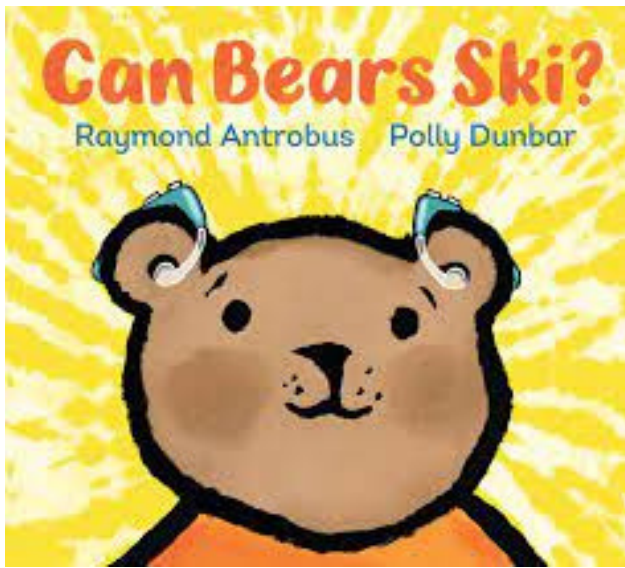




Can Bears Ski?

By Raymond Antrobus
& Polly Dunbar

"Little Bear feels the world around him. He feels his bed rumble when Dad Bear wakes him up in the morning. He feels the floor shake when his teacher stomps to get his attention. But something else is missing, like when his friends tell jokes that he isn't sure he understands, or when all around him Little Bear hears the question, "Can bears ski?" Then, one day, Dad Bear takes him to see an "aud-i-olo-gist," and Little Bear learns that he has been experiencing deafness and will start wearing hearing aids. In this lyrical picture book, award-winning creators Raymond Antrobus and Polly Dunbar draw on their own experiences to tell Bear's story.



<https://deafchildren.org/knowledge-center/asl-resources/sign-language-stories/>

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**Recommended books with
characters who are deaf
and/or hard of hearing.**
For ages 3+

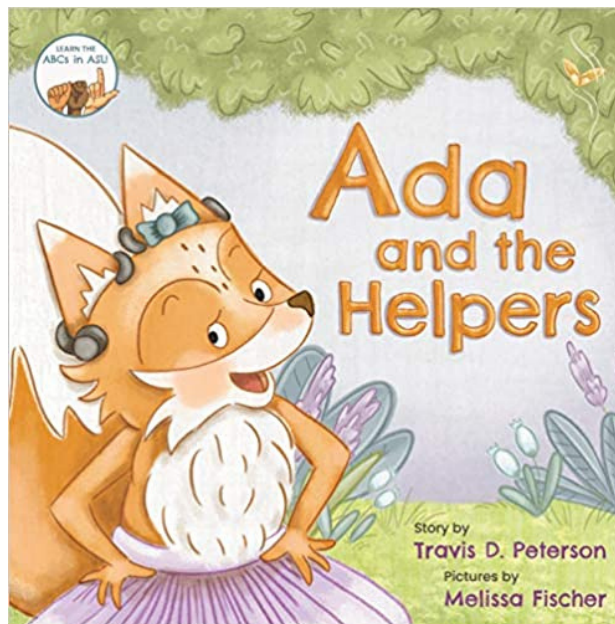




Gracie's Ears

By Debbie Blackington

Based on a true story. Told in rhyme, this uplifting story with gentle illustrations is based on a real little girl who doesn't realize her ears aren't working like most people's do. When her family searches for answers, she discovers the wonder of hearing aids and the sounds of the world. Gracie's Ears introduces what hearing aids are to young children needing help to hear and to their friends who wonder - what are those things in their friend's ears and what do they do?



Ada and the Helpers

By Travis D. Peterson

"Be bold! Be brave! Let you be you... and let's help others, too!"
That's Ada's motto.

Ada is a dancing, deaf fox with cochlear implants who loves to help others. On her way to dance in a talent show one day, she meets three other creatures who are each facing a physical challenge or disability of their own. She decides to help each of her new friends to see past their challenges and discover their natural, God-given strengths. But can they help her in return? Ada's a bit nervous about the talent show!



Exceptionally Special: I'm Deaf

By Kathy Tarpley & Laura Lembeck-Ejikemeuwa

This story is about a young boy who is deaf. He wants to teach his classmates to communicate with him using sign language. The boy wants his friends to know that although he's deaf, he wants to be treated just like them.