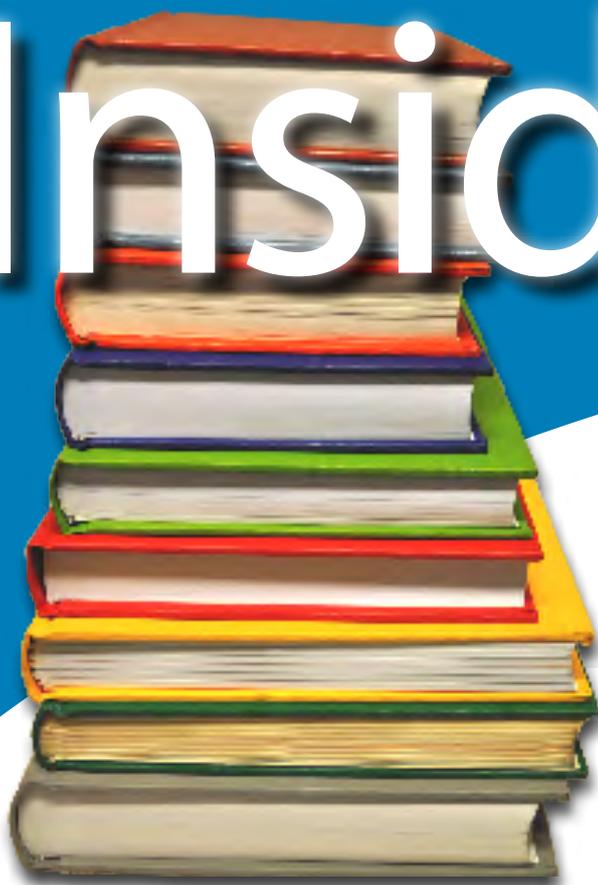


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Life is about change. The constant change in the natural world from season to season; the progression of life through infancy, school years and into the adult world; the changing social connections of friends, loved ones and colleagues.

Stories have a role to play in helping children adjust to change, developing their understanding of the world, and showing how to build relationships with other people.

In this newsletter we have a favourite book from Marijana that helped her children cope with a change in their lives; a pile of helpful new books to share; a book review from Jason and lots of news and interesting online snippets about sensory disability.

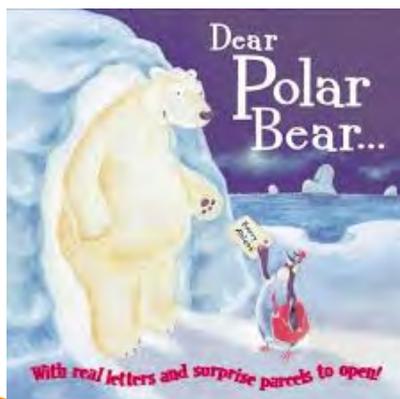


Julie, Marijana and Jason

We asked Marijana Miletic, Senior Librarian,

“What’s your favourite children’s book?”

“**Dear Polar Bear**” by Barry Ablett was a favourite book when my kids were little. Polar Bear is sad and lonely, all by himself in his cold igloo. His far-away friends – Koala, Sun Bear, Panda, Brown Bear and Spectacled Bear, quickly cheer him up with letters and surprise packages that are delivered by Postman Penguin. It’s a bittersweet story that shows the beauty and hardships of long-distance ties.



My children loved this book, as it was a gift from their favourite Uncle and Auntie who moved overseas. It was a reminder to them that no matter how far away they were physically, they were always being reminded of their love for them. And just like in the book, it cheered them up when those letters and packages started arriving . . .

