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At age two, Helen Keller became deaf and blind. She lived in a world of silence and darkness and she spent the rest of her life struggling to break through it. But with the help of teacher Annie Sullivan, Helen learned to read, write, and do many amazing things. This inspiring illustrated biography is perfect for young middle-grade readers. Black-and-white line drawings throughout, sidebars on related topics such as Louis Braille, a timeline, and a bibliography enhance readers' understanding of the subject.

## The Story of My Life

At the tender age of nineteen months, Helen Keller contracted a disease that severely impaired her hearing and sight. After seeking help from several people, she was finally directed to the Perkins Institute for the Blind, where she met Anne Sullivan, a woman who would change her life. Anne's unorthodox teaching methods and her steadfast determination to reach out to other people helped Helen learn to speak, and read and write Braille. Eventually, she became an inspirational speaker, an advocate for those physically challenged, a socialist, pacifist and suffragist. This memoir, written while Helen was a student at Radcliffe College (she went on to become the first blind person to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree) is an inspirational and moving account of a girl who triumphs over odds that might seem impossible to most, with the help and support of her 'teacher', Anne Sullivan.

## I am Helen Keller

The seventh addition to this New York Times bestselling series spotlights Helen Keller and shows kids that obstacles can create heroes. When Helen Keller was very young, she got a rare disease that made her deaf and blind. Suddenly, she couldn't see or hear at all, and it was hard for her to communicate with anyone. But when she was six years old, she met someone who change her life forever: her teacher, Annie Sullivan. With Miss Sullivan's help, Helen learned how to speak sign language and read Braille. Armed with the ability to express herself, Helen grew up to become a social activist, leading the fight for disabled people and so many other causes. This friendly, fun biography series inspired the PBS Kids TV show *Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum*. One great role model at a time, these books encourage kids to dream big. Included in each book are:

- A timeline of key events in the hero's history
- Photos that bring the story more fully to life
- Comic-book-style illustrations that are irresistibly adorable
- Childhood moments that influenced the hero
- Facts that make great conversation-starters
- A virtue this person embodies: Helen Keller's resourcefulness was key to her success. You'll want to collect each book in this dynamic, informative series!

## Helen Keller

Meet Helen Keller --- advocate for the blind and deaf. The story of Helen's struggles to learn how to communicate and the enormous difference she made for the blind and deaf around the world is told in level-appropriate language and detailed illustrations. A Level 3 first reader.

## The Story of My Life

Helen Keller's personal reflections and correspondence reveal her relationship with her beloved teacher, Annie Sullivan, and the problems and obstacles she encountered as she struggled to overcome her disabilities.

## **Helen Keller and the Big Storm**

A true incident in the life of young Helen Keller in which she gets stuck in a storm and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, rescues her.

## **Helen Keller**

Here is Helen Keller's endlessly fascinating life in all its variety: from intimate personal correspondence to radical political essays, from autobiography to speeches advocating the rights of disabled people.

## **My Name Is Helen Keller**

The inspiring story of a girl whose world never stopped growing. As a baby, Helen Keller lost her hearing and sight to a rare illness. For five years, the world around her was a mystery. Then one day, her teacher taught Helen a single name, and her world started to grow. She went on to graduate from college, write books, and travel the country, speaking out for people with disabilities. Helen Keller's world never stopped growing. And her story is a reminder that behind every name is something precious, waiting to be discovered.

## **Helen Keller: Inspiration to Everyone!**

Inspiration to everyone! She lost her vision and hearing while very young, but -- through hard work and with the help of an amazing teacher -- lived one of the most incredible lives of the 20th century! She traveled the world, wrote books, and inspired millions of people. Use your senses to experience the amazing life of Helen Keller!

## **The Story of Helen Keller**

Help kids ages 6 to 9 discover the life of Helen Keller—a story about hope, courage, and finding your voice. Helen Keller was a celebrated author, educator, and activist who believed in equality for people with disabilities. Before she made history as the first deaf and blind person to graduate from college, Helen was a smart kid who loved learning. She overcame many challenges to learn how to read, write, and talk. She spoke up for other people with disabilities so they could get equal rights. Explore how Helen Keller went from being a young girl in Alabama to the world-famous First Lady of Courage. Independent reading—This Helen Keller biography is broken down into short chapters and simple language so kids 6 to 9 can read and learn on their own. Critical thinking—Kids will learn the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How of Helen's life, find definitions of new words, discussion questions, and more. A lasting legacy—Find out how Helen made the world a more equal place for future generations. How will the extraordinary journey of Helen Keller inspire you? Discover activists, artists, athletes, and more from across history with the rest of the Story Of series, including famous figures like: Marie Curie, Selena Quintanilla, Frida Kahlo, Malala Yousafzai, and Jane Goodall.

