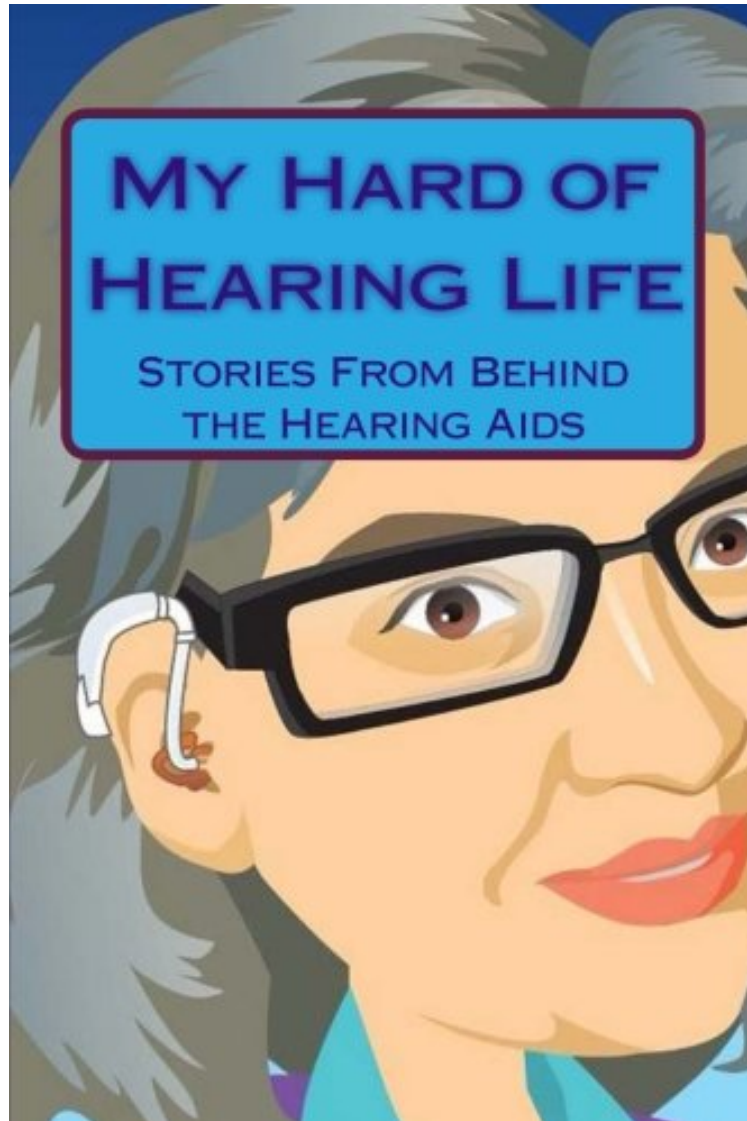


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Cynthia Dixon : My Hard of Hearing Life: Stories From Behind the Hearing Aids before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Hard of Hearing Life: Stories From Behind the Hearing Aids:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great humor, great insightBy TravelerFor someone who is both hard of hearing and legally blind, Cindy sees and hears more than most people . . . perhaps because she sees and hears "from the heart." Her wonderful collection of stories shows her plucky spirit and a marvelously quirky sense of humor.

Each story is short--with a richly written set up . . . followed by a "zinger" . . . where the reader, if not disabled in the same way, realizes, "Hey, I've done that." And then comes the bigger understanding that we ALL have conditions that don't fit the ideal and Cindy is not so different from "the rest of us" -- she just got the disabilities earlier than many of us who will get them as we age. Yikes. A girlfriend of mine's mother was NOT hard of hearing, but, after she had her voice box removed because of cancer, she had to speak with an electronic laryngectomy speech amplifier. When her mom didn't hold the amplifier properly, my friend couldn't understand her . . . and would YELL at her to move the device. I've also seen/heard people yell at people who were blind as if louder volume would improve vision. Somehow, we "normals" sometimes get our signals crossed. The real question is: If you have a disability, how can I (able to see and hear normally) "build the bridge"? Cindy has provided the answer. Listen. With your eyes, and your ears, and your heart. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book triggered many "aha" moments for me. By Gerri Almand As someone with a hearing deficit that remained undiagnosed and untreated for many years, I'd often considered how my interaction with the world differed from what seemed to be the norm. Cynthia was masterful in picking out the subtleties as well as the flagrances of how differently people with normal hearing and abnormal hearing relate to their environments. The conversational, humorous presentation of a number of different anecdotes made the book enjoyable and engaging. I laughed aloud in many places. By the end of the book, I felt I'd found a kindred soul. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Eye-opening and funny! By H. Westermeyer In this lighthearted collection of short stories, the author opened my eyes to the challenges and surprises the deaf and hard-of-hearing face on a daily basis. So many things that most of us take for granted are eloquently brought to light in this quick, easy read. The open, honest way the stories are written are brilliant and make them easily relatable. I often saw myself in many of the stories and realized how clueless I was to this entire other culture! As a friend and relative of HOH persons, I now understand things in a whole new light! Thanks to Cynthia Dixon for sharing her "adventures" and, on behalf of us normal hearing people, I'm sorry! ;)

Every year, the number of deaf or hard of hearing people increases. The World Health Organization estimates there are 350 million people on the planet with hearing loss. You probably know someone with less than perfect hearing, and are sometimes confused about his/her behavior. Have you ever wanted an insider's view of what it's like to be functionally deaf or hard of hearing? Wonder no more - "My Hard of Hearing Life: Stories From Behind the Hearing Aids" is a book of short stories that pulls back the curtain of silence, and shows what's going on in the mind of a person with hearing loss. Most of the stories use humor to educate and inform. By the time you finish reading this book, you'll have a good understanding of what it's like to have a hearing loss. Deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing impaired? No matter the label, if you have a hearing loss, you'll be able to identify with the stories in this book. If your friends and family don't "get" your deafness, encourage them to read this book. It will open their eyes, and they will understand that having a hearing loss is not only about asking people to repeat themselves, but is actually an entirely different way of experiencing the world. "My Hard of Hearing Life" unveils the secret thoughts of a hard of hearing person as she interacts with the hearing world. The misunderstandings that sometimes result between a person with hearing loss, and a "normal" can be either hilarious or sobering. Be assured, there is a reason for the "odd" behavior of your hard of hearing friend. Scroll up, click the buy button, and read this book. You'll never look at a person wearing hearing aids in the same way.

About the Author Cynthia Dixon is a native Floridian born with a hearing loss, which was finally diagnosed when she was 11 years old. She is a former Librarian with experience in public and academic libraries. Her recent involvement with ALDA (Association of Late-Deafened Adults) FL - Suncoast Chapter, has brought her face-to-face with many people who have similar life experiences. She has finally met her "tribe."