New books in the library

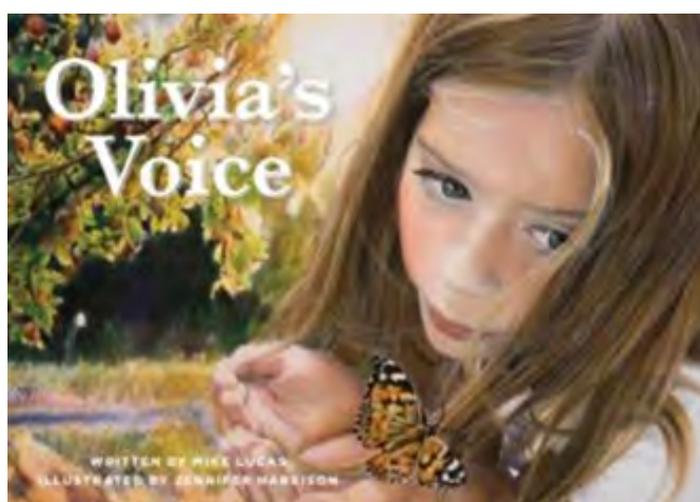
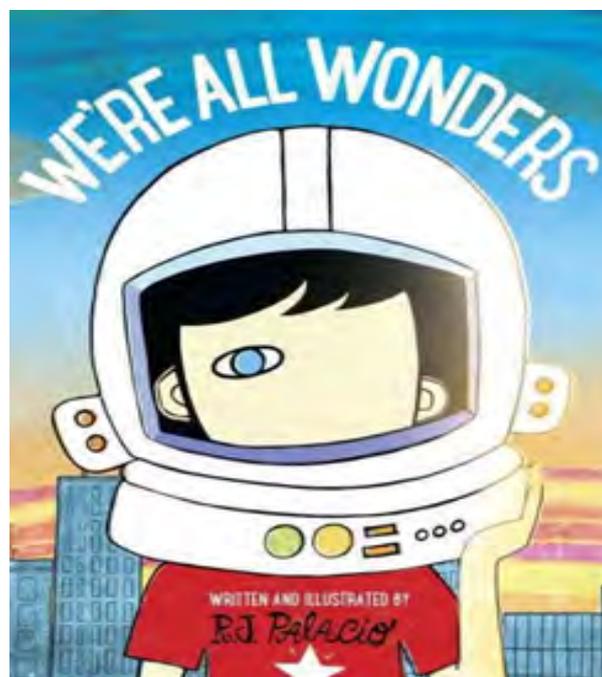
We're all wonders

written and illustrated by R. J. Palacio
Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2017.
ISBN 9781524766498

[RENWICK Q813.6 PALA](#)

Over 5 million people have fallen in love with Wonder and have joined the movement to Choose Kind. Now younger readers can meet Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face, and his beloved dog, Daisy.

With **We're All Wonders**, Palacio makes her picture-book debut as both author and artist, with a spare, powerful text and striking, richly imagined illustrations. Palacio shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world—a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way.

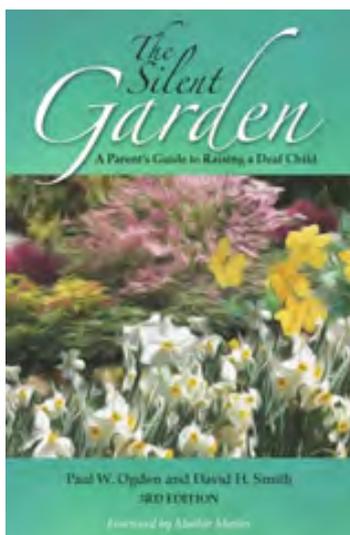


Olivia's voice

written by Mike Lucas ; illustrated by
Jennifer Harrison
MidnightSun Publishing, 2017.

[RENWICK 813.54 LUCA](#)

Today, like all days, Olivia wakes to a silent world. Outside her window, birds dance upon the branches of the giant gum tree. She follows the delicious smell of breakfast downstairs, walks to school with her friends and is greeted by her favourite teacher. In the music room, everyone knows which instrument she will choose. This is *Olivia's Voice*.