## **Helen Keller 1913**

The true story of the dedicated woman, Anne Sullivan Macy, who became Helen Keller's teacher and lifelong friend.

## **Helen Keller's Teacher**

The author's personal recollections and correspondence reveal Keller's relationship with her beloved teacher, Annie Sullivan, and the problems and obstacles she encountered as she struggled to overcome her handicaps.

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## **The Story of My Life**

From the age of a year and a half, Helen Keller could not hear. She could not see, and she did not speak. She lived in a dark and lonely world--until Annie Sullivan came to teach her. Annie traced letters and words in Helen's hand, and made Helen realize she could \"talk\" to people. Eager to make up for lost time, Helen threw herself into her studies. She decided to teach others about the special training deaf and blind children need. Helen traveled all over the globe and raised money to start up schools for deaf and blind children. Her courage and her determination to help others conquer the odds against them earned her the respect and admiration of the world.

## **Helen Keller**

Introduces the life and accomplishments of Helen Keller, including her activism for people with disabilities.

## **A Girl Named Helen**

Helen Keller lost her ability to see and hear before she turned two years old. But in her lifetime, she learned to ride horseback and dance the foxtrot. She graduated from Radcliffe. She became a world famous speaker and author. She befriended Mark Twain, Charlie Chaplin, and Alexander Graham Bell. And above all, she revolutionized public perception and treatment of the blind and the deaf. The catalyst for this remarkable life's journey was Annie Sullivan, a young woman who was herself visually impaired. Hired as a tutor when Helen was six years old, Annie broke down the barriers between Helen and the wider world, becoming a fiercely devoted friend and lifelong companion in the process. In *Annie Sullivan and the Trials of Helen Keller*, author and illustrator Joseph Lambert examines the powerful bond between teacher and pupil, forged through the intense frustrations and revelations of Helen's early education. The result is an inspiring, emotional, and wholly original take on the story of these two great Americans.

## **Annie Sullivan and the Trials of Helen Keller**

Helen Keller couldn't hear, couldn't see, and, at first, couldn't speak. Three decades after her death in 1968, she has become a symbol of the indomitable human spirit, and she remains a legendary figure. With her zest for life and learning--and her strength and courage--she was able to transcend her severe disabilities. In a society fearful of limitation and mortality, she is an enduring icon, a woman who, by her inspiring example, made disability seem less horrifying. William Gibson's play *The Miracle Worker*, which portrayed Helen Keller's childhood relationship with her teacher Annie Sullivan, was so compelling that most people are only familiar with this early part of Helen's life. But the real Helen Keller did grow up, and her adult life was more problematic than her inspiring childhood. The existence she shared with the complicated, half-blind Annie Sullivan was turbulent--with its intrigues, doomed marriages and love affairs, and battles against physical and mental infirmity, as well as the constant struggles to earn a living. Dorothy Herrmann's biography of Helen Keller takes us through Helen's long, eventful life, a life that would have crushed a woman less stoic and adaptable--and less protected. She was either venerated as a saint or damned as a fraud. And one of the most persistent controversies surrounding her had to do with her relationship to the fiercely devoted Annie, through whom she largely expressed herself. Dorothy Herrmann explores these questions: Was Annie Sullivan a \"miracle worker\" or a domineering, emotionally troubled woman who shrewdly realized that making a deaf-blind girl of average intelligence appear extraordinary was her ticket to fame and fortune? Was she merely an instrument through which Helen's \"brilliance\" could manifest itself? Or was Annie herself the genius, the exceptionally gifted and sensitive one? Herrmann describes the nature of Helen's strange, sensorily deprived world. (Was it a black and silent tomb?) And she shows how Helen was so cheerful about her disabilities, often appearing in public as the soul of radiance and altruism. (Was it Helen's real self that emerged at age seven, when she was transformed by language from a savage, animal-like creature into a

