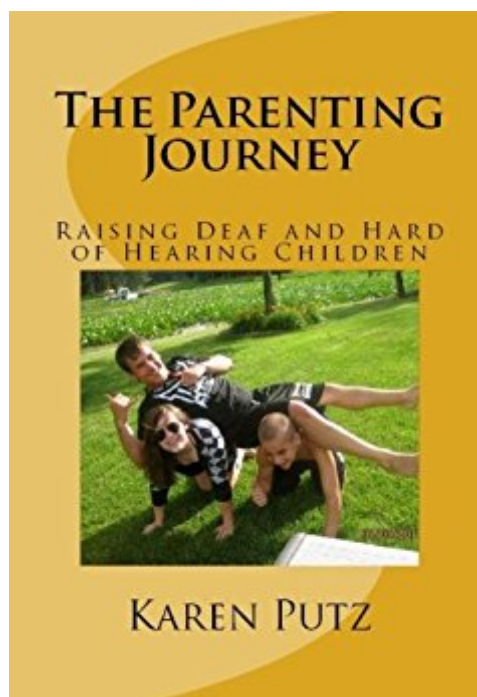


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# The Parenting Journey, Raising Deaf And Hard Of Hearing Children



## Synopsis

Karen Putz is a deaf mom of three deaf and hard of hearing children. In her book, *The Parenting Journey, Raising Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children*, she shares the wisdom she's learned from her three teens and shares stories from other parents of deaf and hard of hearing children.

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As a mother to a child with severe hearing loss, the emotions I felt were different and scary. Leaving me feeling all alone to cope with the loss of my dreams for my daughter. I felt selfish. Guilty, angry, confused and so on. After sitting down to read *The Parenting Journey, Raising Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children* - I feel MORE confident in making decisions for my child. I no longer feel alone and I feel I have a better understanding of how to cope with my own sadness of my daughter's hearing loss. My daughter failed her newborn hearing screening and for 3 long years, I was told by 4 different doctors that she was fine and I was just a nervous mother and I even had a doctor refuse to see her because of my voicing concerns. My entire family sided with the doctors, I was constantly told to push her harder to speak and to not speak for her. Her father, my husband, felt the same as the rest of the family, that nothing was wrong with his babygirl. It was a steep uphill battle for me to

get someone to take me seriously. Finally, an Ear, Nose and Throat Doctor listened to me and sent us to an audiologist. She confirmed my fears and my husband looked devastated. I cried. But my daughter - she smiled. For her, this is not new. She's been hearing impaired since her creation started - she's not sad, none of her dreams have been crushed, she's a happy 6 year old. She has had her hearing aids for 2 years and 4 months, she loves them. She goes to a school with a class for the deaf and hearing impaired. She is behind in her language, which ALL the teachers and doctors have me a nervous wreck about making sure she can make a certain sound before she turns 7 - so no one older than 7 has ever learned a new word? A new language? Please, there's no age limit on education.

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