**The silent garden: a parent's guide to raising deaf child
3rd ed**

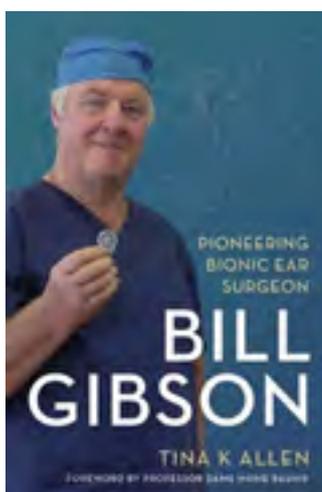
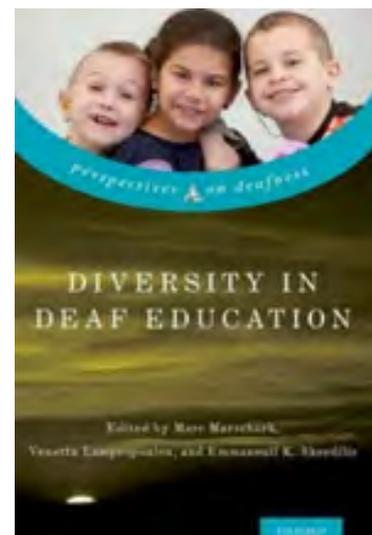
By Paul W. Ogden and David H. Smith
Gallaudet University Press, 2016.
ISBN9781563686764

[RENWICK 649.1512 OGDE 2016](#)

Diversity in Deaf education

edited by Marc Marschark et al.
Oxford University Press, 2016.
ISBN9780190493073

[RENWICK 617.8007 DIVE](#)



**Bill Gibson: pioneering bionic ear surgeon
by Tina K Allen**

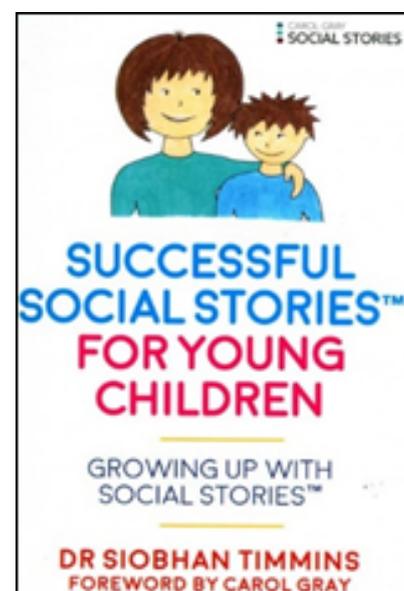
New South Publishing, 2017.
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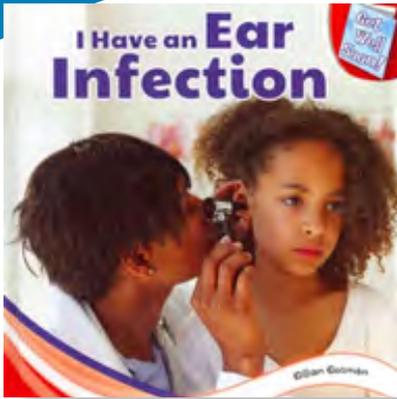
[RENWICK 617.51092 GIBS:A](#)

**Successful Social Stories™ for Young Children:
Growing Up With Social Stories**

by Siobhan Timmins
London : Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2016.
ISBN: 9781785921124

[RENWICK 155.4192 TIMM](#)





I have an ear infection

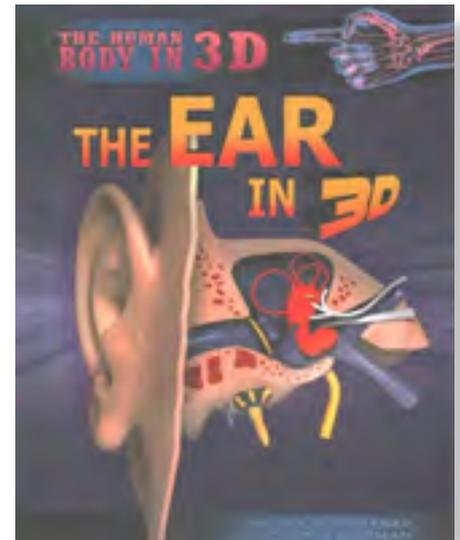
by Gillian Gosman
NY, PowerKids Press, 2013.
ISBN978144874132

