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing sends a positive message to children. When a reader is able to identify with someone in a book who is 'just like him/her' a strong connection is developed. When children see those characters overcoming the same obstacles they may face, there is hope. Everyone wants to belong to a community, and books can show our children who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing that **they are not alone.**

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