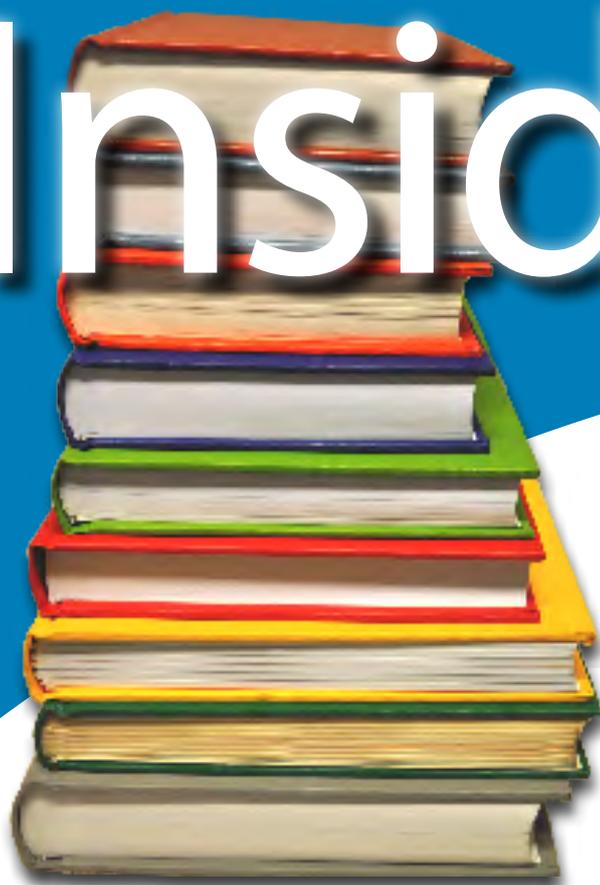


# InsideInfo



Issue 2, 2016

*"...libraries are really very noisy places. On their shelves we hear the captured voices of the centuries-old conversation that makes up our civilization." (Timothy Healy)*

In this newsletter we highlight some wonderful new additions to our collection of autobiographies, biographies and memoirs about people with sensory impairments. These include books about a blind opera singer, a hearing impaired basketball champion, and blind lawyer and disability advocate Graeme Innes' new memoir.

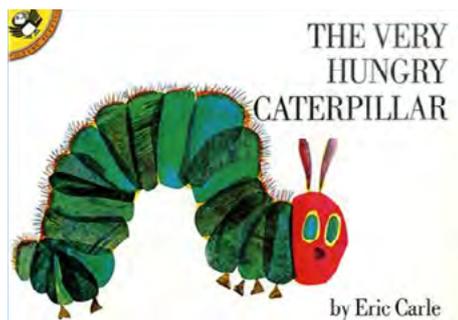
Courage, tenacity and hope abound in their pages. Who could help but be inspired?

*Julie, Marijana and Jason*

We asked **Leanne Babic**,  
**Senior Research Audiologist**,

**"What's your favourite children's book?"**

My favourite children's book is "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". It is one of the great childhood classics of all times, with simple sequential language. The book has educational themes such as days of the week, counting, different foods and the life stages of a butterfly. A hungry caterpillar transforms into a beautiful butterfly. The story is short, so it holds a young child's attention.



I give this book as a gift to my friends who are having babies. I personally loved reading it to my nieces, nephews and my children when they were young, so I hope you will too.



# New Biographies and Memoirs

## Finding a way

by Graeme Innes

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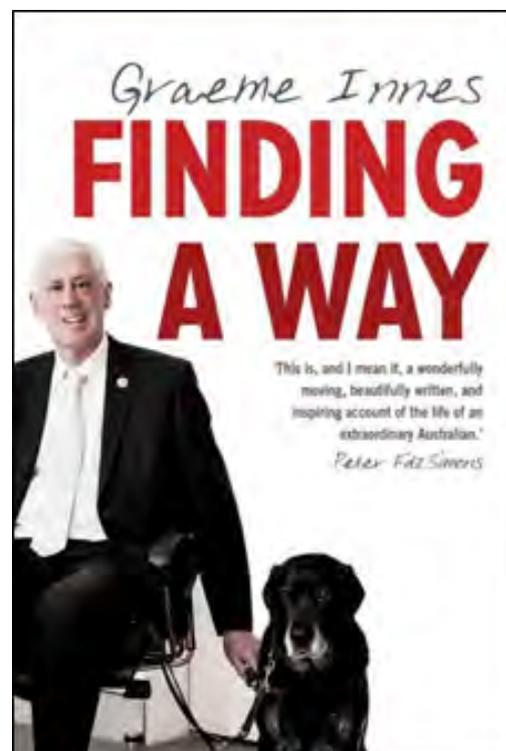
Blind from birth, Graeme Innes was blessed. Blessed because he had a family who refused to view his blindness as a handicap and who instilled in him a belief in his own abilities. Blessed because he had the determination to persevere when obstacles were put in his way.