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The ear in 3D

by Nicholas Faulkner and Josepha Sherman
New York Rosen Publishing, 2016.
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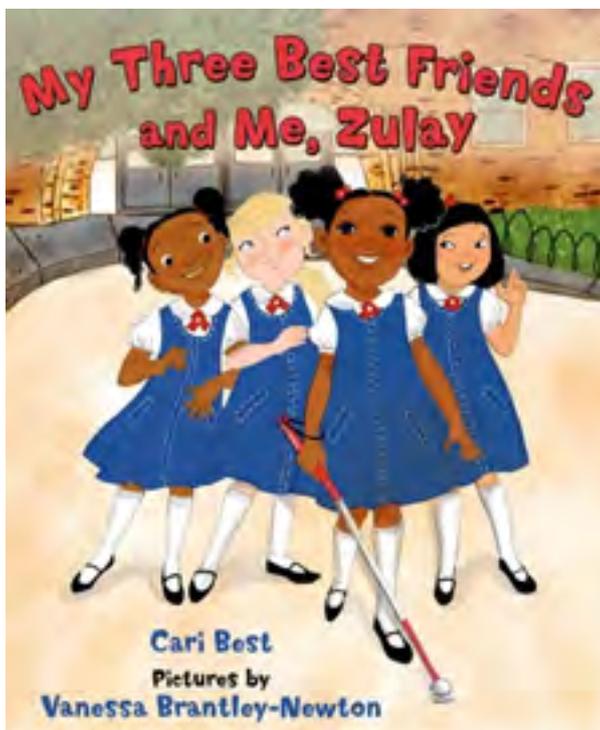


My Three best friends and me, Zulay

by Cari Best
Margaret Ferguson Books, Farrar Straus Giroux,
2015.
ISBN: 9780374388195

[RENWICK 813.6 BEST](#)

A vision impaired girl is reluctant to learn how to use her cane.



The Belier family

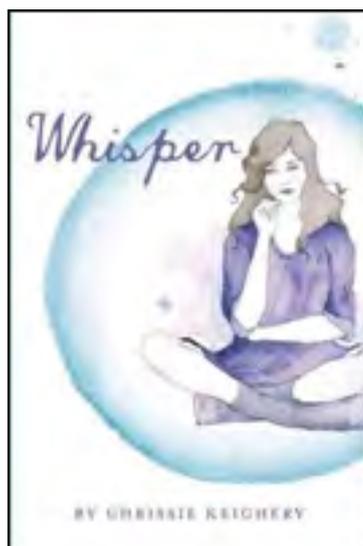
[RENWICK DVD 791.4372 BELI](#)

The hearing daughter of a Deaf family discovers a gift for singing.



Whisper

by Chrissie Keighery
Hardie Grant Egmont, 2011.
ISBN: 9781921759321



[RENWICK A823.3 KEIG](#)

How do you know if your friends are talking about you behind your back, or if a boy really likes you? They could act innocent, but you'd know from the rumours. You'd hear the whispers. But what if you couldn't hear those whispers anymore? Being a teenager is hard enough. But being a deaf teenager...hard doesn't even begin to cover it.



Will Wonder & his robot ears: save the kingdom of echoes!

MED-EL, 2011.

[RENWICK Q813.54 BATE](#)



Will Wonder is a young adult who listens to the world in a different way. Robot Ears help Will to hear and communicate with others, and newly-discovered special powers make him more sensitive to the vibrations given off by other people, the earth and the environment. The ability to control these vibrations makes Will powerful.

Just Arrived



New edition of vision impairment text Foundations of Education 3rd ed

Edited by Cay Holbrook et al.
NY, AFB Press, 2017.

