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Shelley says

We loved this one. It is one of the easiest books for younger kids in the series. we learned about obstacles and about communicating in other ways than just our verbal words. As a follow up activity we learned more about morse code, sign language, braille, etc.

P.S. Winn says

I have the 24 pack collection of these books and love them. They are great to read with the kids and start them on the quest of learning or for a brush up course for others. In this book readers learn the story of Helen Keller a woman determined to over come the obstacles handed to her from birth.

Jessica says

My 7 year old brought this to me to read to her after a particularly grim parenting day. My parents bought it for me during my recovery from a bad accident during 3rd grade. Yes, it's dated, but the principles apply. Namely, determination in the face of challenges, whatever they may be. Helen Keller was an amazing woman. Inspiring to read it to my girls.

Amy Cornelsen says

Favorite Quotes:

"...keep trying as hard as she could to be determined - to learn new things and to do what is right no matter what happens."

"Life was pleasant. And yet Helen was not happy. 'I have friends... I can talk to them. I can tell them what I feel. But I know there are people who can't do this. How I wish I could help them.'"

"'You have a problem... but everyone in the world has some sort of problem. Those who are determined to work hard can usually cope with their problems. Those who give up - those people who are not determined - are usually very unhappy. Don't let anything discourage you. Keep right on trying. Then you will do what you want to do and you will be happier.'"

"'The marvelous richness of human experience would lose something of rewarding joy if there was no limitations to overcome.'"

General Impression:

Good message, if a little rough in its illustrations and not the most elegant writing.

Amara says

I adore Helen Keller, so I picked this up thrifting. It's informative about Helen, but there are better books for children about Helen, so this one isn't worth it. It has a weird introduction by three mice who are named Sight, Sound, and Speech. And they whisper in her ear. ODD.

Henry Grant says

True life story. Applies to our daily life. Good for primary students.

May Ling says

A great starter book for those who want to insight into a very strong young woman. I like this series as it attempts to teach values to young adults and couches the stories in terms of these values. Still remembered decades after I read the book.

Rebekah says

This is the biography of Helen Keller. She was born perfectly normal into a loving family. A high fever at the age of two years left this little girl permanently blind and deaf. Her parents felt sorry for their daughter and allowed her to behave anyway that she wished. Helen refused to bathe and was acting out all of the time. When her father learned of a school to help children like Helen, he employed a teacher, Ann Sullivan, to work with Helen one-on-one. This remarkable and determined teacher taught Helen to read by spelling words on the palm of her hand. Helen achieved many goals, learning to speak, and even graduating from Radcliffe College with honors. The character quality of determination was essential for this process to occur.

Disney Princess Recovery says

This is an old school series that I read as a little kid...I vividly remember the biographies of Louis Pasteur and Elizabeth Fry, and the cartoonish illustrations. I'll have to see if they're carried in our library so I can re-read them.

C.G. Fewston says

I read this book when I was a kid and remember it fondly, and will have to revisit it with my children.