And now, after a long and successful career—from lawyer to company director to Human Rights Commissioner—he has written his story. *Finding a Way* shares his memories of love and support, of challenges and failures, and of overcoming the discrimination so many people with disabilities face.

He writes of the importance of family, the value of courage and the unique experience of a life without one sense but with heightened awareness of the others.

Alongside his life story, Innes shares ideas on advocacy for people with disabilities and outlines what remains to be done to fully include people with disabilities in Australian society.

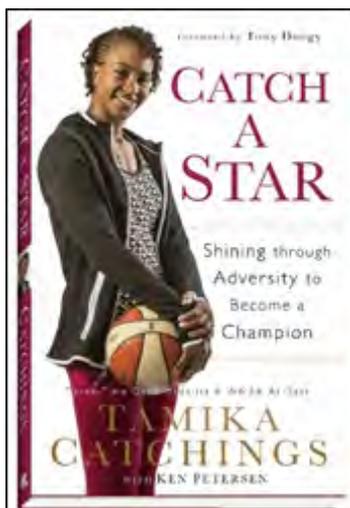
This fascinating and moving book offers a new perspective on supporting diversity in our community.



## LIBRARIANS HINT:

You can find many more biographies in our library by searching the catalogue <http://library.newcastle.edu.au>

selecting **location = Renwick**  
and using **keyword search = biography**



**Catch a star: shining through adversity to become a champion**

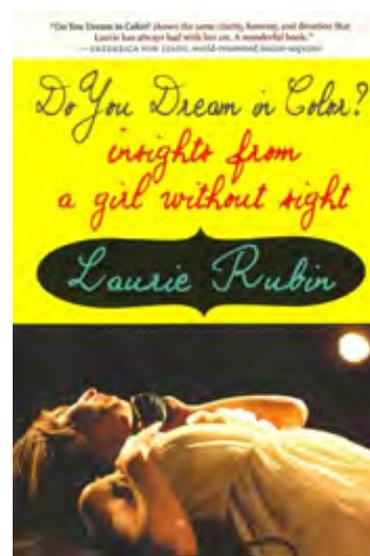
by Tamka Catchings with Ken Petersen  
Clarion Books, 2008.

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**Do you dream in colour? Insights from a girl without sight**

by Laurie Rubin

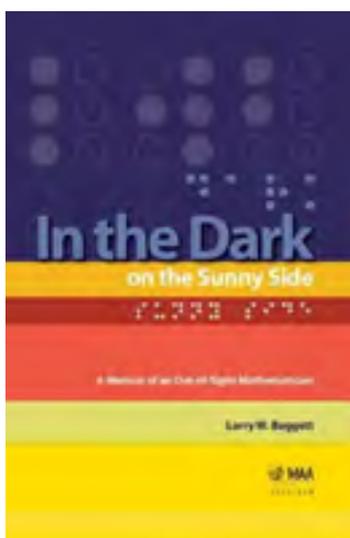
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**In the dark on the sunny side: a memoir of an out-of-sight mathematician**

by Larry W. Baggett

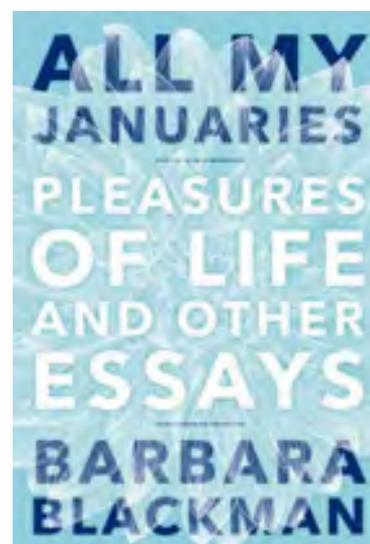
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**All my Januaries: pleasures of life and other essays**