ISBN 9780891286950 (vol. 1)

ISBN 9780891286967 (vol. 2)

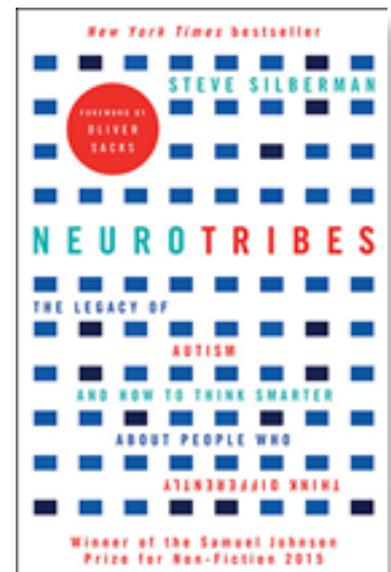
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Book Review

NeuroTribes : the legacy of autism and how to think smarter about people who think differently

by Steve Silberman
Allen & Unwin, 2015.

[RENWICK 616.085882 SILB](#)



Neurotribes introduces us to the stories of eccentric people who influenced technological evolution, and continue doing so in greater in numbers today. These people also quite possibly were and are autistic. Silberman takes us on a detailed history of autism, informing us how the condition was diagnosed, treated and perceived.

Autism is almost definitely older than its first diagnosis (and is becoming more common.) The author celebrates the amazing abilities of autistic people while sympathising with their struggles. Many of them grew up in isolation long before anyone had even discovered 'autism.'

One message behind this book, therefore, is how education, social understanding and research frees people from suffering. The author notes this when he mentions how the movie Rainman raised public awareness of autism. Autistic people who saw the film felt rescued from their alienation and solitude, like lost people finding their tribe.

The book contains many ironies we associate with autism. Autistic children were first described as symmetrical and beautiful yet lost in their lonely worlds. People perform acts of genius yet barely function in society.

Perhaps most memorable however is the irony of "tough love" the psychologist Ole Ivar Lovaas practised on his patients. Some of his methods could be classified as child abuse, yet his commitment to helping them is indisputable.

The book is very long and sometimes seems repetitive. If you have the time however, it is a masterful and ambitious study on the history of autism research.

Reviewed by Jason Morgan

On the Web



UsherKids Australia is a network established to advocate for children diagnosed with Usher syndrome, a rare genetic condition characterised by hearing loss or deafness, the progressive loss of vision and in some cases, vestibular dysfunction.

<http://www.usherkidsaustralia.com/>

The advertisement features a blue background. In the top left corner, a red diagonal banner says 'FREE' with 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play' below it. The main title 'Auslan Storytime' is displayed in white and orange text, with 'Auslan' in white and 'Storytime' in orange, set against a white book icon. To the right is an image of a tablet displaying the app's interface. Below the title are five small video thumbnails showing a person signing. At the bottom, white text reads: 'Watch exciting illustrated stories told in Auslan for children. Including detailed Auslan story analysis.'

Auslan Storytime is aimed at children who sign or are learning to sign who enjoy having stories told to them in Auslan. The stories are mainly aimed at younger children who are still acquiring Auslan. We have carefully chosen RIDBC students to tell the stories in their own words in a way that younger children would enjoy.

The app is also beneficial to parents or teachers wanting to learn more about how to tell stories in Auslan in a way that is interesting for young children to watch.

[Download Auslan Storytime for iPad or iPhone \(FREE\)](#)

Ava threaded speech-to-text app <https://www.ava.me/>

The Ava threaded speech-to-text application gives people with hearing disability an easy way to stay engaged in conversation with a group of friends, colleagues or family. Read a review of the app [here](#)

Sydney Film Festival's Screenability puts spotlight on people living with disabilities

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-05-08/sydney-film-festival-focus-on-people-living-with-disabilities/8507244>

Reading with children starting in infancy gives lasting literacy boost

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/05/170504083146.htm>

Prevalence of Visual Impairment among Preschool Children Projected to Increase

<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaophthalmology/fullarticle/10.1001/jamaophthalmol.2017.1021>

