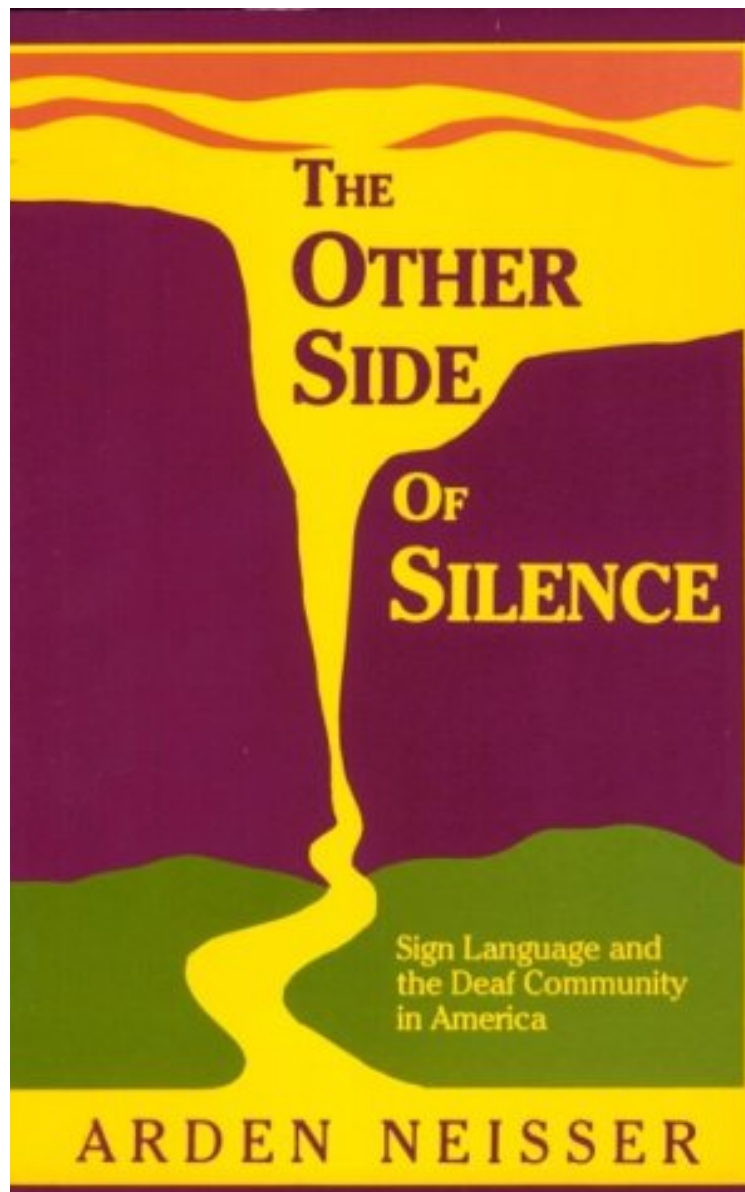


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. *The Other Side of Silence: Sign Language and the Deaf Community in America*. By HedyWow, what an insightful read. This author Arden Neisser really put down the intelligence and deep insight it requires to understand deaf individuals. I have worked with deaf for almost 20 years (had deaf grandparents) and this was a book I overlooked and was sorry I didn't read it sooner. Should be required reading for ALL Interpreter Training Programs ;-O, or anyone wanted to understand and relate to deaf people. Thank You. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. A good book to add to your library. By Interpreterboy. The other side of silence is a well written and researched book. It seems that now-a-days books about the Deaf and the Deaf community fall into either the oralist or manualist camp, with very little falling in the center. As a sign language interpreter I am biased (of course) towards the manualist view, and generally dismiss oralist themed books out of hand. However, I was pleased and fascinated to read a thoughtful and unbiased exploration of both sides of the age old argument. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. *Deaf Pride*. By God's child. For anyone that is studying to be an Interpreter, Teacher of the Deaf, etc., or has a Deaf family member, this book is a necessity. All areas pertaining to American Sign Language and the Deaf community were thoroughly explored and thoughtfully portrayed. There was so much information, personal interviews and stories about all aspects. Arden Neisser went everywhere and talked to everyone. This book was very rich in text and left little to be discovered. Nothing was missing! An invaluable source that will leave a tremendous impact on its readers.

Arden Neisser's classic on American Sign Language (ASL) is again available, with a new prologue. *The Other Side of Silence* chronicles the culture and issues of the Deaf community through telling interviews and research from across the country. In widely varying encounters, Neisser heard Deaf individuals recall how teachers suppressed the use of ASL in the school, how linguists fostered conflicting theories, and how various institutions diluted ASL to suit hearing patrons. This seminal book reveals the warmth, creativity, and resilience of Deaf people, and culminates in an update of the community today.