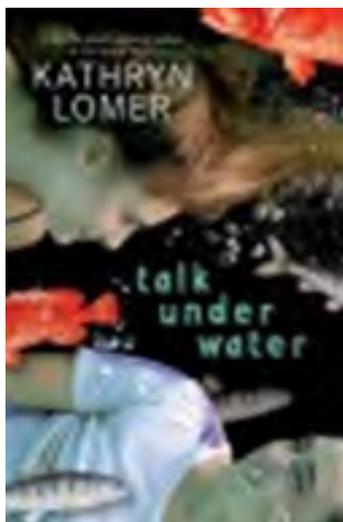
by Barbara Blackman

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# New YA Fiction

## featuring characters with sensory impairments



### **Talk under water** by Kathryn Lomer

[RENWICK A823.4 LOME](#)

Will and Summer meet online and strike up a friendship based on coincidence. Summer lives in Will's old hometown, Kettering, a small Tasmanian coastal community.

Summer isn't telling the whole truth about herself, but figures it doesn't matter if they never see each other in person, right? When Will returns to Kettering, the two finally meet and Summer can no longer hide her secret - she is deaf.

Can Summer and Will find a way to be friends in person even though they speak a completely different language?

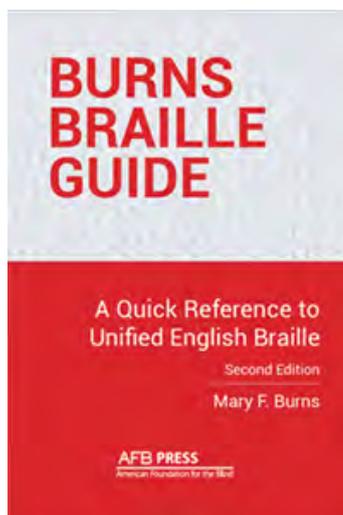


### **Blind** by Rachel DeWoskin

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After a horrific accident leaves her blind, fifteen-year-old Emma, one of seven children, eagerly starts high school as a sophomore, and finds that nearly everything has changed--sometimes for the better

# New Non-fiction

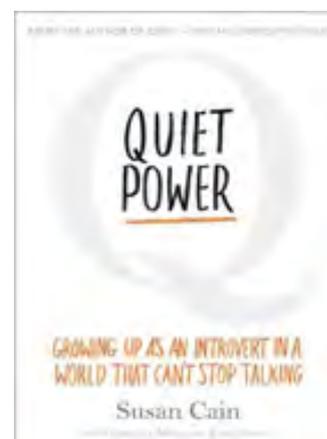


**Burns Braille Guide: a quick reference to Unified English Braille**  
by Mary F. Burns

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**Quiet Power: growing up as an introvert in a world that can't stop talking**  
by Susan Cain

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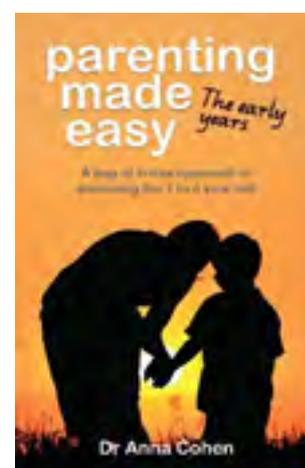


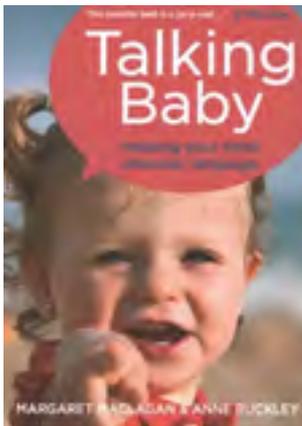
**Learn to dance on a moving carpet**  
by Jacky Dakin

[RENWICK 158.1 DAKI](#)

**Parenting made easy: the early years**  
by Dr Anna Cohen

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**Talking baby: helping your child discover language**