Oxford student creates first synthetic retina

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2017-05-04-oxford-student-creates-first-synthetic-retina>

Handheld screen time linked with speech delays in young children

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/05/170504083141.htm>

The trouble with touchscreens

<https://www.visionaustralia.org/news/latest-news/news/2017/05/02/the-trouble-with-touchscreens>

Language shapes how the brain perceives time

<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/news/articles/2017/language-shapes-how-the-brain-perceives-time/>

Children with nystagmus unable to recognise faces, researchers find

https://www.rnib.org.uk/insight-online/research-nystagmus-children-struggle-recognise-faces?utm_medium=email&utm_source=March%2030%20-%20100%20years%20of%20NB%20Online%21%20&utm_campaign=Nystagmus%20breakthrough&launch_ID=1777

Gallaudet partners with Signall to develop automatic sign language translation software

<http://www.gallaudet.edu/news/gallaudet-signall-partnership>

Sesame Street's newest Muppet, Julia, brings autism awareness to fans around the world

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-20/sesame-street-introduces-new-muppet-with-autism/8370326>

"Instrument Flight" to the Inner Ear

http://www.unibe.ch/news/media_news/media_relations_e/media_releases/2017_e/media_releases_2017/instrument_flight_to_the_inner_ear/index_eng.html

'It changed all my preconceptions': Meet the boys living with Usher syndrome and defying darkness

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/thefeed/article/2017/03/13/it-changed-all-my-preconceptions-meet-boys-living-usher-syndrome-and-defying>



The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register

Children with vision impairment require integrated and specialised services including health, education, and low vision support. To help plan these services accurate details are needed of the number, causes and needs of children with vision impairment and their families.

The Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children sponsors the Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register, in partnership with families and children with vision impairment, key Australian service providers, health professionals, and government departments.

Information from the Register is being used to more accurately plan for the present and future service needs of children with vision impairment. It is also be available to researchers who are investigating the many causes and potential treatment for conditions related to vision impairment. All information on the Register is held in the strictest confidence, and families can withdraw from the Register when they wish.

To ensure success from the Register, it is vital to have as many children with vision impairment involved as possible. Details of the Register and online registration can be found at the website that supports the project called the VI Family Network, located at: www.vifamilynetwork.org.au.

Families can register online at www.vifamilynetwork.org.au or request registration forms by calling 02 9872 0248. Once they have registered their child, families will be asked to provide brief details related to their child's vision impairment, and for consent for Register staff to contact their child's eye health professional, for similar details on the child's condition.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9LUn-4wA54>

NEW!

Master of Disability Studies

Postgraduate studies in Deaf Hard of Hearing
or Vision Impairment

study with

RIDBC Renwick Centre/Macquarie University

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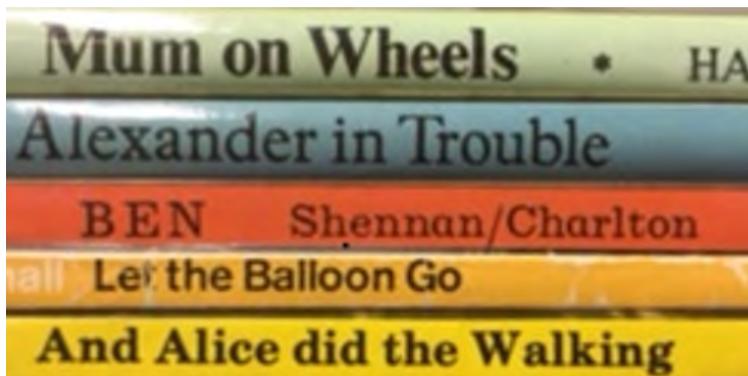
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JUST FOR FUN

Make a Book-Spine Poem

Choose a handful of books from your shelves and arrange in a pile to make a poem. Here is one we did:



QUESTION: Can you name the authors of these classic books?

ANSWER: Find the details of each book using title searches in the library catalogue

<https://library.newcastle.edu.au/>

Guide Dog Horse Check out this pony doing the job of a guide dog!

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