human being? Or was it a false persona manufactured by the driven Annie Sullivan?) Dorothy Herrmann tells why, despite her romantic involvements, Helen was never permitted to marry. She shows us the woman who, to communicate with the outside world, relied totally on those who knew the manual finger language. For almost her entire life, these people, some of whom were jealous or dogmatic, were the key to Helen's world. Reading Dorothy Herrmann's engrossing book, we come to know the real Helen Keller, a complex and enigmatic person--beautiful, intelligent, high-strung, and passionate--a woman who might have lived the life of a spoiled, willful, and highly sexed Southern belle had her disabilities not forced her into a radically different existence.

## **Helen Keller**

Stuck in a rut? Need an attitude adjustment? This inspirational classic from American author Helen Keller is bound to fit the bill. Rendered deaf and blind by scarlet fever in her infancy in a time when the disabled were often shunned and ignored, Keller managed to learn to read, write, and speak, not only in her native English, but in several other languages, as well. Keller regards optimism as \"the faith that leads to achievement,\" and this treatise lays out her views on making the best of even the direst of circumstances.

## **Optimism**

A biography stressing the childhood of the woman who overcame the handicaps of being blind and deaf

## **Helen Keller**

In her earlier works, Helen Keller described the details of the early illness that left her deaf and blind, and in the prevailing opinion of the day, unable to be educated, as well as the methods that were eventually used to teach her how to communicate. In the remarkable memoir *The World I Live In*, Keller offers a much more personal take on her situation, inviting readers inside her own personal experience.

## **The World I Live In**

In this kids' biography, discover the inspiring story of Helen Keller, who overcame the odds by learning to understand and communicate with the world. Helen Keller lost her sight and hearing due to an early childhood illness and spent the first 6 years of her life unable to interact with other people. She remained isolated from the outside world until Anne Sullivan came to work as her teacher. In this biography book for kids ages 8-11, learn all about Helen Keller's amazing life and achievements - how she learned to read Braille and speak, go to college, write books, and ultimately revolutionize the world through her activism on behalf of the deaf and blind. This new biography series from DK goes beyond the basic facts to tell the true life stories of history's most interesting people. Full-color photographs and hand-drawn illustrations complement thoughtfully written, age-appropriate text to create an engaging book children will enjoy reading. Definition boxes, information sidebars, maps, inspiring quotes, and other nonfiction text features add depth, and a handy reference section at the back makes this the one biography series every teacher and librarian will want to collect. Each book also includes an author's introduction letter, a glossary, and an index.

## **DK Life Stories: Helen Keller**

True or False? Although Helen Keller was blind and deaf, she knew several languages.

## **Helen Keller**

A biography telling the life of Helen Keller, a blind and deaf woman who became an author and advocate for the blind. Written in graphic-novel format.

## **Helen Keller**

For use in schools and libraries only. A biography, focusing on the childhood years, of the blind and deaf woman who overcame her handicaps with the help of her teacher, Anne Sullivan.

## **Helen Keller**

Beginning with her sophomore year at Radcliffe, Helen describes her experiences in working for the blind, in writing and lecturing and at Hollywood, her friendships with Mark Twain and others.

## **Midstream**

The astonishing and imaginative debut novel about Helen Keller and the man she loved What comes to mind when you think of Helen Keller? Is it the deaf-mute wild child at the water pump outside her Tuscumbia, Alabama, home portrayed in *The Miracle Worker* or the adult activist for the rights of the disabled and women, the socialist who vehemently opposed war? Rosie Sultan's debut novel imagines an intimate part of Keller's life she rarely spoke or wrote about: her one and only love affair. Peter Fagan, a reporter from Boston, steps in as her secretary when her companion Annie Sullivan falls ill. The world this opens up for her is not the stuff of grade school biographies. Their affair meets with stern disapproval from Annie and from Helen's mother, and when the lovers plot to elope, Helen is trapped between their expectations and her innermost desires. Sultan's courageous novel insists on Helen's right to desire, to human frailty—to be fully and completely alive.

## **Helen in Love**

Trapped in silence and darkness, Helen Keller longed to communicate with the world. Both deaf and blind, she struggled to express the thoughts locked in her mind. When Annie Sullivan became her teacher she learned to sign, read, and write. After graduating from college, Keller spent the rest of her life travelling around the world as an advocate for the deaf and blind.

