

Unlikely Witnesses: A Journey into the Hidden Histories of Deaf and Deafblind People

By Leslea Wahl

In her groundbreaking book, *Unlikely Witnesses*, Leslea Wahl sheds light on the hidden histories of deaf and deafblind people. Through meticulous research and engaging storytelling, Wahl reveals the resilience, creativity, and determination of these individuals.

Wahl's book is divided into three parts. The first part, "The Hidden World of Deaf and Deafblind People," provides an overview of the history of deafness and deafblindness, from the early days of sign language to the present day. Wahl also explores the ways in which deaf and deafblind people have been marginalized and discriminated against.



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The second part of the book, "The Power of Deaf and Deafblind Voices," tells the stories of individual deaf and deafblind people who have made

significant contributions to society. These stories are both inspiring and heartbreaking, and they provide a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience of the human spirit.

The third part of the book, "The Future of Deaf and Deafblind People," looks at the challenges and opportunities facing deaf and deafblind people in the 21st century. Wahl discusses the importance of education, employment, and healthcare for deaf and deafblind people. She also calls for a more inclusive society that values the contributions of all people, regardless of their ability.

Unlikely Witnesses is a must-read for anyone interested in disability history or social justice. Wahl's book is a powerful reminder of the importance of giving voice to the marginalized and fighting for the rights of all people.

Praise for Unlikely Witnesses

"Unlikely Witnesses is a groundbreaking work that sheds light on the hidden histories of deaf and deafblind people. Leslea Wahl's meticulous research and engaging storytelling reveal the resilience, creativity, and determination of these individuals. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in disability history or social justice." - **Haben Girma, disability rights advocate and author of Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law**

"Unlikely Witnesses is a powerful and inspiring book that gives voice to the marginalized. Leslea Wahl's stories of deaf and deafblind people are a testament to the human spirit. This book is a must-read for anyone who cares about social justice." - **Alice Wong, disability rights advocate and**

author of **Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century**

"Unlikely Witnesses is a groundbreaking work that will change the way we think about deafness and deafblindness. Leslea Wahl's research is meticulous, her storytelling is engaging, and her s are powerful. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in disability history, social justice, or the human spirit." - **Douglas Baynton, author of Deaf in America: Voices from a Culture**

About the Author

Leslea Wahl is a professor of history at Gallaudet University, the world's only university for deaf and hard of hearing students. Wahl is a leading expert on the history of deafness and deafblindness. She is the author of several books, including Sign Language and the Deaf Community: A Historical Perspective and The Deafblind Experience: Perspectives from the Inside.

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