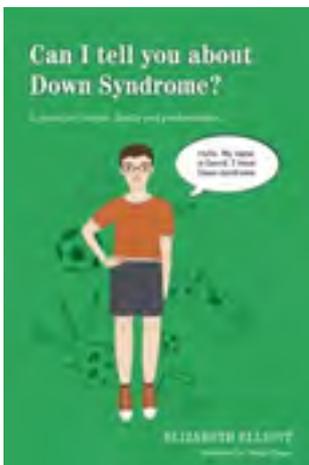
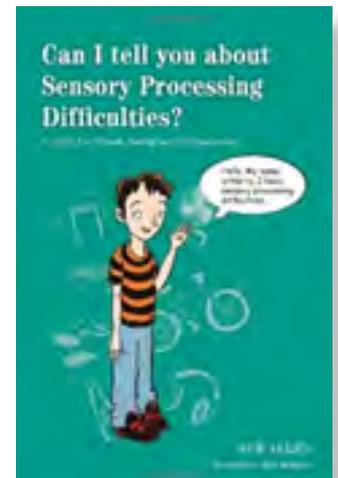
by Margaret MacLagan and Anne Buckley

[RENWICK 401.93 MACL](#)

**Can I tell you about sensory processing difficulties? A guide for friends, family and professionals.**

by Sue Allen

[RENWICK 813 ALLE](#)



**Can I tell you about Down Syndrome? A guide for friends, family and professionals.**

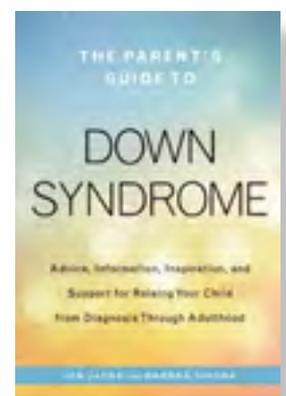
by Elizabeth Elliott

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**The parent's guide to Down syndrome**

by Jen Jacob and Mardra Sikora

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# Listen and Learn app from RIDBC



## Features:

- 12 different categories of sounds
- Randomised sounds each time
- Australian sounds
- 'Which sound?' game included
- Real sound recordings
- Colourful animated graphics

## Animal sounds in game:

Crocodile, dingo, emu, kangaroo, wombat, cockatoo, kookaburra, possum, cat, fish, hamster, mouse, parrot, puppy dog, snake, chicken, cow, dog, goat, goose, horse, pig, rooster, sheep, dolphins, elephant, hippo, hyena, lion, mountain lion, whale, zebra, bees, birds, crickets, frogs

## Instrument sounds in game:

Acoustic guitar, cymbal, didgeridoo, drums, electric guitar, harmonica, pan flute, sax, samba shakers, clarinet, flute, harp, piano, trombone, trumpet, violin

## Other sounds in game:

Digging, lawnmower, shed door, water splash, alarm clock, bath, dishes, doorbell, kettle, microwave, phone, tv, washing machine, bike bell, boat, bus, car horn, helicopter, motorbike, plane, train, truck, ambulance, fire alarm, fire truck, pedestrian crossing, police, smoke alarm, traffic, train crossing, hail, heavy rain, lightning, snow, sunny, thunder, windy

Includes a 'parent gate' child lock mechanism, so whilst children are using 'Listen & Learn' they cannot access links that allow you to leave app.

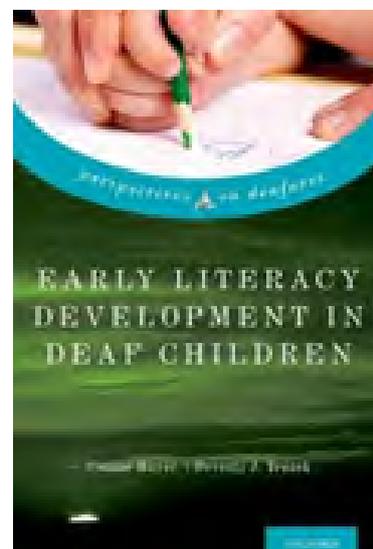
<http://www.ridbc.org.au/ListenLearn>

## Just Arrived!

## Early literacy development in deaf children

by Connie Mayer and Beverly J. Trezek

[RENWICK 302.22440872 MAYE](http://www.ridbc.org.au/ListenLearn)



# NEW ON THE WEB



## Cybersmart Access

A series of fun games designed to reinforce key cybersafety messages to children with special education needs. It is a free resource designed for use within specialist and mainstream schools and can be enjoyed by all students regardless of their abilities.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/classroom-resources/cybersmart-access>

## Focus on Ability

For the 8th consecutive year NOVA Employment is running the Focus on Ability Short Film Festival. The festival is aimed at raising awareness of the abilities of people with a disability.