## **Helen Keller**

A biography, told using excerpts from her own writings, of the woman who successfully dealt with her own disabilities while trying to better the lives of other deaf and blind people.

## **In Their Own Words**

Presents the life and accomplishments of the deaf and blind woman who overcame her disabilities with the help of teacher Anne Sullivan to become a writer and speaker.

## **All about Helen Keller**

Discusses the life of Helen Keller.

## **Who Was Helen Keller?**

Helen Keller tells us about Anne Sullivan Macy, the woman who opened the world for her. Although the book was intended as a biography, it is also autobiographical in part since the lives of the author and subject were so closely intertwined for many years.

## **Teacher Anne Sullivan Macy**

Readers will be inspired by the amazing story of Helen Keller in this informative biography. They will learn all about her life, her achievements, and the challenges she faced along the way. The Level 2 text provides accessible, yet wide-ranging, information for independent readers.

## **National Geographic Readers: Helen Keller (Level 2)**

Despite her disabilities, Helen Keller worked tirelessly for human rights and other political issues.

## **The Radical Lives of Helen Keller**

A moving portrait of Anne Sullivan Macy, teacher of Helen Keller—and a complex, intelligent woman worthy of her own spotlight. After many years, historian and Helen Keller expert Kim Nielsen realized that she and her peers had failed Anne Sullivan Macy. While Macy is remembered primarily as Helen Keller's teacher and a straightforward educational superhero, the real story of this brilliant, complex, and misunderstood woman has never been completely told. *Beyond the Miracle Worker* seeks to correct this oversight, presenting a new tale about the wounded but determined woman and her quest for a successful, meaningful life. Born in 1866 to poverty-stricken Irish immigrants, Macy suffered part of her childhood in the Massachusetts State Almshouse at Tewksbury. Seeking escape, in love with literature, and profoundly stubborn, she successfully fought to gain an education at the Perkins School for the Blind. She went on to teach Helen Keller, who became a loyal and lifelong friend. As Macy floundered with her own blindness, ill health, depression, and marital strife in her later years, she came to lean on her former student for emotional, physical, and economic support. Based on privately held primary source material—including materials at both the American Foundation for the Blind and the Perkins School for the Blind—*Beyond the Miracle Worker* is revelatory and absorbing, unraveling one of the best known and least understood friendships of the twentieth century.

## **Beyond the Miracle Worker**

The \"brilliant, funny, meaningful novel\" (The New Yorker) that established J. D. Salinger as a leading voice in American literature--and that has instilled in millions of readers around the world a lifelong love of books. \"If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born, and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied and all before they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap, but I don't feel like going into it, if you want to know the truth.\" The hero-narrator of *The Catcher in the Rye* is an ancient child of sixteen, a native New Yorker named Holden Caulfield. Through circumstances that tend to preclude adult, secondhand description, he leaves his prep school in Pennsylvania and goes underground in New York City for three days.

## **The Catcher in the Rye**

In a series of excerpts from her previously published books, Helen Keller sets forth her philosophy and the essence of her faith.

## **The Open Door**

Despite being stricken blind and deaf, Hellen Keller would go on to be an excellent writer; this autobiography and selected works will uplift and inspire.

## **Helen Keller**

When a childhood illness leaves her blind and deaf, Helen Keller's life seems hopeless indeed. But her

indomitable will and the help of a devoted teacher empower Helen to triumph over incredible adversity. This amazing true story is finally brought to the beginner reader level.

## **Helen Keller**

Helen Keller What was Helen Keller's legacy to the world? Was it the impressive list of firsts that she accomplished as a deafblind person? Was it the assistance that she gave to the cause of the handicapped? Was it her numerous writings, her forgotten ideals, her inspirational quotations? Or was it simply her story? Inside you will read about... ? Growing up Deaf and Blind at Ivy Green ? Learning to Speak ? Earning Her Bachelor's Degree ? Relentless Work and Radical Socialism ? Keller's Secret Engagement ? Late Life and Death And much more! Perhaps the only way to measure the gift of Helen Keller would be to discover just how her life has touched the lives of the presidents, inventors, poets, and other famous people of her day down to the countless school urchins who have heard the tale of the little girl that could not see or hear. Helen Keller meant something to them all.

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