



Deafness: Wired for Sound (Book) Est. Time: 2 Weeks Reading/45 Minutes Class Time

Synopsis

In *Wired for Sound*, Beverly Biderman recounts her journey through progressive hearing loss, which, in Biderman's case, developed to a profound deafness by the time she was twelve years old. In a candid and no-nonsense style, she describes in detail the trials, frustrations, and exhaustion of adapting to a hearing world, both with and without a cochlear implant. Additionally, she chronicles the intensive research that led her to choose the cochlear implant. Her book is a good combination of biography and research-based references.

Activity

Read the following book and be prepared to discuss the questions below in class:

Title: *Wired for Sound: A Journey Into Hearing* (1998; revised and updated 2016)

Author: Beverly Biderman

Publisher: Trifolium Books Inc. • Toronto

Questions/Discussion Topics

1. What was the cause of Beverly's progressive loss?
2. What is a cochlear implant?
3. Why is Beverly uncomfortable when people overly compliment her good speech and her achievements?
4. In the author's opinion, why do many Deaf individuals shun the cochlear implant?
5. What do you think of Beverly's decision to forgo having her own biological children so as not to risk having a child who is deaf? Explain your answer.
6. In your opinion, which would be easier: having normal hearing and then progressively losing it or simply never having normal hearing at all? Why?



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