**Title:** I Am Bart

**Author:** Sean Notley-Rumbens

**Category:** Open Entrant - Documentary

[http://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/I\\_Am\\_Bart\\_1047.html](http://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/I_Am_Bart_1047.html)



## Sally and Possum

Australia's first TV show for kids with hearing loss

<http://breakthesoundbarrier.org.au/australias-first-tv-show-kids-hearing-loss/>

<http://www.sallyandpossum.edu.au/index.html>



## Achievers in the News

Here's how Google's blind lawyer does his job

<https://bol.bna.com/heres-how-googles-blind-lawyer-does-his-job/>

"You're too pretty to be blind" Meet the fashion blogger who's challenging stereotypes

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/real-life-stories/youre-pretty-blind-meet-fashion-8786821>

Legally blind man shares passion for stars with family-made observatory

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/tim-doucette-deep-sky-eye-observatory-1.3753722?cmp=rss>

I'm a deaf actor – that shouldn't define me

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2016/sep/08/deaf-actor-theatre-roles>

Ready to make her splash

<http://www.perkins.org/stories/blog/ready-to-make-her-splash>

'I've turned my disability into my ability': Blind Paralympic swimmer follows St. Teresa's lead

<http://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/story.php?id=70733>

Paralympian Brad Snyder is blind. Swimming helps him face his new reality.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/olympics/paralympian-brad-snyder-is-blind-swimming-helps-him-face-his-new-reality/2016/09/02/a2e417fe-6628-11e6-8b27-bb8ba39497a2\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/olympics/paralympian-brad-snyder-is-blind-swimming-helps-him-face-his-new-reality/2016/09/02/a2e417fe-6628-11e6-8b27-bb8ba39497a2_story.html)

Students who are deaf face challenges on campus

<http://www.thepostathens.com/article/2016/09/students-who-are-deaf-at-ohio-university-face-challenges>

Deaf-blind movie critic

<http://dorkshelf.com/2016/09/06/tiff-2016-this-deaf-blind-critic-wants-to-review-46-movies/>

Blind 25-Year-Old Starting Harvard Law School to Make a Difference for Others: 'I Had to Advocate for Myself Every Day'

<http://www.lighthouseguild.org/blind-25-year-old-starting-harvard-law-school-to-make-a-difference-for-others-i-had-to-advocate-for-myself-every-day/>

Katie Kelly wins gold

<http://guidedogs.com.au/news-and-events/news/12-09-2016/vision-impaired-triathlete-wins-gold-at-paralympics>

It's major season for Blind Golf Australia

<http://www.golf.org.au/newsdisplay/its-major-season-for-blind-golf-australia/94379>

# JUST FOR FUN

Try our quick FIND-A-WORD!

Graeme Innes	Word List
i h m e m o i r a s	dog
l q k v i s i o n q	guide
k s l v f f p d o g	harness
l k e a c h i e v e	achieve
a b i l i t y w m p	lawyer
s u c c e s s e i y	memoir
g u i d e w z u s u	braille
h a r n e s s d v r	vision
b r a i l l e o d a	ability
i l a w y e r j m a	success



Q. What is the name of Graeme Innes' guide dog?

A. Find the answer on his blog!

<https://graemeinnes.com>

Q. Where did Graeme Innes attend primary school?

A. N \_ T \_ R \_ K \_



## Contact the library

### Street address

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Rydge Family Library  
361-365 North Rocks Rd  
North Rocks NSW 2151  
Australia

### Postal address

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Rydge Family Library  
Private Bag 29  
Parramatta NSW 2124  
Australia

Telephone: +61 (0)2 9872 0285

Fax: +61 (0)2 9872 0809

### Online

Email: [renwick.library@ridbc.org.au](mailto:renwick.library@ridbc.org.au)

Web: [www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/library/](http://www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/library/)



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