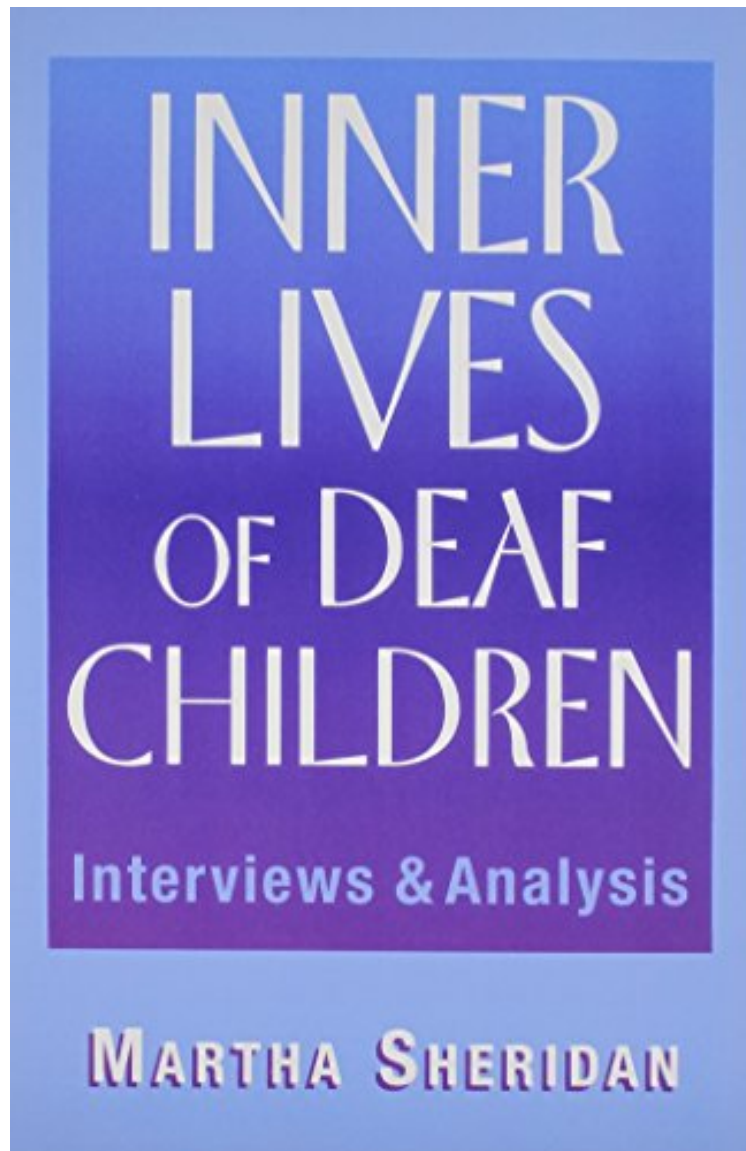


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deaf children between the ages of seven and ten. Outstanding for its exclusive perspective and invaluable documentation of a deaf child's struggles in contemporary society, *Inner Lives Of Deaf Children* is an invaluable and seminal collection of studies and research into the psychology, lifestyle, and personal adaptation of deaf children. *Inner Lives Of Deaf Children* is very strongly recommended to parents, teachers, social workers, counselors and anyone else involved in the lives of deaf children. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good info. Easy read. By Patterson

*Inner lives of deaf children* is an informative book that is easy to read. The author, Sheridan, grew up deaf so she has a personal connection to the subject. The book starts out with background information on the deaf community and the author. This helps you understand the deaf world better. Sheridan then explains how she conducted the deaf children's interviews. The bulk of the book consists of Sheridan's interviews of deaf children. She provides the actual transcripts of the interviews, allowing the children to speak for themselves instead of forcing her own interpretation. Throughout the interviews Sheridan provides little summaries that help the reader keep track of the main points along the way. She selected children with different backgrounds and communication methods so that the diversity of the deaf community would be better represented. At the end of the book, Sheridan neatly wraps up the results of her interviews; she provides the reader with a better understanding of what it is like for deaf children to grow up in today's world. I highly recommend this book.

By conducting interviews with seven deaf children, ages seven to ten, Martha Sheridan offers a fresh look at their private thoughts and feelings in this watershed book. Each child possesses a unique cultural background, and Sheridan communicated with each in his or her preferred method of communication. Her procedure remained consistent with each: In addition to standard questions, Sheridan asked each child to draw a picture based on his or her life, then tell a story about it. Next, she showed them magazine pictures and asked them to describe what they saw. The results proved to be as varied as they were engaging. Angie, an adopted deaf girl who communicates in Signed English, expressed a desire to attend a hearing college when she grows up while also stating she hoped her own children will be deaf. Joe, an African-American, hard of hearing boy, drew pictures of deaf people who are teased in a public school, reflecting his own difficult experiences. Sheridan calls upon her tenure as a social worker as well as her own experience as a deaf child growing up in a hearing family in analyzing her study's results. She writes, These children have strengths, they have positive experiences, and they enjoy positive relationships. *Inner Lives of Deaf Children* will prove to be an enlightening read for parents and scholars alike.

A revolutionary approach, highly accessible to parents, students, and professionals. About the Author Martha Sheridan is Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work at Gallaudet University.